



AUGUST 2021

THE
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This Month at a Glance

Monday, August 2	Jr. Inter Club
Saturday, August 7	Tom Follo Member-Member
Wednesday, August 11	Wine Club
Friday, August 13	Callaway Fitting Day
Friday, August 20	Member Clinic
Sunday, August 22	Member True Mixer
Friday, August 27	TaylorMade Fitting Day
Saturday, August 28	Junior Club Championship
Sunday, August 29	Senior Club Championship

EVERY WEDNESDAY Twilight League



**GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB
MEMBER LOBSTER BAKE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
6:30 PM | FIREPLACE PATIO**

with Musical Entertainment!



**SEAFOOD
SMORGASBORD**

\$65 PER PERSON (+tax) | CASH BAR

**RSVP ON CLUBSTER OR EMAIL
KARINA@GRGOLFCLUB.COM BY 8/29/2021!**

Food & Beverage



Dear Members,

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Food & Beverage team has been very busy this summer! We had a record breaking 8 weddings in June, another 8 in July, and we're set for another busy month with 7 more in August. The busy wedding season will continue through the remainder of the year and into 2022.

We're excited about our next Wine Club dinner this month! This month's theme is "Regions of California," and Executive Chef Matt Adkins has collaborated again with our sommelier, Bill Okesson from World Wide Wines, to offer you this fabulous wine pairing. The date will be Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:30pm, located inside our Ballroom. The menu can be found on the next page.

We have a couple additional upcoming "save the dates" -- on Friday, September 3rd, we will be hosting our third annual Lobster Bake, downstairs on the Fireplace patio. Also, our next Wine Club dinner will be Wednesday, October 3rd. We look forward to seeing you at our exclusive "Members Only" events.

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

Sincerely,

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



Chef Matthew Adkins Presents:

Regions of California

Wednesday, August 11TH, 2021 | 6:30pm

AMUSE BOUCHE

Kampachi Sushi

FIRST

Grilled California Clingstone Peaches, Heirloom Tomato, Lola Rosa, Smoked Buffalo Burrata, Charred Sour Dough, Vineyard Muscatel Reduction, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Paired With: Alexander Valley Vineyards, Gewürz Mendocino County (2018)

SECOND

Crispy Prawns, Sweet Spicy Garlic & Scallion Chili Sauce, Preserved Lemon Rice

Paired With: Avalon, Sauvignon Blanc Flint and Steel Napa Valley (2019)

THIRD

Buffalo Medallion, Candied Smoked Bacon,
Aged Cheddar Whole Grains, Maple Brussels Sprouts, Pan Jus

Paired With: Melville, Syrah Donna's Sta. Rita Hills (2015)

FINAL

Strawberry Shortcake Chiffon Cream, Chocolate Truffles

Paired With: Piper Sonoma, Brut Sonoma County

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CANCELLATIONS AFTER 8/8 WILL BE CHARGED FULL PRICE

Tournament Club

Tom Follo Member/Member Tournament

Saturday, August 7th - Tee Times

Sunday, August 8th - Shotgun 9:30am

The Tom Follo is a memorial tournament to honor one of Great River's most cherished members.. The event is a 36-Hole Ringer Tournament. Teams will play Better Ball of Partners for both rounds. Round two, teams will try and improve their hole-by-hole score from round one. Teams will take the scores from both rounds to create their best 18-hole score. There will be a gross and a net division.

The entry fee for the Tom Follo Tournament is \$120 per player which includes breakfast & lunch both days, team skins, on-course contests, and prizes for top Gross & Net winners.

Senior Club Championship

Sunday, August 29th

Format: 18-Hold Individual Stroke Play. Senior Division - 55 and over / Super Senior Division - 75 and over

Sign-Up Deadline: August 25th

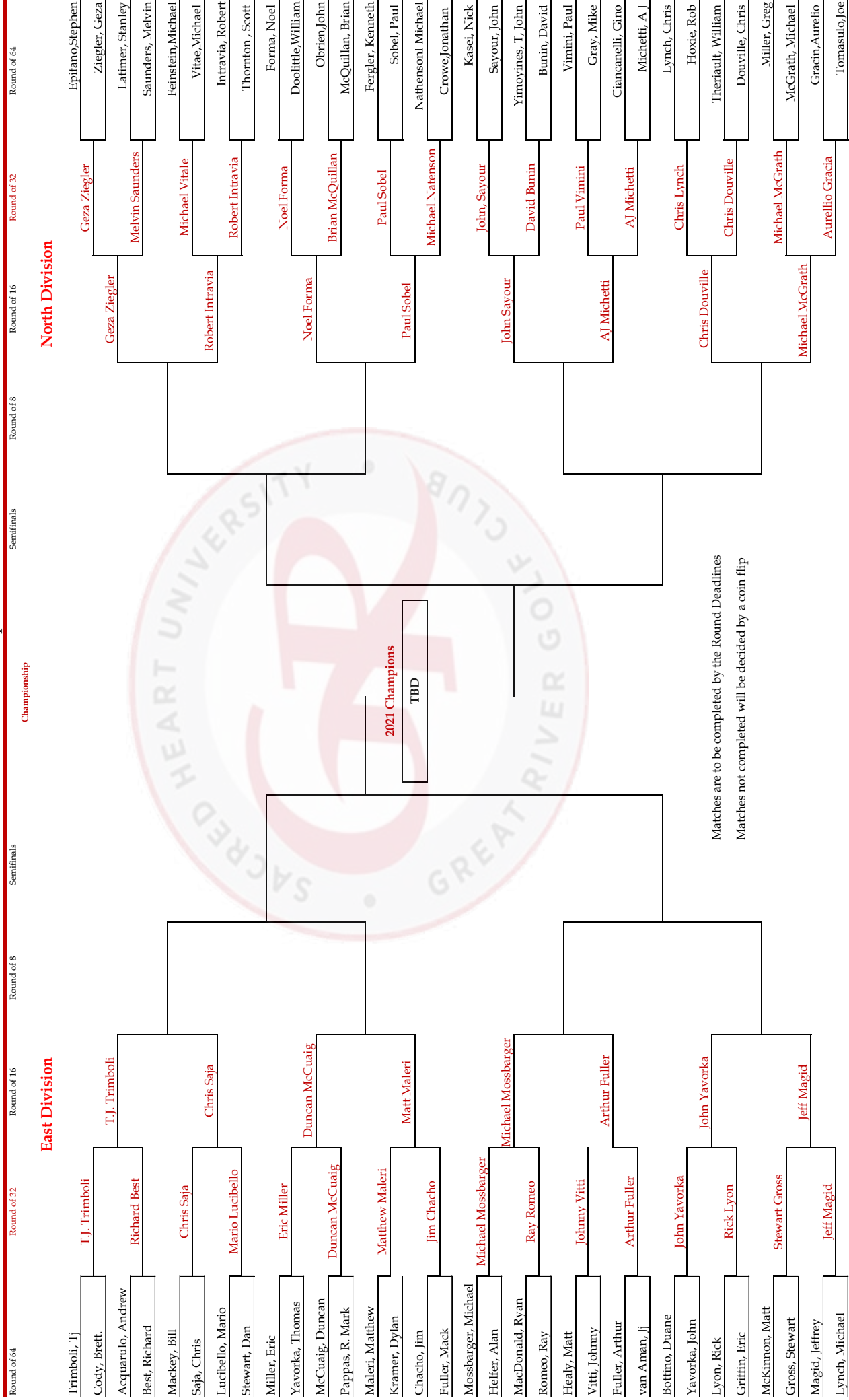
Entry Fee: \$25

Great River Open Round 3 & River of Redemption Round 2 Matches

Congratulations to everyone advancing in the Great River Open and The River of Redemption. Please let the Golf Staff know when you are playing your match and we will prepare the scorecard for you match.

Deadline for this round is August 15!!!!

2021 Great River Open



River to Redemption

Round of 32

Round of 16

Round of 8

Semifinals

Championship

Semifinals

Round of 8

Round of 16

Round of 32

East Division

North Division

Brett Cody

Andrew Acquarulo

Bill Mackey

Bill Mackey

Dan Stewart

Thomas Yavorka

Mark Pappas

Dylan Kramer

Mack Fuller

Alan Helfer

Ryan MacDonald

Matt Healy

JJ Van Aman

Duane Bottino

Eric Griffen

Matt Mckinnon

Michael Lynch

Andrew Acquarulo

Thomas Yavorka

Mac Fuller

Ryan Macdonald

JJ Van Aman

Matt McKimmon

Stephen Epifano

Stanley Latimer

Michael Feinstein

Scott Thornton

Scott Thornton

William Doolittle

William Doolittle

John O'Brien

Kenneth Ferleger

Jon Crowe

Jon Crowe

Nick Kaszei

Nick Kaszei

John Yimoyines

Mike Gray

Gino Ciancanelli

Gino Ciancanelli

Rob Hoxie

William Theriault

William Theriault

Greg Miller

Greg Miller

Joe Tomasulo

South Division

2021 Champions

TBD

Matches are to be completed by the Round Deadlines
Matches not completed will be decided by a coin flip

2021 Great River Invitational Results

Champions

T.J. Trimboli & Bobby Trimboli

Flight 1

Winner - T.J. Trimboli & Bobby Trimboli
Runner-Up - Matt Maleri & Chris Moore

Flight 2

Winner - JJ Van Aman & Brenton Anderson
Runner-Up - Jim Chacho & Greg Smith

Flight 3

Winner - Matt Healy & Matt Novak
Runner-Up - Melvin Saunders & Thomas Hulk

Flight 4

Winner - Chris Saja & Brett Grady
Runner-Up - Ryan Macdonald & Jeff Maurutis

Flight 5

Winner - Matt McKinnon & Brent McWhorter
Runner-Up - Alex Fait & Spencer Sodokoff

Flight 6

Winner - Scott Walker & Jeff Moore
Runner-Up - Chris Lynch & Michael Bourque

Flight 7

Winner - Nick Kaszei & Zack Philippas
Runner-Up - Rob Hoxie & Gregg Cerniglia

Flight 8

Flight Winner - Bob Intravia & Jim Intravia
Runner-Up - John Yimoyines & Kevin Yimoyines

TITLEIST BALL FITTING EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH 7:00AM-1:00PM



TITLEIST GOLF BALL SELECTION EVENT

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE EVENT

- A Titleist Golf Ball Specialist will set up on the driving range (or other desired location) for up to 6 hours to assist golfers in selecting the best Titleist golf ball for their game
- The experience for participating golfers will consist of:
 - A 5-minute one-on-one conversation with the Titleist Golf Ball Specialist
 - An expert Titleist golf ball recommendation
 - Sample packs of the recommended Titleist golf ball and an alternative model
 - Guidance on how to properly test the recommended Titleist golf balls to determine the best overall fit

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Tom Rosati Golf Academy

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GOLF ACADEMY

IT'S JUNIOR CAMP AND CLINIC SEASON!

We have many programs for the little golfer in your family. Check out our programs below and sign up soon. These programs are filling fast!

Junior Clinics

Our Junior Clinic Programs are designed for beginner to intermediate junior golfers from ages 7-14. Clinic sessions run for 1-1½ hours in length, depending on the series. Students' skills are evaluated prior to beginning instruction through our unique Level Achievement Program.

Summer Clinic #2: Tuesday-Friday Aug 10-13

Ages 7-10 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Ages 11-14 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Fall Clinic: Sundays - Sept 12, 19, 26, & Oct 3

Ages 11-14 9:15 am – 10:30 am

Ages 7-10 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Junior Clinic Pricing

SHU Alumni and Faculty \$160.00

GRGC Members \$180.00

Non-Members \$200.00

Half-Day Camps (Ages 8-16)

We are excited about adding a half day camp for our intermediate players ages 8-16 years old. This is a great opportunity for the kids from our clinic programs to learn more and move up in our Level Achievement Program. We will get on the course to learn etiquette and rules, but play will be limited.

Session 3 – August 2-6 – AM Class 9:00-12:00 or PM Class 1:00-4:00

Session 4 – August 16-20 - AM Class 9:00-12:00 or PM Class 1:00-4:00

Half Day Camp Pricing

SHU Alumni and Faculty \$350.00

GRGC Members \$370.00

Non-Members \$400.00

Tom Rosati Golf Academy

CODY PALADINO WINS 92ND NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR

Standing on the 18th tee Cody Paladino needed a par to win the 92nd New England Amateur Championship at Great River Golf Club. Two perfect shots left him just 14 feet to negotiate. After just missing his birdie, he knocked home the winning par put from just outside a foot.

Following the winning put was an outpour of emotion from Paladino who immediately embraced his swing coach and our very own Director of Instruction, Tom Rosati.

Having his fair share of close calls over the past two years added to the jubilation he felt on the 18th green "I can't even count how many second-place finishes and I think I'm up to four or five six second place finishes. So, you know, it just, it's amazing to finally have a victory."

From all of us here at Great River, congratulations Cody on the victory and a just as big congratulations Tommy on another big victory for your students!



OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS CONTINUE TO PERFORM WELL!

- Ben James placed 2nd in the Boys PGA Junior Championship and is currently 6th in the world on the AJGA Rolex rankings
- Robby Rosati won the US Challenge Cup World Series and had a 3rd place finish in the Challenge Cup Boys Championship
- Jake Ivan Pal and Oliver McGovern both qualified for the Northern Junior Invitational at New Haven CC Aug 3 & 4. Good luck boys!

Tom Rosati Golf Academy

HELP SAVE OUR RANGE BALLS!

Lately I've been noticing a pattern of divots on the range. Either everyone is aiming left and hitting all our range balls in the woods or they're swinging the club outside to in. My guess is the latter. To help all you range rats to swing the club on plane and to prevent Great River from losing any more range balls, I have a great drill you should try. Let's first grab a 7 or 6 iron. Work your way up as you get better at the drill. Next you'll need 2 alignment sticks. Find a target and set up. Put one stick in the ground 6 inches outside the ball line 2 feet behind the ball. The other stick goes 2 feet in front of the ball about 10 inches inside the ball line. Now angle the sticks so they are on the same angle as the shaft at set up (see figure 1). The idea is to swing the club underneath the first stick and above the second stick to promote an inside down the line swing pattern (See figure 2). Do the drill 50 times a day for 2 weeks and you'll change your path. You also might suffer a few lacerations to you hands and arms, but it's worth it. So remember 50 times a day for two weeks - and don't forget the band aids!



FIGURE 1

(NOTE INSIDE STICK SHOULD BE SHORTER THAN OUTSIDE)



FIGURE 2



SUMMER SALE!

UNDER ARMOR

30% OFF ALL SHIRTS

GREYSON APPAREL

30% OFF ALL SHIRTS

LADIES APPAREL

30% OFF ALL TOPS

MAUI JIM

30% OFF SUNGLASSES

SWANNIES

30% OFF SHIRTS

What's Hot in the Shop?

PETER MILLAR SUMMER COLLECTION



FOOTJOY SUMMER COLLECTION



BUSHNELL PHANTOM 2 GPS
\$129.99

ENJOY THE EASE AND CONVENIENCE OF GETTING GPS-PROVIDED DISTANCES AROUND THE COURSE WITH THE PHANTOM 2. IT FEATURES LARGE, EASY-TO-READ FRONT, CENTER AND BACK DISTANCES, AN INTEGRATED BITE MAGNETIC MOUNT AND GREENVIEW WITH MOVABLE PIN PLACEMENT.

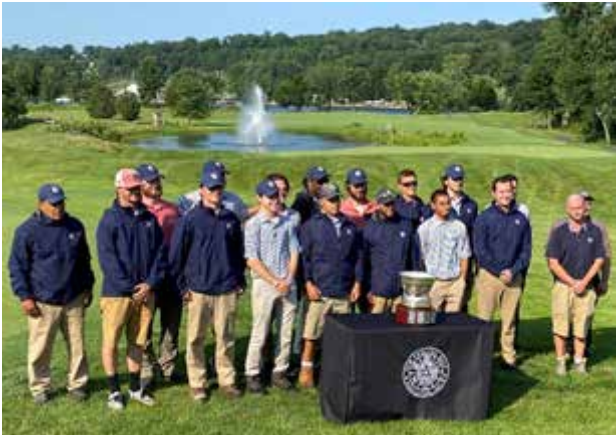


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Greens & Grounds

2021 New England Amateur Championship

We hosted the 2021 New England Amateur Championship here at Great River July 19th-22nd. We saw some of the best amateur golfers from all over New England come and play some great golf here at our club. Cody Paladino out of Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford and student of Tom Rosati was the winner after day three coming in at an amazing -10 Par 54-hole score. Here at Greens and Grounds, we received great help from 22 volunteers throughout the tournament to help prepare the course for championship conditions. The volunteers included Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, College Interns, and turfgrass consultants from top clubs across CT, NY, PA, RI, and MA. This was a major help in preparation for and maintaining conditioning throughout the tournament, and Great River greatly thanks these individuals for sacrificing their time from early morning to late night. We received great feedback about both the playing challenge and aesthetic beauty of Great River, and we look forward to future opportunities to spotlight our incredible property.





Upcoming Aerification Dates

We have two upcoming Aerification Programs scheduled in August and October.

- August 10 – August 11, 2021
- October 26 – November 1, 2021

The golf course will be closed to play during these two aerification periods. Practice Facility use will be available for limited hours & dates while the course is closed.

We would like to thank our membership for your continuous support of us here at the Greens & Grounds Department and the conditions of our club.

Blake Thomas

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Event Planner Corner

Greetings!

We hope everyone is having a great summer! July seemed to fly by, as we hosted a total of 21 events, including 8 weddings, 2 micro-weddings, 9 corporate events and 2 parties. These events ranged in size from as little as 7 people, to as large as 160, with a total of **1,730** individual guests who walked through our doors!



We wish a special congratulations to SHU Alumnae Haley and her new husband Derek for tying the knot! We were also honored to welcome the SHU class of 2025 and their parents over multiple event days.

We are excited to host more celebrations and important milestone events this month. The Events team at Great River would love to help get your next event on your calendar. We are now booking holiday parties & 2023 weddings.

We look forward to seeing you!

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