

## Jämi Snow Golf (summary 4.2.2024)

### History

The winter golfcourse at Jämijärvi was founded by Hannu Narvi in the year 2003. He has started golfing at 1960's and has been earlier field manager also in Ikaalisten golf. On Golfpiste.com was on Sunday 4.2.2024 article about winter golf and Jämi was there first!. The [picture](#) is from 6.s "valkio (=green)" of Jämi.

The "Jämijärvi golf association" was founded in the year 2013.

The players are mostly from smaller municipalities, which are near the course; Jämijärvi, Parkano, Kankaanpää and Ikaalinen and they are members in several golfclubs at summer. The "Jämi Snow Golf" is located in South-western Finland. Nearest big cities are Tampere and Pori.

The winter golfcourse is on state-owned land and golfers has rented the area for golfing.

There are other wintergolfcourses in Finland, but they have normally only some par-3 fairways and they are on lakes or fields. Our course is mostly inside the forrest and there are height differencies.

### Work

Voluntary members are important as workers (now present are Hannu Narvi, Heimo Äikäs, Markku Peltonen and Jyrki Järventausta) .

Fuels for machines, like tractors, are additional costs with the rent.

Snow on the fairways is pressed and hardened by pullings with tractor a 5 meters wide roll made of cartires. The "valkio" (=white green) must be freed first and then when necessary, new snow is cleaned away. Before the winter season at autumn the faiways must be cut; bushes and grass. The valkios have been covered by rock ash to prevent growth of grass and to flatten the ground base.

### Playing

Players pay either season fees 80 € or greenfees 15-20€/day. For competition is own fee.

The season is normally from January to the beginning of April.

Competitions are at weekends, if the weather allows it. Cool weather (under -20 C) and heavy snowing are main reasons for breaks at playing.

Main things for playing are same as in summer. The par for the course is 72.

Normally there are 6 fairways in use; 2 par-3, 2 par-4 and 2-par 5. In competitions they are played 3 times. Last competition was 3-persons scramble and there was 15 teams and total 45 players. There are available 3 extra fairways. [Video](#) at homepage.

If ball goes to deep snow around the fairways, you can play it, if found. If not, with 1 penalty, you can continue from fairway, where the ball went from fairway to the deep snow. On fairway you can always move the ball to club length and on *valkios* about 15 cm.

You must have suitable clothing. Shoes must have spikes and especially hands must be kept warm. We use colored balls; red, orange or violet. The clubs are same as in summertime. Normally players carry the club bags.

Learning to play around "*valkio*" takes more time. Depending on conditions it is sometimes really demanding. But it's the same for all - as in summer!