

The *Lure* of New Seabury

The club is recognized as New England's first "smart growth" community.



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With membership comes privileges, including access to two championship waterfront golf courses, a full-service clubhouse, five restaurants, two beach clubs, a modern fitness facility, 16 tennis courts, and multiple pools.

In order to protect its delicate natural environment, management works with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to safeguard endangered species of shorebirds.

MASHPEE, MASSACHUSETTS: Most environmentalists agree there are 66 large global marine ecosystems with estuaries, salt marshes, mangrove forests, coral reefs, the open ocean, and deep-sea ocean environs dominating the list.

The Club at New Seabury, just over the bridge to Cape Cod, sits hard along Nantucket Sound. "Our proximity to the open water has a profound impact on my job," explained Kevin Taylor, director of agronomy. "The tee box on the 2nd hole of our Ocean Course is a mere 15 feet from gentle waves lapping at the shoreline. As you play inland, although we are talking about less than a mile 'as the crow flies,' the air temperature can fluctuate 6 to 10 degrees and soil temperatures can vary up to 15 degrees. During your round, you will play through two distinct ecosystems. With a mandate to maintain firm and fast playing conditions, it definitely keeps us on our toes!"

CHANGING THE CUPS

The marine influence at New Seabury provides for a surprisingly long golf season that stretches deep into autumn. "During a mild winter, we even have to change the cups every so often," said Taylor. "That's not to say we don't get a periodic nor'easter. If the wind is blowing off the ocean, we will turn on irrigation to mitigate sea salt spray. More than once I've heard from a member questioning why the sprinklers are running when it's raining sideways."



Choose from two distinct golf experiences: the Dunes and the Ocean courses.

GREEN SHOOTS OF SPRING

Around this time of year, a pair of osprey nest on the 6th hole of the Ocean Course. "We even built an elevated stand to help their endeavor," continued Taylor. "Their arrival, along with the first mow, means springtime is around the corner. By the time boats arrive for squid fishing, season is upon us." ■

For membership information, visit NewSeabury.com.