



# LITTLE HARBOR GOLF COURSE

## *A SOCIAL, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY*

**THE COURSE:** Little Harbor Golf Course has been a part of the Wareham community since 1964. It is an 18 hole Executive Golf Course with a Par 56 and a 79 slope rating. The holes range in distance from 100 yards to 291 yards with a total yardage of 3038. The average round takes about 3 and 1/4 hours. The

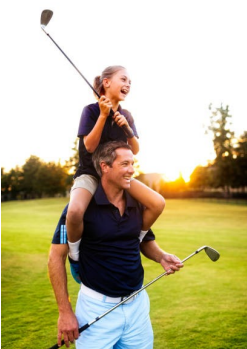


course has consistently gotten rave reviews for

its excellent conditions. The Golf Pro offers lessons at all skill levels. Located inside the clubhouse is a Pro Shop and Snack Bar. There is a putting green near the clubhouse available for practice. The Little Harbor Country Club accommodates family and corporate outings, other events, and tournaments.

**SOCIAL:** A municipal golf course will provide more affordable recreation to residents of Wareham. For some, Little Harbor will be where golfers play for the first time, and it will be accessible to our citizens of all ages, backgrounds, and demographics. Friends can meet to play rounds, and the course and clubhouse are great locations

to meet new people. Little Harbor Golf Course is family-friendly and offers individual and group lessons to golfers. As a Town course, it will provide a location for school golf teams to practice and play competitively. Playing team golf can develop sportsmanship, integrity, self-control, and confidence in our students. A variety of leagues play regularly at municipal golf courses, and many non-profits hold tournaments for fundraisers and recruit new members there. Town-owned golf courses offer residents special memberships and often preferred tee times.



**HEALTH:** Golf provides a variety of health benefits, both physical and mental, for players in all age categories.



Playing 18 holes of golf can take three or more hours. Walking just 30 minutes a day is recommended by most physicians. An average golf course includes a 3 to 6 mile walk depending on the layout of the course and amount of walking from the clubhouse to the tee, walking around at each green and tee, and of course in

possibly searching for lost balls! Exercise overall strengthens the core, muscles and bones, and improves blood pressure and cardiovascular health. Depending on how much you walk and how often you swing, the course is a good, and relatively slower-paced form of exercise. Golfing has also been reported to reduce stress and provide relaxation through the enjoyment of nature and friendships. Little Harbor Golf Course is good for your health!



**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Because of its location, the course at Little Harbor is a natural ecosystem and a sanctuary for local wildlife. Much of the course is considered out of bounds and non-play areas encompassing water features, natural grasses, trees and shrubs, including protected pitch pines. Ospreys, hawks, and owls live close by and deer are often seen roaming the fairways. The open space is beautifully preserved. The turf that covers the open space



prevents erosion of the topsoil in the sensitive areas close to water bodies and close to the marsh and harbor. Turf also absorbs and filters rainwater which prevents runoff and helps to clarify groundwater. The surrounding woodland conservation areas enhance the golf course as well. The Town will ensure that the course groundskeepers will follow the best management practices and guidelines for environmental sustainability to maintain and even improve the current ecosystem.

**ECONOMIC:** Most towns on Cape Cod own golf courses. While the main purpose of ownership is to provide affordable recreation facilities to its citizens, towns also profit from these business ventures. Successful municipal golf courses are managed by outside professional companies that have proven records of making the businesses profitable through course management, use of the venue for special events, and a strong public relations program. Such public relations programs, including one in Wareham, would incorporate tourism as a vital component to attract revenue. While Wareham residents will benefit the most from using the course, tourists will be welcome. The courses will also provide a source of employment for residents. Municipal courses make the sport affordable to all of its citizens first and foremost. The purchase of Little Harbor Country Club is clearly in the best interest of every citizen of Wareham.

