

# STILLAGUAMISH COUNTRY CLUB

*Established 1924*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

1. Complete your **purchase or transfer agreement** with the seller. As stated in the Bylaws, no money except an earnest money deposit may be paid to the seller prior to approval of membership. The applicant may not take possession of the property until the Board has approved the applicant for membership and the Board is not responsible for any financial transactions completed before approval of the application. Membership is not automatic and does not transfer with the sale of improvements.
2. If you use a **real estate agent**, be sure your closing date allows sufficient time for pre-membership interviews and other requirements of the Club. The Board of Trustees and the Membership Committee are volunteers and meet only once a month and cannot always arrange extra meetings to accommodate an early closing date. The Club suggests at least 90 days between acceptance of an offer and closing.
3. ***Be advised that the Stillaguamish Country Club does not participate in the financial arrangements between seller and buyer. The Club will not be party to or sign any mortgage or lender agreements. Furthermore, the BOT is not responsible for any financial transactions completed before approval of the application.***
4. The Stillaguamish Country Club will provide you with copies of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Ground Rules and the Schedule of Fines, Fees, and Interest Rates. **Read carefully to be sure you understand the purpose of the Club and its rules.**
5. Ask the seller to arrange **interviews** with two current members in good standing who can act as your **sponsors**. The interviews must be in person and should allow for in-depth conversation and mutual exchange of information. This is your opportunity to find out more about the Club, its activities and members, and to ask questions about our unique community. This should help you decide if the Club will meet your expectations. Be aware that the Stillaguamish Country Club is an institution of long standing. As such, it has traditions, habits, and behaviors that are not amenable to swift or easy change. Learning to understand and appreciate the culture of the Club will help ensure successful long-term membership. If you believe that your expectations and the Club's are a good fit, you should ask the members to write letters of sponsorship for you and to send them to the Club secretary.
6. Complete the application form and send it with the nonrefundable application fee of \$100.00 (check payable to Stillaguamish Country Club) to the Club secretary or to the corporate address: Stillaguamish Country Club/ PO Box 978/ Darrington, WA 98241
7. On receipt of your application, you will be contacted by a member of the Board of Trustees. When all the paperwork is in order and background checks have been completed, you will be asked to schedule an interview with the **Membership Committee**, usually at the Club. They will review with you information about your desired lot such as boundaries, easements, and well agreements. They will attempt to answer any further questions you have about the expectations of membership or Club operations and use of our property, as well as ask questions to determine whether your membership expectations are likely to be met. At the conclusion of the interview, you will be asked to sign the Prospective Member's Statement of Agreement.
8. The **Board of Trustees** will schedule a meeting with you, preferable at a scheduled Board meeting. After the meeting, the Board will vote on the application for membership. You will be notified of the decision within 7 days by telephone if possible, and in writing. If approved for membership, you may complete the transaction with the seller, take possession of the improvements, and must submit the current membership deposit of \$1500. On receipt of the resigning member's certificate and your deposit, plus the sales transaction complete and filed with Snohomish County, your Certificate of Membership will be issued. **Please note that you are not a member until the Membership Certificate is issued.**