



JUNE 2018

# THE RIVER

# Greens & Grounds

On behalf of the G&G team I would like to welcome everyone back to Great River for the 2018 golf season. It has been a terribly cool, cloudy, and wet spring (perfect for growing poa), but it looks like we have made the transition to some more seasonable weather beneficial to growing bentgrass. This spring has been very unfavorable to overall bentgrass growth and recovery from aeration or any other mechanical cultivation process. Also slowing our ability to grow is the high organic content in the top 1.5" of our soil profile. Unfortunately, this is an issue we inherited from year's past and is going to dictate how we manage our



Layering in top 1.5" of soil profile

greens moving forward. This layer holds a tremendous amount of water and causes the surface to get "mushy". When the greens surface gets soft, it limits the amount of work that can be done to them without causing serious injury. Daily foot traffic also can be problematic in certain areas. Another nasty side effect of having high organic content is added fungal disease pressure. There is good news to be taken from this: We have healthy turf, we have identified the problem, we can manage the greens to reduce injury from the problem, and we have a plan to make things better. I look forward to a successful golf season and hope everyone enjoys their time at Great River. If you would like any further explanation or have a question about another topic, please feel free to ask.

## June Outings

### Monday, June 11th

SHU Football Outing

Tee times open 7:00am-8:24am and after 5:30pm

### Monday, June 18th

Hispanic Health Council Outing

Tee times open 7:00am-8:24 and after 5:30pm

### Monday, June 25th

Notre Dame High School Outing

Tee Sheet opens at 4:00pm

### Tuesday, June 26th

Horizons Outing

Tee times open 7:00am-8:24 and after 5:30pm

## Fitting Days



Saturday, June 16th 10:00am-2:00pm



Friday, June 22nd 12:00pm-4:00pm

Please call Karin (203) 876-8051 Ext.111 to schedule your appointment or email [karina@grgolfclub.com](mailto:karina@grgolfclub.com)

# Monty's River Grille

Dear Members,

In the month of May, we've implemented new Spring/Summer Menus in Monty's, changing our Lunch, Dinner and Brunch Menus to reflect the freshness of the Season. We would also like to thank you for your support with our Mother's Day Brunch. It was a very successful day and we served over 400 members and guests.

In the month of June, we will have our 5th Wine Club Dinner on Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30pm. Our wines will be from the Kendall-Jackson luxury portfolio and the appellation will be from California.

On Friday, June 8th we will have a Member's Happy Hour on our Fireplace Patio from 4pm to 7pm. We will feature **complimentary** Barbecued Ribs, Shrimp Skewers, and Grilled Chicken Wings. Our Grille Room Bar will offer discounted craft beers, wines and drinks.

On Wednesday, June 13th we will feature a grilled luncheon on our Fireplace Patio noon to 4pm. Featured items are Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Sausage & Peppers and Grilled Chicken. Our Grille Room Bar will offer discounted craft beers, wines and drinks.

On Saturday, June 30th, we will have our second Prime Rib Night located in Monty's Restaurant. We will feature a 14oz. Prime Rib with seasonal vegetables and baked potato.

This is your Club and your home away from home. We are always here, to listen to your suggestions, and to be of service to you and your important guests.

Thank you,

Dan Piccoello

Food & Beverage Director

***Monty's will be closing at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 9th.***





**June 6, 2018**  
**California Appellations**

***Smoked Salmon Salad***  
*Shaved Radish, Primo Sale*  
*Lemon Basil Vinaigrette*  
**Capture, Sauvignon Blanc Tradition (2016)**

***Seared Scallop over Linguini***  
*Crab & Red Pepper Cream Sauce*  
**Kendall-Jackson, Jackson Estate Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay**  
**Camelot Highlands (2012)**

***Veal Rollatini***  
*Prosciutto, Pecorino Romano*  
*Roasted Mushrooms, Veal Glace*  
**Kendall-Jackson, Jackson Estate Anderson Valley Pinot Noir**  
**Outland Ridge (2013)**

***Blackberry Tartlet***  
*Graham Cracker Shell, Vanilla Custard*  
*Chantilly Cream*  
**Kendall-Jackson, Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Estate**  
**(2014)**

Please call (203)701-0051 for reservations

# Member Tournaments

## Opening Day ABCD Shamble Results

**1st Place Gross 67 (\$100 gift certificate/player)**

**Ken Campbell, Carl Walker, Anthony Jaffe, Alicia Cavallaro**

**2nd Place Gross 67 (\$50 gift certificate/player)**

**Andree Acampora, Paul Sobel, Pat Palaka, Pat Giuliano**

**1st Place Net 51 (\$100 gift certificate/player)**

**Bill Napoletano, Joe Madafarri, Gene Horne, Mike Horne**

**2nd Place Net 52 (\$50 gift certificate/player)**

**Pete Cofrancesco, Aurelio Gracia, Mike Vatale, Greg Sanfanandre**

**CTP #8 Men (\$50 gift card/player)**

**Mike Vitale**

**CTP #15 Women (\$50 gift card/player)**

**Alicia Cavallaro**

## Spring One Day Member/Guest

**Friday, June 15th, 1:00pm Shotgun**

**Entry Fee/Team:** Invite up to 3 guests \$200 a team \$150 for each additional guest

**Format:** Better Ball of Two Gross and Net

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd Gross & Net

**Sign-Up Deadline:** June 5th

**Food and Beverage:** Lunch and Dinner at the Member's Grill Room.

## Spring Spring Skins Game Results

Gross Skins	Hole	Yards	Par	Score
Matt Healy	3	498	5	4
John Rehm	7	400	4	3
Steve Baye	9	361	4	3
John Dimatteo	13	465	5	3
Mark Pappas	17	514	5	3

Net Skins	Hole	Yards	Par	Score
William Doolittle	1	334	4	2
Tom Ayoub	2	185	3	1
Carl Melkus	5	355	4	2
Stew Gross	8	177	3	1
Devang Patel	10	162	3	1
Glenn Marshall	18	354	4	2

Closest to Pin	Hole
Jim Chacho	2
Pete Cofrancesco	8
John Dempsey	10
Neil Schwimer	15

### Hole in One Club

**Bill Doolittle**

**Bill aced Hole #2 on May 11th playing alongside his brother, John Doolittle.**

**Congratulations Bill!**



# Event Hosting

To date, April and May have been our busiest months, with a total of 30 events! In April, Daniela & Jorge, and Katelyn & Jaime tied the knot. We wish them all the best. And we cannot forget the amazing Bar Mitzvah celebration for our friend Ryan...Mazel Tov! In May, we celebrated the marriages of Fatima & Ken, Alexandra & Chris and Selma & Matt. In addition, we hosted many baby and bridal showers, graduations, alumni celebrations and corporate meetings.



June looks to be another very busy month, and we will be hosting many special events: showers, weddings and corporate meetings. We look forward to welcoming

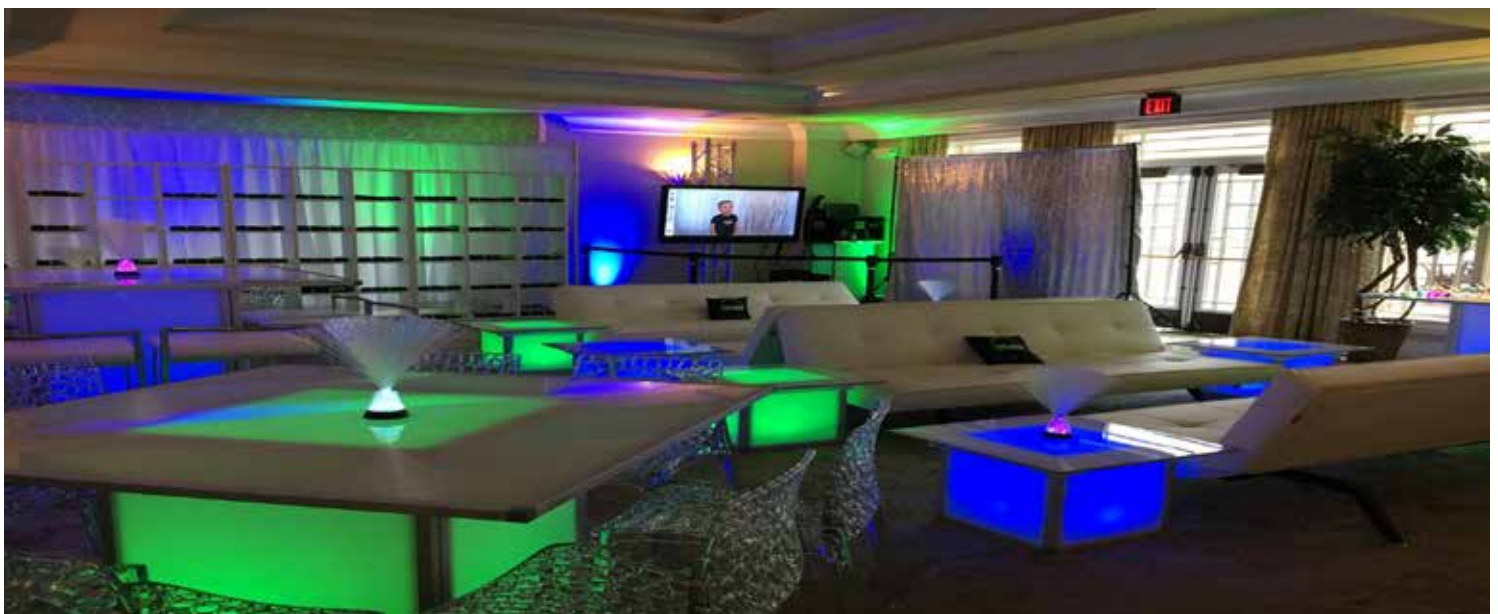
brides & grooms and their friends and families, babies & brides to-be and corporate clients.

As we look ahead to the summer, we continue to book special events, including holiday parties throughout the year. If you know of anyone looking for the perfect venue for their special event, please have them give me a call at 203-876-8051 ext. 132.

Best Regards,

Gail Hunt

Social & Corporate Event Sales Manager



# Social Media Corner

Our newest social media venture is that we are now on Snapchat! Whether you're already a fellow snapper or just want to see what it is all about, add us as a friend, GreatRiverGolf. Here you can see us hosting events in real time!

We've also been out on the course filming with Head Golf Pro, Tom Rosati. Our goal is to take you through each hole and offer tips and advice on how to navigate your way through the course. We will be going stroke by stroke explaining how to approach each hole at hand.

Stayed tuned on Facebook and Instagram for these professional tips that we hope will help improve your game!

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us with your ideas!



PGA Jr. League is an inter-club league open to both boys and girls, 13 and under, of all abilities! The recreational nature of the regular season provides opportunities for skill and character development - on and off course - in addition to plenty of opportunities for fun, friends and family engagement with golf.

During one game, teams play four 9-hole matches in a popular two-person scramble format, reinforcing the team concept and creating a nurturing environment for learning the game. Coaches can also substitute players every three holes, so that all the golfers on each team can participate.

For more information, please contact Tom Rosati at (203) 876-8051 Ext 117 or email [tom@grgolfclub.com](mailto:tom@grgolfclub.com)

**TOM ROSATI**  
  
**GOLF ACADEMY**

## **2018 Junior Programs**

**Junior Clinic Programs** \$180, Members and SHU Alum and Faculty \$150 (ages 7-14)

- Summer Clinic #1: Tuesday-Friday July 10-13, 8:30-10:00
- Summer Clinic #2: Tuesday-Friday Aug 14-17, 8:30-10:00
- Fall Clinic: Sundays - Sept 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct 7, 10-11:00

**Half-Day Camps** \$350, Members and SHU Alum and Faculty \$300 (ages 8-16)

- July 23-27, 8:30-12:00
- July 30-Aug 3, 8:30-12:00

**Full Day Camps** \$600, Members and SHU Alum and Faculty \$550 (ages 10-17)

- June 25-29, 9:00-4:00
- July 16-20, 9:00-4:00

**Elite Players Program** \$800, Members and SHU Alum and Faculty \$700 (ages 13-18)

- July 5,12,19,26, Aug 2,9, Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 – 4:00

**SNAG Little Golfers Clinics** \$30 (ages 4-6)

- Sat June 16, 3-4:00
- Sat July 7, 3-4:00

## **Programs For Members Only**

**Member Short Game Workshop**

60.00 Saturdays, June 23, July 7, Aug 4, 3-5:00

Spend 2 hours with us and we'll make you into a short game wizard (minimum of 4 students)

**Member Full Swing Workshop**

60.00 Saturdays, June 16, July 14, Aug 11, 3-5:00

Through high speed video analysis, we'll break down your golf swing and give you the ingredients to building a great swing!



# Tom Rosati's Tips

## Is Your Golf Training Aid Making You Worse?

Right now, if you turn on the Golf Channel you will be bombarded with golf training aid infomercials, all promising to enhance your game. Although the ads sound convincing, just like all these infomercials do, most don't do what they claim, and some may be detrimental to your already fragile golf swing.

For example, if you have the problem of slicing the ball due to an open club face, there is a popular training aid that claims to cure the slice but makes you open the club face even more.

So, before you buy a training aid out of impulse, there are a few guidelines you must follow:

1. Simple works the best. If it looks complicated, stay away from it. For example, a great training aid is your typical weighted club that Gary Players has been talking about for 50 years.
2. Know your swing and buy something that specifically helps what you need in your swing.
3. Look for a training aid that claims it does something specific and not one that claims it does 100 things.
4. Look for training aids that allow you to swing full speed and hit a ball.
5. Visual training aids are good. For example, something that helps with alignment and ball position or something that helps you see the proper swing path.
6. Most putting training aids work better than full swing training aids.
7. Consult your local PGA, LPGA professional.

If you follow these guidelines you should be able to find a good training aid that can improve your swing or putting stroke this season. But if you are an impulse buyer, and you don't take the time and use these recommendations, you'll end up with a closet full of these training aids along with your Flex Tape, Thigh Master and Ginsu Knives.

Play well!

Tom



The Impact Ball: An example of a good training aid, this ball sits, & your forearms help you synchronize your arms & body together during the whole swing. Also gets you in a great backswing position & helps create good impact position.



This training aid is an example of a bad one, way too much going on here. You're supposed to get into this obstacle course and try to swing! I had a device like it and it lasted about 2 days. One bad swing will shatter this whole device!