



August 2019

THE RIVER

Greens & Grounds

Thankfully we are turning the calendar on July with the second half of the month being very problematic. We could not buy a break in the final two weeks with weather and technology both working against us. Things were moving along nicely until the hot, wet stretch of weather we encountered around Member/Guest weekend gave greens 3, 12, and 15 a bit of a setback. Thankfully, the samples that were incubated by UCONN came back as pathogen free and that will make recovery much smoother. Dr. Inguagiato could see the black “choker” layer at the surface extremely puffed up and wet. This “choker” layer is directly correlated with high organic content in the top ¼” to 1” of soil. When this happens, the turf is suffocated, and the weaker areas will decline. This is also the time where you will notice an abundance of spike marks around the hole and elongated ball marks. Dr. Inguagiato believes this is like what happened last year to just about all our greens. On a positive note the

cultural programs we have been working so hard to incorporate are paying off as two of our worst greens from last year (8,14) have been performing very well and the others are still healthy. This is another example of how our cultural programs must continue to be done for the next couple of years regardless of how things look on the surface. The recovery efforts are well under way as thinned out areas have been spiked, seeded, fertilized and treated with a fungicide to prevent what is known as damping off. Monitoring moisture over the next few weeks is going to be very important as we want to give the young seedlings enough moisture to survive, but not too much that we feed any fungi. Seed was incorporated on 7/23 & 7/24 and we already have holes full of new growth. If everything continues to go as expected and the weather decides to cooperate just a little, we should be in much better shape by September 1st.



#12 Green Starting Recovery Process



New Seedlings Filling In Thinned Out Area

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The brown spots in fairways are a direct result of water and compaction. Some from too much and some from not enough. Any of the spots you see in low lying areas or around drains are from water that did not have a chance to evaporate due to high dew points or infiltrate due to compaction. Many of the spots on the edges of fairways are from compaction and lack of water infiltration. Lastly, elevated areas are from lack of water. So why the lack of water? Over the past couple of weeks, we have been battling several irrigation issues. The most common issue has been a faulty common wire. This wire was probably damaged in our most recent lightning storm. With our irrigation system, each head has a station and common wire. The common wire goes from head to head and is not out of the ordinary for one common wire to cover 10 or more heads. If something happens to that wire (a nick, lightning strike, or corroded connection) every head after the problem will no

longer work. We have been busy tracking these issues and making the necessary repairs. It is also important to note that the first chance we get to start aerating fairways is a must. Aeration will loosen the soil to help improve infiltration and provide some much-needed oxygen to the roots. Damaged areas will be top-dressed, slice seeded, and fertilized. Moving forward, we will no longer be performing monthly irrigation system audits. These audits will now take place on a weekly (July and August) and bi-weekly basis (June, September, October). This change is a must based on our systems age and recent problems. Irrigation system audits are a time-consuming tedious process, but the benefits far exceed the time required to complete the job. As we all saw firsthand, it does not take long for any irrigation issues to become quite noticeable and have negative effects.



Hole In One Club



**Congratulations to Anthony Fiore!
Hole-In-One on #8 June 27th**



**Congratulations to Tom Feroletto!
Hole-In-One on #10 July 2nd**



**Congratulations to Kevin Heslin!
Hole-In-One on #8 on July 10th**



**Congratulations to Mark Mulston!
Hole-In-One on #2 July 25th**

Food & Beverage



Dear Members,

We certainly hope you're having a great summer and you had a chance to enjoy some of our Member's Golf Outings featured in July.

Our new Executive Chef Matthew Adkins has been a great addition to our F&B Team. He's constantly making slow and steady changes all towards "moving the needle" to improve quality and presentation, while providing exceptional value, to you our Member.

We are excited to feature another two exclusive Member's events for the month of August. On Wednesday, August 7th, we will be showcasing our 7th Wine Club Dinner of the Year. Our theme will be a "Taste of Spain". Chef Matt will present his creative menu along with Spanish inspired wines. Additionally, on Friday, August 23rd, we will be featuring our 2nd Annual Lobster Bake...more details to follow. It will be a special night, with live entertainment, fresh Maine Lobster & Seafood Specialties, along with much, much more. Please be sure to RSVP soon!

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

Sincerely,

Dan Piccoello
F&B Director

Matthew Adkins
Executive Chef



Wine Club - August 7, 2019
Chef Matthew Adkins Presents
A Taste of Spain

First Course

Compressed Sous Vide Watermelon, Spanish Olives, Crumbled Feta, Spanish Black Radish, Shaved Cucumber and Micro Arugula with Lemon Oil and Finished with a Drizzle of Spanish Catalan Imported Moscatel Vinegar

Albarino, Terras Gauda

Empanadas

Rioja Red Wine Braised Short Rib, Peruvian Purple Potato, Onion, Manchego Cheese, Pan Jus and Crème Frisse Drizzle with Sweet and Spicy Deconstructed Habanero Pepper

Rioja Reserva, Vina Pomal (2013)

Paella

Bay Scallops, Shrimp, Calamari, Mussels, Cockles and Chorizo with Traditional Paella Rice and Saffron Broth

Alicante, La Bodega de Pinoso (2016)

Desserts

Traditional Flan with Cinnamon Churros and Crystallized Basil

Amontillado Sherry, Sandeman



M E M B E R L O B S T E R B A K E

M E N U

Clams & Mussels Served Tableside

Followed by:

1.5 LB. MAINE LOBSTERS

shrimp cocktail, steamship of beef, chicken
sausage & peppers, pasta salad, tomatoe & mozzarella
sweet potato, boiled red potato, coleslaw, corn
dessert

CASH BAR

\$60 PER PERSON + TAX

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC!

AUGUST 23RD | 6-9 PM
FIREPLACE PATIO

RSVP : karina@grgolfclub.com or (203) 876-8051 ext 111

Sarrazin & James Capture AJGA Title

The Tom Rosati Golf Academy is going strong with fourteen year old Sophia Sarrazin winning an AJGA in Ohio with a stunning final round 65 and sixteen year old Ben James winning the AJGA Killington Invitation with a blistering 13 under par for 3 rounds. The American Junior Golf Association is the premier world-wide junior golf tour that hosts events for the best junior players in the world. If you haven't already heard, these two kids are among the top players in the country!



Sophia Sarrazin (far left) takes home winner's trophy after most impressive round of 65

James Wins GSGA Junior Amateur

One week after Ben James won the AJGA in Vermont, he captured the state junior title by winning the 78th Connecticut Junior Amateur Championship, his first CSGA Championship. His victory gave him an exemption into the Connecticut Open, a professional tournament, held July 19th - 21st at Torrington Country Club. Ben went on to finish third, shooting 11 under par against a field of top amateurs and professionals.

Wow!



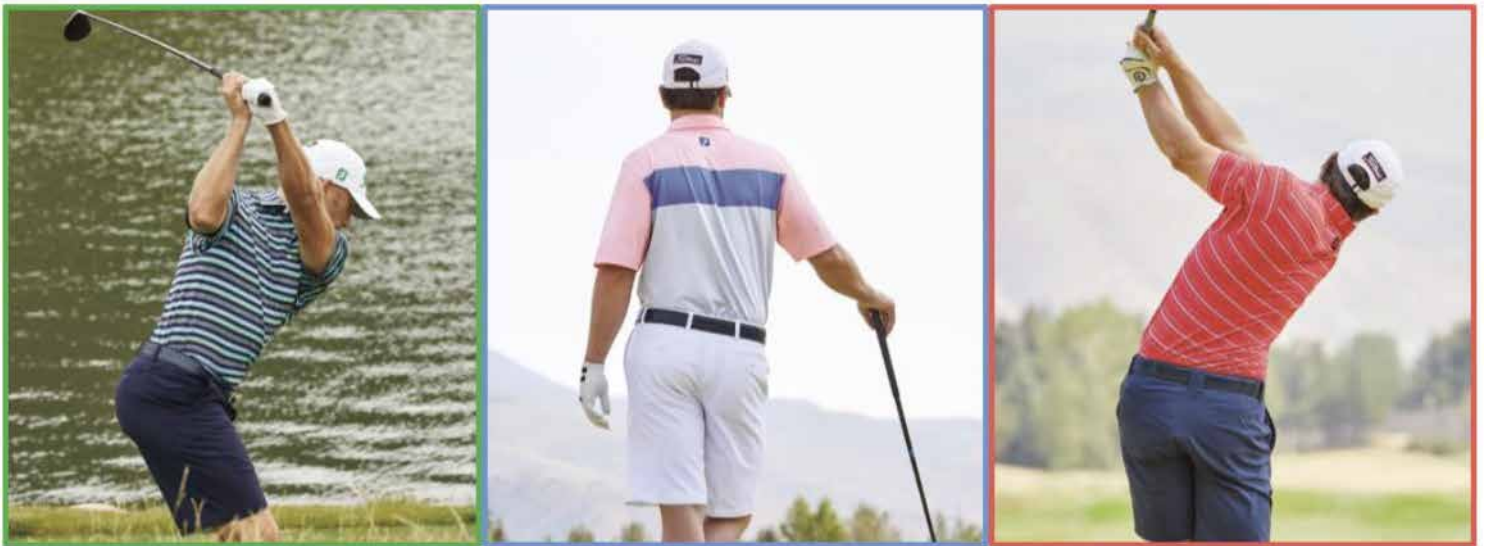
Gunnar Granito (left) congratulates 2019 Champion Ben James

Pro Shop Corner

Dear Member,

Although the 2019 Majors are behind us and the FedEx Cup Playoffs will be underway in the near future, there are still many great weeks of golf ahead - both on tour and right here at the club.

Now is the time to come out to the course and take advantage of the great weather. It is also the perfect opportunity to check out our most recent delivery of FJ Apparel. We have some fantastic new colors and styles in stock.



FJ Apparel is made from the finest materials that are not only incredibly comfortable but provide excellent moisture control to keep you dry and comfortable even on the hottest summer days.

To top it off it is made from an easy care fabric that is machine washable. You wash it, dry it and wear it - no ironing and no dry cleaning. It feels great, looks great and wears like iron - what more could you want from golf apparel?

Regardless of whether you are going to play 18, hit the range, or spend some time working on your short game, you may as well look your best doing it.

Stop by the shop and let us help you update your wardrobe with the latest and greatest from FJ.

Sincerely,

The Pro Shop Staff

Pro Shop Corner

AUGUST SALES

All Ladies Apparel 30% off

August 5th - 26th

All



UNDER ARMOUR.

Apparel & Footwear 25% off

August 2nd - 18th

Member Tournaments

Cody & Bianco take the Two-Day Member/Guest

Brett Cody and Mike Bianco won this year's member/guest in style! They not only won the championship flight on the first playoff hole, but they also captured the infamous shootout in the three-hole playoff. In the championship flight Cody and Bianco tied Matt Dziubina and Kevin Corda and forced a playoff. On the first playoff hole, Cody calmly rolled a fifteen-foot birdie putt in for the victory! About a half hour later, Bianco nailed a five-footer to win the shootout. Cody and Bianco became the first team to win the tournament and the shootout.

Flight Winners

FIRST MELVIN SAUNDERS & DAVID COLVILLE	FOURTH TOM HULK & JEREMY DESTITO
SECOND LUKE GAGLIARDI & JASON TESSITORE	FIFTH JOHN DOOLITTLE & BILL STEWART
THIRD JOHN REHM & OLLIE LARACUENTE	SIXTH JOHN MALONEY & RON DUBUQUE
PAR THREE TOURNAMENT WINNERS TOM HULK & JEREMY DESTITO	



CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT WINNERS MIKE BIANCO & BRETT CODY

Member Tournaments

Twilight Golf League Ends in a Tie

Kevin Heslin & Andy Seperack along with Scott Candee & Scott Walker ended in a tie after a stunning 9-hole playoff went 4 extra holes and had to be discontinued because of the darkness. The match was highlighted by an incredible hole in one on the eighth hole by Kevin Heslin!

Goethche & Faller Claim Victories in Red, White & Blue

Martin Goethche fired a 73 to win the gross and Art Faller came in with a 66 to capture the net in the Red, White & Blue tournament on Sunday. There was also fine play from David Zeid, who shot 74 and Bob Intravia with 67 to finish second.

Congrats to all our winners, we had some great scores!



Red ☆ White ☆ Blue			
GOLFER	GROSS	NET	PLACE
MIKE McGRATH	93	79	
GARY NUSBAUM	86	74	
DAVID BALL	86	74	
JOHN SHANLEY	96	70	
BOB SHEA	104	86	
BOB GRILLEY	90	71	
JOE SHEA	105	84	
TONY COPPOLA	75	72	4th GROSS
ART FALLER	83	66	1st NET
BOB INTRAVIA	78	67	2nd NET
MIKE GRAY	87	71	
MORGAN FALLER	83	78	
MATT DEZIUBINA	77	75	CLOSEST TO PIN #15
HAROLD HAUBEN	89	75	
GINO CIANCANELLI	96	82	
TOM CHRZANOWSKI	77	69	4th NET
CARL NERO	74	69	3rd GROSS
JOHN LONGO	81	71	
PAUL VAITKUS	75	72	
ORRIE ZOLLUCCIO	84	74	

Red ☆ White ☆ Blue			
GOLFER	GROSS	NET	PLACE
MARK PAPPAS	75	72	5th GROSS
MARTIN GOETHCHE	73	71	1st GROSS
JIM WILSON	80	70	
KEN FERLEGER	82	70	
SAM WALKER	84	76	
DON GOTTSCHALL	87	73	
SCOTT PANZA	82	72	
TIM NICK	82	71	
SCOTT WARKENTIN	83	72	
CHRIS BRENNAN	80	71	
JIM CHACHO	77	72	
DAVE MURRAY	98	78	
JAMES McCUSKER	—	—	
CHRISTINE YAN	90	70	
VALORIE McMILLIAN	94	79	
TOM BEAUMONTE	89	79	
DARLENE TRANQUILLI	82	74	
TOM TRANQUILLI	79	69	5th NET
JOHN SAYOUR	96	71	
JOHN MALONEY	104	82	

Red ☆ White ☆ Blue			
GOLFER	GROSS	NET	PLACE
BOB MORTON	96	80	
JOHN YIMOYINES	90	75	
MATT REALE	90	73	
GLENN MARSHALL	83	77	
HOWARD FRIEDMAN	85	75	
MACK FULLER	79	74	
DAVE NEVLINS	86	74	
STEVE BAYE	83	70	
PETE KAWULICZ	84	70	
BRIAN HENLUN	84	78	
TED JOHANSMEYER	87	74	
RICK LYON	79	71	
STEVE JAEGER	78	68	3rd NET
KEN WOOD	79	71	
DAVE ZEID	74	74	2nd GROSS
ALEX MACKENZIE	84	74	CLOSEST TO PIN #2
RAHUL TAYLOR	79	75	

Tournament Club

1st Annual Junior Club Championship

Saturday, August 17th - Optional practice round, Par 3 Tournament & Dinner

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Format: Ages 18 and under Boys and Girls 18-hole stroke play

Sign-Up Deadline: August 12th

Prizes: Net & Gross prizes

Annual Parent Child Tournament

Sunday, August 18th

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Format: Scotch Pinehurst 9 Holes: Alternate shot where both players drive, hit each other's second shot, then they alternate strokes until the ball is holed.

Sign-Up Deadline: August 15th

Prizes: 1st Gross & 1st Net

Food & Beverage: Dinner afterwards in the Member's Grill Room.

Club Championship

Saturday, August 31st - Monday, September 2nd

Starting Times from 7:30am - 9:30am

Qualifying Round for the Championship Flight: Friday, August 31st starting times from 1:00pm

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Format: Match Play - championship will be determined by an 18-hole qualifying round. All other flights will be seeded according to handicap index. Championship Flight and 1st Flight will be played at scratch. Other flights will be played with HDC.

Sign Up Deadline: August 28th

Prizes: Runner-Up & Winner in each Flight.

Event Planner Corner

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! July seemed to fly by, as we hosted several weddings, corporate events, and a very special surprise birthday party. Congratulations to Lore & Imre, Leti & Ben, Jenna & Kevin and Maureen & Pat who tied the knot. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to host your special day!

As we look ahead to the remainder of the summer, we are excited to host more special celebrations and important corporate meeting events. Additionally, we are now booking holiday parties. Please keep us in mind for your company's next event, as prime dates tend to book up quickly.

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

