



OCTOBER 2018

THE RIVER

Greens & Grounds

With the 2018 golf season quickly winding down I will take a few minutes to let everyone know where we stand and what to expect this offseason from a cultural/project stand point. We were able to complete our greens aeration on Friday, September 28th. This was anything but a routine job as mother nature threw a wrench into this as well. Greens aeration was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th but instead we received over 6" of rain which flooded a few fairways and washed

will go to a depth of roughly 1/2". This is the process that will be responsible for removing organic material. As we complete this process on a hole-by-hole basis, overseeding of thin areas will take place. During the first week of November we will start the Graden process on greens NOT being used during the Turkey Shoot. As I have explained before, the Graden is responsible for removing large quantities of organic material while injecting clean sand at the same time. After the Turkey



Rain total from onsite weather station



Problems caused from rainfall

out every bunker on the course. Thankfully, a window opened on Thursday and the staff really came together and got the job done. This wasn't a very easy aeration as the course was still extremely wet and made working around the greens difficult. The next cultural program on our list will be tee/fairway/step-cut aeration and vertical mowing. Aeration will consist of 5/8" solid tines that will allow for air exchange. This process will begin as soon as we can safely put our tractor on the course without causing any damage. After aeration is complete, we will begin a heavy vertical mowing. The mower being used

Shoot is over we will complete the Graden process on our remaining 9 greens. Starting in mid-November we will kick off the Better Billy Bunker renovation to all green side bunkers. Once complete, green side bunkers should resemble the bunker we renovated on #7 in early June. Lastly, in early December, the greens will receive a heavy topdressing to protect the plant from desiccation. The remainder of 2018 will be extremely busy for our G&G team, but the work being done will take us one step closer to our goal.

Tournament Club

Zeid & Dolan are the Tom Follo Mem/Mem Champions!

David Zeid and Chris Dolan improved 5 strokes to shoot 63 on Sunday to edge Sophia Sarrazin and Ben James by one stroke. Dolan and Zeid's 63 is the lowest score ever in our Member/Member. In the net division Nolan and Don Richards had an incredible comeback firing a 55 to beat Bob Brzoska and Mark Gilhuly and Steve Baye and Brian Henlin who both had 57. Congrats to all our winners!

Ryder Cup Players Finalized and Player of the Year

Congrats to the top 16 season point winners who qualify for the 2018 Ryder Cup. This exciting tournament consists of two teams of eight players playing five 9 hole matches over two days with different formats. Round 1- Four-ball, Round 2- Scramble, Round 3- Pinehurst Alternate Shot, Round 4 -Singles, Round 5- Singles. Each player will receive a Ryder Cup pullover with their team color. The entry fee is \$95 per person and breakfast and lunch will be served both days. Also, the Player of the Year is still up for grabs. Ben James is leading the pack with 220 points, but Matt Healy is close behind with 205 points.

1	Ben James	220
2	Matt Healy	205
3	Chris Saja	170
4	Stew Gross	155
5	Nolan Richards	150
5	Don Richards	150

7	Ryan MacDonald	145
8	Glen Marshall	130
9	Alex MacKenzie	125
9	Bob Intravia	125
11	Ken Campbell	110
12	John Maloney	105

12	Anthony Bouno	105
14	Aurielio Gracia	95
15	Steve Baye	95
15	David Zeid	95

Membership Update

We would like to Welcome the following new members to Great River Golf Club. We are looking forward to having you all as members.

Stephen Betts

Bradley Hauben

Harold Hauben

Gregory Kimmel

Daniel Moses

Glen Wisher

Christine Yan

Tips From The Pro

Be Normal in the Bunker

The typical scenario goes like this; the student is having trouble with bunker shots, he gets into the bunker and digs his feet in half way to China, opens his stance about 45 degrees, opens the clubface, leans all his weight on the front side, then proceeds to shank 5 balls in a row. The fact of the matter is that most amateurs 10 HDC or above have golf swings with poor weight transfer and an outside to in swing pattern. The last thing this player should do is set up in a position that is going to make them swing out to in even more. The solution for this player is to be more normal in the bunker. What I mean by this is the player should:

1. Set up with a normal square stance
2. Set up with only a slight open face
3. Play ball position inside the left heel
4. Weight is 50% or 60% on front side
5. Make a normal $\frac{3}{4}$ backswing, with some shoulder turn and weight transfer
6. Make a normal downswing motion on a good swing path and hit the sand 2 or 3 inches behind ball, in the middle of the stance
7. Make a good weight transfer, pivot to your front side and complete your follow through facing the target

In summary the moral of the story is to make a normal swing out of a bunker just as if you were hitting from the fairway.



Member Meeting & Cocktail Hour

We would like to invite you to a
Member Meeting and Q&A session.

When: THURSDAY, October 11th
Time: 6:00PM

The meeting will be followed by complimentary
Cocktail Hour hors d'ouerves.



If you have any questions regarding this
event, please feel free to contact Karin
Attolino, karina@rgolfclub.com.

Member Events

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 19th | 6 PM - 9 PM | Fireplace Patio

Join us for an Oktoberfest inspired menu & live music!

\$30 per person+tax | Cash Bar

-MENU-

Weinersnitzel
Zwiebelrostbraten
Spaetzle
Beer Braised Knockwurst
Red Cabbage Slaw

German Potato Salad
Braised Cabbage & Bacon
Pretzels with Beer Cheese
German Chocolate Forest Cake
Apple Strudel

RSVP to Karin Attolino | karina@rggolfclub.com | 203.876.8051 ext. 111

Oktoberfest Dinner - Friday, October 19th 6:00pm-9:00pm

Prime Rib Night - Friday, October 26th

Great River will be closed on Thanksgiving allowing all employees to celebrate the holiday with their families.

Member Christmas Party - Thursday, December 13th 6:00pm-10:00pm

Santa's Brunch - Sunday, December 16th 10:30am-2:00pm

New Year's Dinner - Monday, December 31st 5:00pm-10:00pm

New Year's Day Brunch - Tuesday, January 1st 10:30am-2:00pm

Monty's River Grille will be closed Sunday, October 7th for a private event

Pro Shop Corner

Dear Members,

It's not too early to think about Holiday shopping. Executive members that have money left on their accounts should start thinking about their holiday shopping needs. We can place special orders for everyone in the family. Most popular brands for holiday shopping are below:

Peter Millar	Vineyard Vines	Taylormade
FootJoy	Under Armour	Spartina 449
Dooney & Bourke	Ecco	Glove It
Travis Mathew	Callaway	Oakley
US Kids	Titleist	Nivo



Please contact Karin Attolino if you need assistance with your orders.
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Social Media

We wrapped up the month of September with the annual Sacred Heart University Invitational. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated this year. We hope you enjoyed a day of golf followed by a fantastic reception. Pictures of this event will be posted to our Facebook and Instagram pages.

As the weather starts to get brisk and the leaves begin to change, we still hope to see you all out on the course until the very end! Make sure to keep an eye on our pages for any new specialty nights and club photos that may be posted.



Event Planner Corner

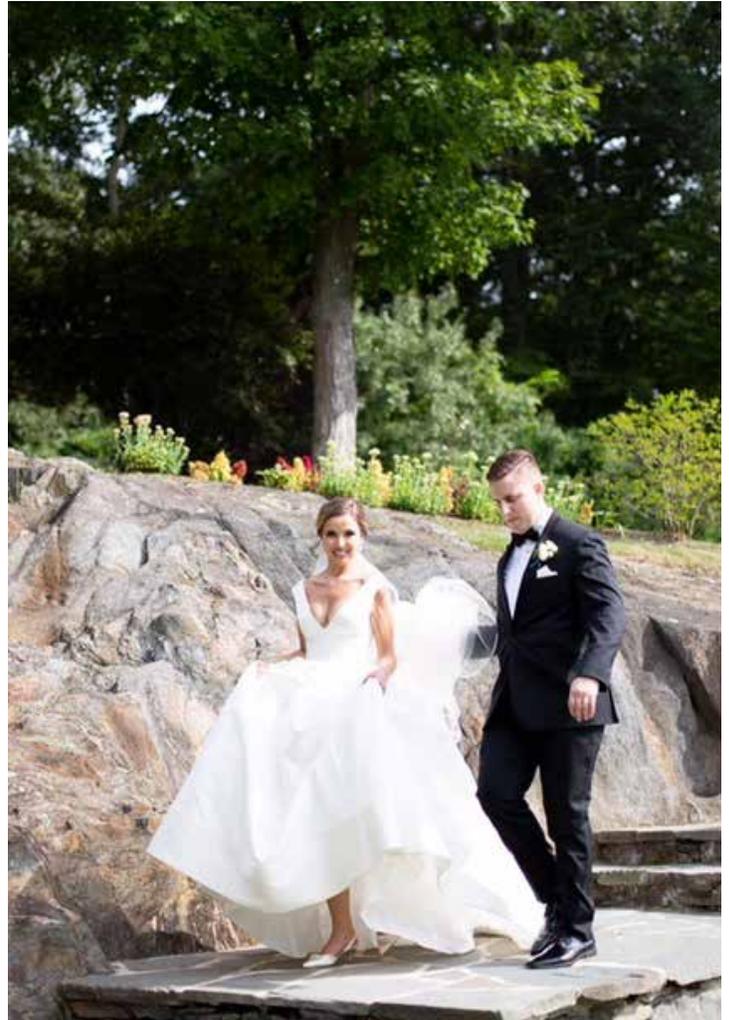
Greetings!

As we said goodbye to summer and welcomed Fall, September was just a prelude to our busiest time of the season, which will continue through the holiday season.

Congratulations to newlyweds Rachel & Casey, Courtney & Ben, Tamara & Jason and Desiree & Justin as they celebrated their wedding vows with family and friends. We also hosted many shower events, corporate meetings, wedding rehearsals and dinners, and a special 40th High School Reunion!

As we look ahead to the next month, we are excited to host more special events and celebrations, including the 14th annual “Pretty in Pink”, Get In Touch Foundation fundraising event for Breast Cancer awareness, our 2nd annual Bridal Show by Wedding Steps, SHU department events, weddings, bridal showers, and milestone birthday parties to name a few.

Additionally, we are now taking reservations in our Ballroom for Christmas & Holiday parties, from 20 to 200 people. Please keep us in mind for your company’s next event, as prime dates are starting to book up.



I’d love to help plan your next special event. 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 or email me at: ghunt@rgolfclub.com for availability, menus and pricing.

Best Regards,
Gail Hunt
Social & Corporate Event Sales Manager



BOOK YOUR
**CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY
PARTIES**

AT GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB

It's not too early to start thinking about
the end of the year festivities.
Let us help plan the perfect holiday event!

Corporate & Social Events
Accommodating parties of 20-200
Luncheons, Cocktail Hour, Buffets & Seated Dinners

Contact Gail Hunt to book today!
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