



THE RIVER

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



Friday, April 7

TaylorMade Fitting Day

Saturday, April 8

Member Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

Easter Brunch

Thursday, April 20

Wine Club Dinner

Friday, April 21

Cobra Fitting Day

Saturday, April 22

Opening Day Shamble



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



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

Harris Foster

Brett Jones

Leigh Ronald

The Luddy Family

Bianca Shea

Charles Strand

Brad Uscilla





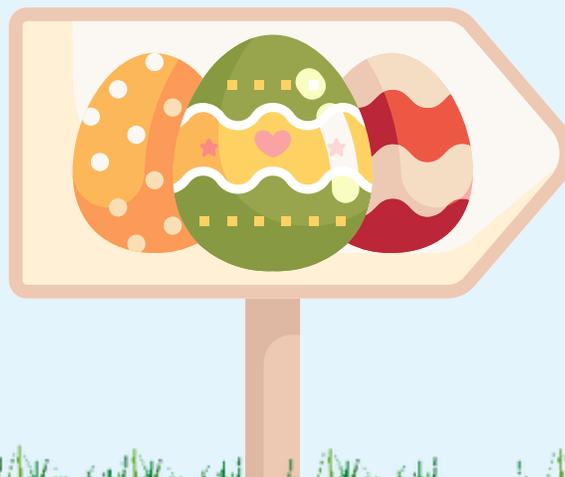
GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB



Family & Easter EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th
at 12 pm

Please RSVP via Clubster by April 2nd



FOOD & BEVERAGE

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Food & Beverage Team at Great River, we are excited about having you all return to Great River and Monty's River Grille! The month of April will be exhilarating, with spring in the air, the opening of our golf season, and several new F&B initiatives.

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, we have introduced all new menus in Monty's, Banquets and the Snack Bar. We are excited about the new releases and always encourage your feedback.



Our **Easter Sunday Brunch** on Sunday, April 9th is near capacity, but we still have some choice seats available for our members. Also, on Thursday, April 20th at 6:30pm, we will be showcasing our first **Wine Club Dinner** of the year. Executive Chef Matt Adkins will be presenting "A Taste of France." His menu will be paired with fine wines from that part of the world. Please see the flyer below!

With the start of every new season, we get the opportunity to add new culinary talent to our roster. We have some new employees joining us in the kitchen with baking and pastry background. Chef Matt will be working with them to develop a new dessert "scratch" menu.

We will soon be finalizing our **Mother's Day Brunch** details along with completing our **Cinco De Mayo Celebration** menu for Friday, May 5th. We'll feature an authentic Mexican-inspired menu along with Margarita and tequila specials. We will also continue with our **Burgers & Brews Night** every Thursday!

As always, we look forward to serving you, your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccoello, Food & Beverage Director
Matthew Adkins, Executive Chef



Great River Golf Club's

Easter Sunday Brunch



Sunday, April 9, 2023 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Adults: \$56 • Children 5-12: \$28 • Children Under 5: FREE

One Complimentary Mimosa or Bloody Mary is included (Ages 21+)



STARTERS

Assorted Greens with Condiments and Dressings
Fruit Salad with Mint Yogurt Dressing
International and Domestic Cheese Displays
Chicken Vegetable & Orzo Soup • New England Clam Chowder
Assorted Breads
Greek Salad with Cucumber, Red Onion, Roasted Peppers, Feta, Figs
Grilled Vegetable Display with Horseradish Dipping Sauce
Chilled Seafood Display, Shrimp, Classical Garnishes

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Assorted Muffins, Danish, Scones, Bagels, Fruit Display, Yogurt, Berry Display and Granola
Challah Vanilla Bean French Toast
Scrambled Farmhouse Eggs • Applewood Bacon • Maple Sausage
Made-To-Order Omelet & Waffle Stations
Traditional Eggs Benedict, Pastrami Salmon Herbed-Cheese Benedict, Smoked Brisket Benedict

ENTRÉES

Scottish Salmon, Sundried Tomato Crust, Pesto Cream Sauce, Garlic Risotto
Chicken Forestière, Assorted Forest Mushrooms, Cream Reduction
Eggplant Lasagna, Mascarpone-Ricotta Cheese, Plum Tomato Sauce

CARVING STATION

Smoked Brown Sugar Brisket • Honey Glazed Ham • Cajun Turkey Breast
Rosemary Fingerling Potatoes & Spring Vegetables • Rolls and Sauces

KIDS' BUFFET

Hamburger Sliders • Mini Corn Dogs • Penne Pasta (Butter & Marinara Sauce) • Chicken Tenders
Tater Tots • Peas, Corn and Carrots • Assorted Fruit Salad

ASSORTED DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call **(203) 701-0051** to reserve your table today

Don't wait – Space is limited!



GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB



Wine Club

CHEF MATT PRESENTS:
A TASTE OF FRANCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH
6:30 PM

Please RSVP via Clubster by April 16th



Members
\$65
Guests
\$85



FROM THE PRO'S DESK



We are very excited to announce Great River Golf Club's new Head Golf Professional, **Andrew (Andy) Svoboda**! Andy comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in private clubs and high-end service to continue the momentum we have been building for our members. Outside of growing our club and tournament operations, Andy will also bring a new dynamic to the club with tour-level playing abilities, a very nice addition for you and your guests to enjoy, not to mention representing Great River in local and national professional events.

Professional Golf Accomplishments

- PGA Tour 2nd 2014 Zurich Classic New Orleans
- T-6 - 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic
- T-8 - 2014 McGladrey Classic
- T-18 – 2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children
- 97th FedEx Cup Playoffs
- 2018 Long Island Open Champion (Nassau Country Club)
- 2018 New York State Open Champion (Bethpage Black)
- 2018 MET Open Champion (Wykagyl Country Club)
- 2019 Long Island Open Champion (Hempstead Country Club)
- 2021 MET Open Champion (Hudson National Golf Club)
- 2021 Long Island Open Champion (Fresh Meadow Country Club)
- Winged Foot Golf Club Champion 4 times.
- US Open - Winged Foot Golf Club (2006)
- US Open - Torrey Pines Golf Course (2008)
- US Open - Bethpage State Park Black Course (2009)
- US Open - Merion Golf Club (2013)
- Competed in 4 U.S. Amateurs



Dear Members,

It is with pure excitement and honor that I introduce myself as the new Head Golf Professional at Great River Golf Club. I am grateful to have been offered this position and I look forward to being instrumental to continued success of GRGC for many years to come.

I grew up in Mamaroneck, NY and learned to play golf from Tom Nieporte, Head Golf Professional at Winged Foot Golf Club. I went on to attend St. John's University, winning 14 Collegiate events and earning a degree from the Business School in Marketing.

After successful playing in college, I went to Q-School in 2009 and started my career in professional golf. Having won 3 times on the Korn Ferry Tour and finished 2nd in the Zurich Classic on the PGA Tour. Recently, I won the MET PGA Assistants Championship at Bethpage Red, the NY State Open and the MET Open championships.

After a solid playing career, I switched my focus to the golf business. I have been mentored and trained by some of the most respected Head Golf Professionals in the industry. Having the privilege of working at Old Oaks CC, Engineers CC, Pine Tree Golf Club, and currently at La Gorce CC. My teaching skills include a working knowledge in Biomechanics, Trackman Technology, Club fitting, and V1 Swing Analysis.

My mission is to have a great relationship with the members and the entire staff at the club. I will always be accessible and engaging, and I am eager to create the ultimate golf experience for you and your guests. I will lead by example and have a hands-on approach to lead the golf operation. I feel very fortunate to begin this season with such a tenured, experienced, and talented staff, and together we look forward to a very successful year at Great River.

With warm weather just around the corner, I am anxious to get started and welcome in the 2023 golf season. As I settle into my new role, please feel free to reach out to me over the next few weeks. I look forward to getting to know all of you and spending time together on the course.

Sincerely,

Andy Svoboda, PGA, Head Golf Professional
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TOM ROSATI GOLF ACADEMY



Junior Clinics

Ages 7-14, Beginner to Intermediate

Spring Clinic

Sundays - April 30, May 7, 14, & 21

Ages 11-14 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Ages 7-10 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Summer Clinic

Tuesday, August 8 - Friday, August 11

Ages 7-10 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Ages 11-14 10:15 am - 11:45 am

Fall Clinic

Sundays - September 10, 17, 24, & October 1

Ages 11-14 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Ages 7-10 10:45 am - 11:45 am

JUNIOR CLINIC PRICING

Non-Members - \$200

Members - \$180

SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$160

Half Day Camps

Ages 8-16, All Experience Levels Welcome!

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, August 14 - Friday, August 18

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

HALF-DAY CAMP PRICING

Non-Members - \$400

Members - \$370

SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$350

Players Camp

Ages 11-18, Advanced Golfers

Wednesdays - July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2 & 9

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

PLAYERS CAMP PRICING

Non-Members - \$700

Members - \$650

SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$600

To sign up, visit www.GreatRiverGolfClub.com and download the Registration Form



PRO SHOP CORNER

This season, the Pro Shop will be flooded with all of your favorite brands!

From **Sun Mountain** bags, to **Greyson** polos, to **Titleist** balls and gloves, there are options for everyone.

Rep the new logo as we grow the brand and ‘pioneer’ a new era here at Great River!



GREENS & GROUNDS



With warm weather approaching, we are ramping things up for this season. Staff is returning, agronomic programs are beginning to take place, and projects are in full swing. The team and I are excited for the season to get started. With opening day around the corner, we still have many projects to wrap up, including our driving range renovation project.

In March, we began to address the drainage and landing area for our driving range. All done in-house, the team began to strip the old sod from the middle of the range floor, repair failed drainage, and add some additional drainage to this area. Following the drainage, we began to move soil around and shape this area so it could be better managed by the outside staff when picking balls. We created a more manageable area by removing the pinch

points and softening out many of the mounds.

Aerification has been going well, and should be finished with these practices shortly. For the greens, we had brought in an outside company to deep-tine with $\frac{1}{2}$ " tines to a depth of 9". Following this process, we sand back filled those holes to increase oxygen and promote root development to a deeper level. Once the deep tine was complete and sand backfilled, we began the core aerification process with $\frac{1}{2}$ " coring tines to a depth of 2.5". This material (thatch) was removed, and we sand backfilled these holes to increase oxygen levels in the soil, promote root growth, surface drainage, and depletion of organic material. We



will continue to roll the greens to smooth out any depressions and begin to close up the holes. Depending on temperatures, the aerification holes on the greens should be mostly filled in by opening day on April 22nd.

Tanto has been back on the property, continuing with the new irrigation installation. This team started on the #17 tee and will be working the property in reverse for the most part. During this process, we will continue to communicate any hole closures. We look forward to getting water to the new system and beginning to use our fully automated new central control. With many new features and additional heads over the property, we will have more control to manage our water use throughout the property better and ultimately better our turf quality and playing conditions.

I look forward to seeing all of you out on the course in the coming weeks, and the grounds team is very excited about this year's golf season.



Best Regards,

Curtis Harder, Golf Course Superintendent



EVENT PLANNER CORNER

Hello and Happy Spring!

We are so excited to be back in the swing of things with our banquet operations!

March was a fabulous month to kick off the events season. We hosted three baby/bridal showers, two corporate meetings, and two weddings! Congratulations to Taylor & Jimmy and Amanda & Nick who both tied the knot here at Great River! We wish you all a "Happily Ever After".

The Great River Events Team would love to help you plan your next special event! We still have availability for 2023 and are now booking 2024 weddings. Please reach out to one of our event sales professionals to learn how we can be of assistance to you.

All the Best,

Karin Attolino, Director of Sales

Chelsea Jones, Event Sales Manager & Marketing

Caitlin Wardlow, Event Coordinator & Social Media





LET US MAKE YOUR DREAM
WEDDING A REALITY!
CALL (203) 876-8051



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