

THE RIVER



NOVEMBER 2017

Tournament Club News

Ryder Cup



We had a very exciting Ryder Cup this year. Although it was a rain shortened event, the red team prevailed with the score of 9 to 6.

The winning team consisted of Stewart Gross, Ken Campbell, Rick Rosen, Gary Nusbaum, John Saylor and Paul Sobel.

Turkey Shoot



Don't forget to sign up for the Turkey Shoot
Saturday, Nov 18TH, 10:00AM.

This fun event features a cross country 9 holes where we redesign the course!

8:00AM Breakfast
Lunch following tournament play.

Letter From The Superintendent

As we change our thoughts from fairways and greens to turkey and pumpkin pie, let's take a moment to review the bunker work concluded in October and look ahead at the tasks to be completed as we prepare for winter.

With assistance from Tom Fazio II, the Greens & Grounds department wrapped up the first phase of bunker renovations on October 6th. The project consisted of removing or altering 17 bunkers on holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 18, along with fairway additions on holes 3, 4, 5, and 13. As of October 25th, I am pleased to report that everything is progressing as planned. The sod has taken well, and all new fairway expansions are being mowed slightly above normal, but are responding great. We should have no problem next spring getting the fairway expansions mowed at scheduled heights.

During the month of November and beyond, we will remain busy getting the course prepared for winter. There are many cultural practices that can and need to be completed this time of year. The team will be planting 17,000 bulbs for everyone's spring enjoyment. Bulb planting will get started when soil temperatures fall into the 50 degree range on a consistent basis. This is a task that will take place when everyone is waiting out a frost delay (more on that later) and needs to be completed before the ground freezes. We will also start rough aeration throughout the course, focusing on areas that receive the most cart traffic first, then move hole by hole. This will guarantee the areas that need

the most relief get it, as weather can change fast and we may have to stop mid process. Another project is to graden all tees and approaches. The graden is a very aggressive verti-cutting unit capable of removing organic material at a depth of 2". This process is essential if we want to firm up tees and approaches making them less vulnerable to the humidity of summer. Once we start finishing up those projects it will be time to tackle some drainage work. There are a few areas (8, 11, 17, and 18) that we would like to start drying out by either installing new drains or tapping off of existing work that has already been done. One of the key tasks to be done this month is to winterize the irrigation system. We will be renting a large air compressor and pushing all remaining water out of the system so there are no cracked pipes or heads over the winter. Tentatively, this is scheduled for the week of November 13th and takes roughly 2 to 3 days. Also, lets not forget about the weeks of leaf cleanup we have ahead of us.

One unfortunate reality that we will all be facing soon is frost delays. During a frost delay, no one will be allowed to walk on any grass surface. If the temperature is 38 or below, there is potential for a frost. Please check our website for frost delays and estimated first tee time. We will do our best to keep everyone informed during a delay and do everything in our power to keep delays to a minimum. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The entire Greens & Grounds department would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!



Cart damage from driving on frosted turf



Frosted turf that does not bounce back



Pro Shop News & Course Hours

Pro Shop News

We are winding down towards the end of the golf season. Executive Members with left over money on their account should begin thinking about holiday shopping.

Please call or email Karin Attolino for assistance with your special orders.

All shoes will be returned in November. If any members are interested in purchasing footwear, please make your purchases by November 15th.

All shorts, pants, sunglasses and stock clubs will be returned in November. Please make all necessary purchases before November 20th.

Apparel Sale

The More You Buy the More You Save

Buy 1 receive 20% off

Buy 2 Receive 30% off

Buy 3 or More Receive 40% off

Accessories Sale

30% off

The River Newsletter

Course & Range Hours

October 30th – Nov 4th

Course opens 8:36am Tue-Fri & 7:50am Sat/Sun. Course closes at 5:45pm
Range will close at 4:45pm all days except Tue. Range on Tue will close at 4:30pm

November 5th – 12th

Course opens 8:36am Tue-Fri & 8:00am Sat/Sun. Driving range will close at 3:30pm all days except Tue. Tue range closes at 3:15pm, course closes at 4:30pm

November 13th – 19th

Course opens 8:36am Tue-Fri & 8:00am Sat/Sun. Course closes at 4:30pm
Range will close at 3:30pm all days except Tue. Range on Tue closes at 3:15pm

November 20th – 26th

Course opens 8:36am Tue-Fri & 8:00am Sat/Sun. Course closes at 4:30pm
Range will close at 3:30pm all days except Tue. Range on Tue will close at 3:15pm

November 23rd Thanksgiving Day the Golf Course will be closed.

Please Note: Wednesdays the range will open at 9:00am due to Maintenance.

November 2017

Wednesday, November 1ST

Time: 6:30^{PM}

Pricing: Members \$22 / Guests \$32

**Please Call (203)701-0051 and Ask
for Julianne or Lianne**



Wine Club

Wines of France

Tomato Tarte Tatin

Caramelized Shallots, Chanterelle Mushrooms
Broccoli Floret Dust

Le Grand Ballon, Vin de Pays du Val de Loire Sauvignon Blanc (2016)

Apple Crouque Monsieur

Pierre Robert Triple Cream, Sage
Cranberry Gastrique

Domaine Emile Beyer, Pinot Gris (2014)

Chicken Basquaise

Pepper Trio, Black Garlic
Yukon Gold Rissolees

Domaine Chamfort, Cotes du Rhone (2014)

Meringue & Coffee Crème Anglaise

Macadamia Crumble, Cherry Chocolate Glaze
Chateau Tour Gilet, Bordeaux Superieur (2015)

Coffee Service to Follow

Please Note: Our December Holiday Wine Club will feature sparkling wines. Price will be \$35 for Members & \$45 for Guests due to the additional cost of these specialty wines.

Book your reservations with Julianne Keator at (203) 701-0051, Julianne.Keator@compass-usa.com

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Great River Golf Club has been selected to host the Northern Junior Golf Championship Tournament

August 6th – 8th, 2018

About the Tournament:

The purpose of the tournament is to provide an opportunity for junior golfers throughout New England and beyond who are striving to earn collegiate golf scholarships through competing in nationally ranked competitions. Finishing well in the Northern Junior can truly change a junior golfer's career, as we offer multiple AJGA Exemptions to high finishers, as well as automatic invitations to some of the best junior tournaments in the country, including the International Junior Masters and North & South Junior. Past champions of our event have gone on to play collegiate golf at Boston College, the University of Rhode Island, Yale University, Georgetown University and the University of Delaware. Since transforming our event into a two-day competition, 47% of the past competitors in the tournament have gone on to play collegiate golf at the Division I, II and III levels.

The goal of the Northern Junior Championship is to provide a nationally ranked event that is affordable for every junior golfer. As mentioned above, there are very limited opportunities for New England junior players to compete on a national stage, and those few events are both expensive and difficult to get into. We want our event to be both accessible and affordable for all players. We strive to provide a PGA-Tour like atmosphere for all of our competitors that is seen only at the highest level of competition. That is evident by the numerous amenities we incorporate each year, including a Players Welcome Reception, live hole-by-hole scoring, on-course leaderboards and standard bearers for the last four Boys groups and last two Girls groups. We want to provide an event that is truly special for both the players and their families. It is our commitment to make this a championship unsurpassed and we want to leave each player with the experience of a lifetime.



Tournament Overview:

The Northern Junior Championship is a nationally ranked junior golf tournament that was created to provide the highest level of competition for top junior players. There will be a Boys and Girls Championship Division, which is open to any male or female junior golfer who has not reached their 19th birthday by August 6th, 2018. All players must be an amateur golfer as defined by the USGA, and must not have entered their first year of college. The tournament field of 120 players will consist of 84 Boys and 36 Girls.

The tournament attracts over 30 coaches from around the country. 45-55% of the tournament field will play at the collegiate level.

Great River Golf Club is honored to be selected as the tournament host and we hope to see many of our members at the event.

Monday, August 6th

- 9:00am – 2:30pm
Practice rounds for tournament players only (groups of four) #1 tee available for member play before 9:00am and after 2:30pm, #10 tee available after 5:00pm
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Players Welcome Dinner (cookout), Long Drive Contest and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation (Approx. 130 anticipated total guests)

Tuesday, August 7th

- 7:00am – 1:00pm
Round one starting times off #1 tee (groups of three). #1 tee available for member play after 2:00pm, #10 tee available after 4:30pm
- 10:30am – 3:00pm
Boxed lunch available to tournament participants

Wednesday, August 8th

- 7:00am – 12:30pm
Round two starting times off #1 tee (groups of three). #1 tee available for member play after 2:00pm, #10 tee available after 4:30pm
- 10:30am – 3:00pm
Boxed lunch available to tournament participants

The Northern Junior Championship tournament is looking for volunteers to help with scoring, leaderboards, on the driving range, and many other tasks.

Please contact: tournament@northernjunior.com

TPI Certified Golf Fitness Program

Jason DeSombre certified TPI Fitness & Medical Professional & Tom Rosati PGA Professional

Our Program Includes:

- **TPI Golf Movement Screening**

These functional movement tests help us understand details of your golf motion and identify your strengths, weaknesses, and any imbalances that affect your golf swing.

- **3-D Motion Golf Swing Analysis Using the K-Vest**

The K-Vest is a vest that you wear that has three electromagnetic sensors that generate a computer aided profile of your golf swing. Using the data collected through the powerful 3D motion capture software, we're able to analyze the efficiency of your golf swing and how well you generate speed and energy through your body in a golf swing and determine the most efficient way to swing.

- **Boditrak Force and Pressure Mat**

This force & pressure measurement systems is used to assess movement patterns and ground interaction by measuring pressure points in your feet while swinging.

- **6-Week Fitness Program**

After evaluating all the data, we design a custom program that will address the functional restrictions, so you can move better and improve your golf game.

- **Golf Fitness training**

We offer weekly golf fitness training which involves Jason personally training the student through the TPI fitness program in conjunction with Tom working to improve golf swing mechanics using high speed video, K-Vest motion analysis and the Boditrak pressure technology.

Initial TPI Functional Movement Screening and K-vest swing analysis (two hours)

Cost: 200.00

Great River Members: 180.00

SHU faculty and Alumni: 150.00

Juniors and SHU students: 150.00

Golf Fitness training session, every student must complete the TPI screening before starting this program (one hour)

Cost: 150.00; six sessions for *800.00

Great River Members: 130.00; six sessions for *700.00

SHU faculty and Alumni: 100.00; six sessions for *540.00

Juniors and SHU students: 100.00; six sessions for *540.00

Golf Fitness training session, every student must complete the TPI screening before starting this program (Group Rate)

2 people

Cost: 80.00 per student

Great River Members: 70.00 per student

SHU faculty and Alumni: 60.00 per student

Juniors and SHU students: 60.00 per student

3-4 people

Cost: 60.00 per student

Great River Members: 50.00 per student

SHU faculty and Alumni: 45.00 per student

Juniors and SHU students: 45.00 per student

***Discounted Price**