

# Maine State Golf Association

122 member courses statewide. 110 public, 12 private. 90% of courses are public, providing safe outdoor recreational opportunities for Maine people in communities across the state.

Abenakee Club, Biddeford Pool  
Apple Valley GC, Lewiston  
Aroostook Valley CC, Fort Fairfield  
Augusta CC, Manchester  
Bangor Municipal GC, Bangor  
Bar Harbor GC, Trenton  
Barnes Brook GC, West Enfield  
Barren View GC, Jonesboro  
Bath GC, Bath  
Belgrade Lakes GC, Belgrade Lakes  
Bethel Inn & CC, Bethel  
Biddeford-Saco CC, Saco  
Blink Bonnie GL, Sorrento  
Blue Hill CC, Blue Hill  
Boothbay Harbor CC, Boothbay  
Bridgton Highlands CC, Bridgton  
Brunswick GC, Brunswick  
Bucksport GC, Bucksport  
Cape Arundel GC, Kennebunkport  
Cape Neddick GC, Cape Neddick  
Caribou CC, Caribou  
Castine GC, Castine  
Causeway Club, Southwest Harbor  
Cedar Springs GC, Albion  
Clinton GC, Clinton  
Cobbossee Colony GC, Manchester  
Country View GC, Brooks  
Deep Brook GC, Saco  
Dexter Municipal GC, Dexter  
Diadema GC, North Anson  
Dunegrass GC, Old Orchard Beach  
Dutch Elm GC, Arundel  
Evergreen Inn & GC, Rangeley  
Fairlawn G&CC, Poland Falmouth CC, Falmouth  
Fort Kent GC, Fort Kent  
Fox Ridge GC, Auburn  
Foxcroft GC, Dover-Foxcroft  
Freeport CC, Freeport  
Frye Island GC, Frye Island  
Goose River GC, Rockport  
Gorham CC, Gorham  
Great Chebeague GC, Chebeague Island  
Grindstone Neck GC, Winter Harbor  
Hampden CC, Hampden  
Hermon Meadow GC, Hermon  
Hidden Meadows GC, Old Town Highland  
Green GC, Topsham  
Hillcrest GC, Millinocket  
Houlton Community GC, Houlton  
Island CC, Deer Isle  
J.W. Parks GC, Pittsfield  
JaTo Highlands GC, Lincoln  
Kebo Valley CC, Bar Harbor Lake Kezar CC, Lovell  
Lakewood GC, Madison  
Ledges GC, York  
Limestone CC, Limestone  
Long Lake CC, Saint David  
Lucerne-in-Maine GC, Dedham  
Mars Hill CC, Mars Hill  
Martindale CC, Auburn  
Meadows GC, Litchfield  
Megunticook GC, Rockport  
Mere Creek GC, Brunswick  
Mingo Springs GC, Rangeley  
Mount Kineo GC, Rockwood

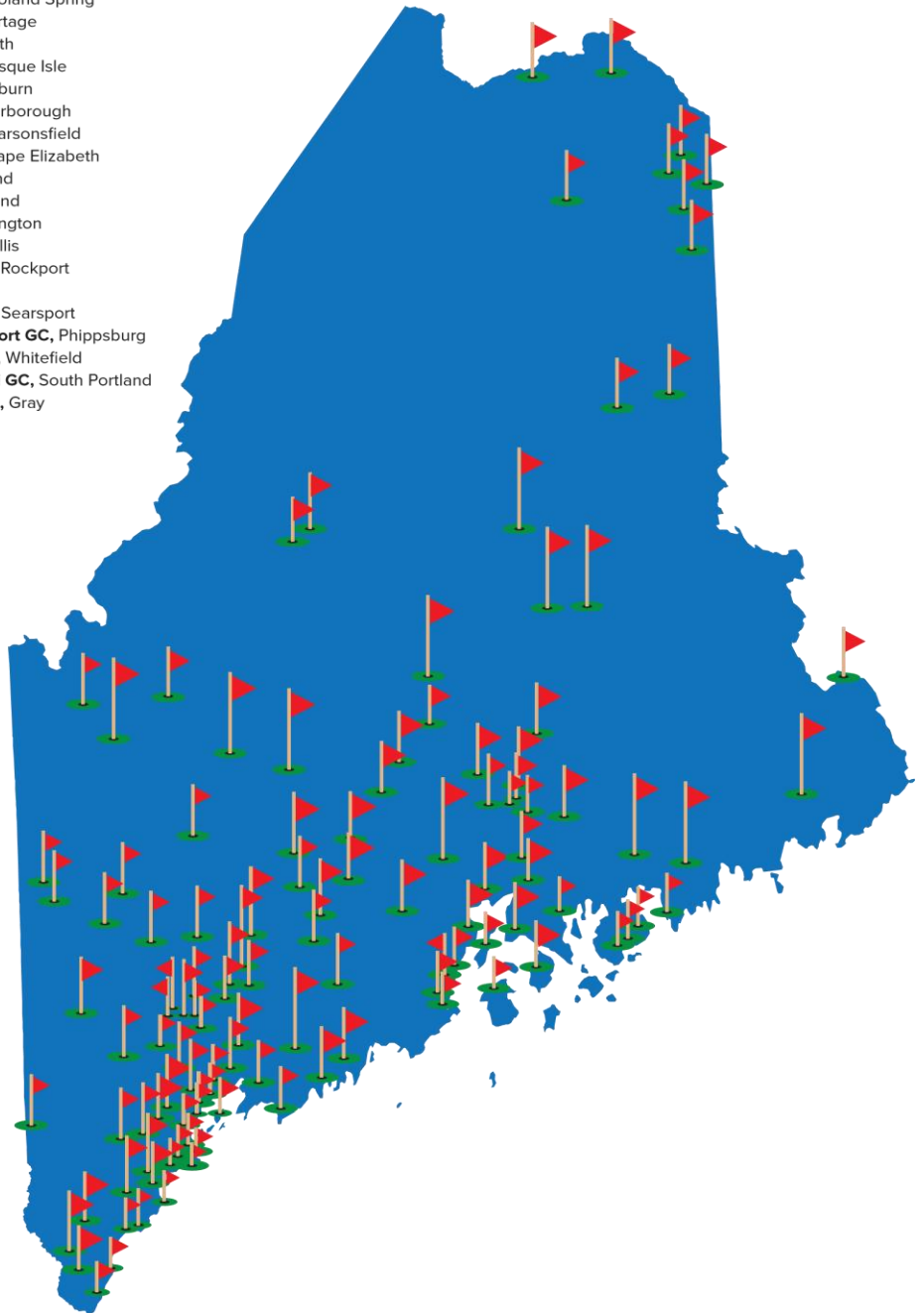
Natanis GC, Vassalboro  
Nonesuch River GC, Scarborough  
North Haven GC, North Haven  
Northeast Harbor GC, Northeast Harbor  
Northport GC, Belfast  
Norway CC, Norway  
Oakdale CC, Mexico  
Outlook, The Links at, South Berwick  
Palmyra GC, Palmyra  
Paris Hill CC, Paris  
Penobscot Valley CC, Orono  
Pine Hill GC, Orrington  
Point Sebago GC, Casco  
Poland Spring GC, Poland Spring  
Portage Hills CC, Portage  
Portland CC, Falmouth  
Presque Isle CC, Presque Isle  
Prospect Hill GC, Auburn  
Prouts Neck CC, Scarborough  
Province Lake GC, Parsonsfield  
Purpoodock Club, Cape Elizabeth  
Riverside GC, Portland  
Rockland GC, Rockland  
Rocky Knoll GC, Orrington  
Salmon Falls GC, Hollis  
Samoset Resort GC, Rockport  
Sanford CC, Sanford  
Searsport Pines GC, Searsport  
Sebasco Harbor Resort GC, Phippsburg  
Sheepscot Links GC, Whitefield  
South Portland Muni GC, South Portland  
Spring Meadows GC, Gray

Springbrook GC, Leeds  
Squaw Mountain GC, Greenville Junction  
St. Croix CC, Calais  
Sugarloaf GC, Carrabassett Valley  
Summit Spring GC, Poland  
Sunday River GC, Newry  
Sunset Ridge GC, Westbrook  
Tarratine Club, Islesboro  
The Woodlands Club, Falmouth  
Toddy Brook GC, North Yarmouth

Turner Highlands GC, Turner  
Va-Jo-Wa GC, Island Falls  
Val Halla GC, Cumberland  
Waterville CC, Waterville  
Wawenock GC, Walpole  
Webhannet GC, Kennebunk  
West Appleton CC, West Appleton  
Westernview GC, Augusta  
Willowdale GC, Scarborough  
Wilson Lake CC, Wilton

Traditions GC, Holden

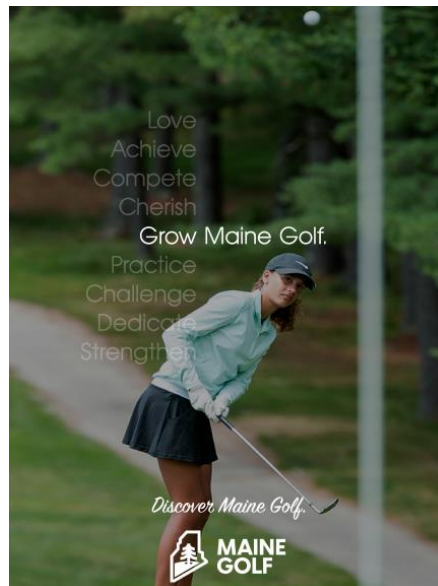
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# Maine's Golf Industry

*"Maine's golf courses provide an economic impact of more than \$325,000,000 annually. More than alpine skiing, snowmobiling and craft brewing."*

- Maine courses are 90% open to the public, providing safe outdoor recreational opportunities for Maine people in communities across the state. 67 of 122 courses are 9-hole courses; only 10% are private clubs.
- Maine's golf courses are locally owned and operated by Mainer's, not out-of-state conglomerates.
- Maine's golf courses support more than 5,000 local Maine jobs.
- Golf generates millions of dollars annually for local charities across the State of Maine.
- Maine golf courses have provided more than \$2,000,000 in college scholarships across all 16 counties since 1950.
- Maine golf courses pay \$6,000,000 annually in property tax to local municipalities.
- Maine golf courses respect the environment; work with their communities; and provide offseason passive recreation 5-months a year.
- Maine golf courses provide access to juniors for \$5 per round from Caribou to Wells (Youth on Course).
- 1,000 high schoolers play high school golf in Maine. Many courses do not charge their local schools.
- Many golfers, both in-state and out-of-state, discover Maine through the game of golf.



Brian Bickford  
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I am for the proposed legislation but against the exclusion of the golf industry...below is an email I sent to everyone on the IDEA Committee and LD 1493:

On behalf of the golf industry in Maine, I am compelled to point out an obvious oversight. The inclusion of golf courses on the ineligible organizations list in legislative bill number 1493 must be an oversight. Golf courses are "singled out" in the same vein as adult entertainment and gambling. This must be a mistake.

- Golf has been in Maine since 1888; contributes \$325,000,000 per year to the Maine economy and is an employer or over 5,000 people in 122 towns across our state. Golf's economic impact is larger than skiing, snowmobiling and craft brewing; none of which made the ineligible list.
- The Maine's golf courses are owned by Mainers, not out-of-state conglomerates, who support local charities and who support more than 1,000 juniors playing high school golf in Maine. Many local schools are not charged to play at the local course. And then we provide scholarships every year of between \$50,000 - \$60,000 to Maine youth for their secondary education.
- Over 50% of Maine courses are just 9-holes and tend to be rural and integral part of their community recreation programs. Over 90% of Maine courses are public, while 10% are private clubs. Golf courses pay \$6,000,000 in local municipal property taxes alone.

It is hard for me to figure out why golf courses have been singled out and lumped with adult entertainment and gambling. We are restaurants, hotels, wedding venues and outdoor recreation just like every other outdoor recreation location in the State of Maine.

Please correct this obvious oversight and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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