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THE RIVER

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2022 Great River Invitational Winners Matt McKinnon and Brent McWhorter after their big win in the shootout

This Month at a Glance

Thursday, August 4

Ladies Nine & Dine

Saturday, August 6

Tom Follo

Friday, August 12

Member Clinic

Pints & Pooches Happy Hour

Thursday, August 18

Wine Club Dinner

Friday, August 19

Stember Cup

Friday, August 26

Couples Championship

Saturday, August 27

Junior Club Championship

Sunday, August 28

Senior Club Championship



2022 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!

Frank Bonanno
Dave Branning
Maureen & Robert Ruby



What's Hot in the Shop?

GR Custom Head Covers



What's Hot in the Shop?



Performance Apparel



What's Hot in the Shop?

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What's Hot in the Shop?

PUMA GOLF Apparel and Footwear



What's Hot in the Shop?

25% Off

Swannies Polos



Food & Beverage

Dear Members,

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Chef Matt and his Culinary team have been busy revising all of our restaurant menus in Monty's. You will be seeing the new menus coming out this month! The menus will showcase the seasonality of the late summer.

We're also excited about our next Wine Club dinner, our theme for August is "Spain". Our Executive Chef Matt Adkins will collaborate with wine sommelier, Stephanie Kristy, from Connecticut Distributing Inc. (CDI) to offer you a fabulous food & wine pairing.

We have a couple of other "save the dates" for you this month - on Friday, August 12th, we will be having our first "Pints & Pooches" Happy Hour on our Fireplace Patio. More details to follow. Another fun event will be our Fourth Annual Lobster Bake, which will be held on Friday, September 2nd.

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

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



Food & Beverage



Executive Chef Matthew Adkins Presents: Spain

**Thursday, August 18, 2022
6:30 pm**



First Course

**Mohan Cheese-Chorizo Croquette,
Fire Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Gazpacho, Mojito Air
*Paired with: Las Rocas Garnacha***

Second Course

**Espelette Spiced Diver Scallop, Lime Compressed Watermelon,
Sweet Pea Emulsion, Cumin Foam, Spicy Chili Cloud
*Paired with: Martin Codax Albarino***

Third Course

**Iberico Pork Paillard, Matchstick Potatoes,
Manchego Espuma, Olive Oil Arugula,
Saffron Red Chimichurri
*Paired with: Locations E***

Dessert

**Hazelnut Mousse Cream Puff,
Chocolate-Coffee Cotton Candy, Truffles
*Paired with: Martin Codax Rojo***



Food & Beverage

GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB

MEMBER LOBSTER BAKE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
6:00 PM | FIREPLACE PATIO

\$75 PER PERSON (PLUS TAX) | CASH BAR

RSVP ON CLUBSTER OR EMAIL
KARINA@GRGOLFCLUB.COM BY
8/28/22!

Tournament News

2022 Great River Invitational Results



2022 Invitational Champions

Matt McKinnon and Brent McWhorter (Flight 5)



Flight 1

TJ & Bobby Trimboli



Flight 2

Eric & Alan Miller



Flight 3

Matt Maleri & Chris Moore



Flight 4

Paul Wetmore & Brian Valeriano



Flight 6

Scott & Nick Warkentin



Flight 7

Chris Lynch & Michael Bourque



Flight 8

Noel Forma & Steve Pressman



Flight 9

Michael O'Rourke & Matt Kleber



Flight 10

Robert & Jim Intravia

Tournament News

2022 Great River Invitational Results (Continued)

Closest to the Hole - \$50 per player

#2: Steve Epifano
#8: Dylan Kramer
#10: Alex Cardona
#15: Greg Miller

Longest Drive

#3: Tom Yavorka - \$50
#6: Sam Meyer - \$50
#13: Sam Meyer - Driver Headcover

2022 Long Drive Champion:
JJ Van Aman (327 yards)

Great River Invitational Par 3 Results

Low Gross - \$100 per player: Kyle Tyll and Doug Maclean (+1)

Low Net - \$100 per player: Anthony Marchitto and Matt Rully (-8)

Best Ball Low Gross - \$75 per team: Score -2

Chase Mascolo & Willie DeMeo
Scott Walker & William DeMeo
Martin Gaudrault & Kevin Miculcy
Michael Patterson & Connor McCutcheon

Best Ball Low Net - \$75 per team: Score -10

Ben Farina & Kyle Birdsall
Matt Wagner & Ken Morrison
Philip Reynolds & Johnny Vitti
Matt Rully & Anthony Marchitto

Giant Skins Game - \$250 per skin

Nick Warkentin
Jerry Barker
Kevin Yimoyines

Tournament News

2022 Great River Invitational Results (Continued)

Pro Shop Raffle Gift Cards

\$350 - Doug Maclean
\$300 - Rich Best
\$250 - Anthony Marchitto
\$200 - Salvatore Lombardi
\$200 - Matthew Rully
\$150 - Nick Boncardo
\$150 - Rob Diskin
\$150 - Mike Feinstein
\$150 - Greg Miller
\$150 - John Yavorka
\$150 - Rick Lyon
\$150 - Matt Wagner
\$150 - Chase Mascolo
\$125 - Ryan MacDonald
\$125 - James Schwanderla
\$125 - Steve Pressman
\$125 - Brenton Anderson
\$125 - Eric Miller
\$125 - Wayne Garrick
\$125 - Johnny Vitti
\$125 - Matt LeJeune

Srixon Two Dozen Set

Chris Brennan
Tom Anthes
Chris Lynch
Scott Warkentin

Grey Goose Gift Set

Mack Fuller

Pot of Gold

Flight 5

Cash Raffle

Jim Intravia
Connor O'Brien
Anthony Marchitto
John Yimoyines
Wayne Garrick
Will Seymour

Tournament News

Ladies Nine & Dine Results

Once again, there was a wonderful turnout full of enjoyment at our Ladies Nine & Dine! Congratulations to our two first place winners with a score of 33!



Caitlin Wardlow
Christy Machan
Judy Davis



Barbara Poremba
Aileen Murray
Joanne Nault

Tournament News



Love to Walk? Hate to Carry or Push? Try our new Tempowalk Carts

Our new Tempowalks from Club Car are autonomous caddies. Tempowalks are equipped with GPS, sand bottles, cup holders, USB chargers, and a cooler! These are great for any golfer who likes to walk and do not want to push or carry their bag. Tempowalks are available everyday, but we only have four and they are on a first come, first serve basis. Come try one next time you're at the club.

Tournament News

Tom Follo Member-Member Tournament August 6th and 7th



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. In round two, teams will try to improve their hole-by-hole score from round one. Teams will take the scores from both rounds to create their best 18-hole score.

New to the event this year, there will be a Gross Division, Net Division, and a Ladies Division. Also, we have added a shootout on the 10th hole to determine the overall winners. Each division winner will play alternate shot on hole 10 until we have a winner.

The entry fee for the Tom Follo Tournament is \$125 per player which includes breakfast & lunch both days, Sunday skins, on-course contests, and prizes for each division.

If you are interested in playing, you can sign-up on Clubster!

Assistant Professional Pete Allen Passes PGA's Player Ability Test

We are happy to report that Pete Allen has passed his PGA Player Ability Test this past Thursday. Pete completed 36-holes under the PGA target score at Traditions at Oak Lane. This a great accomplishment for Pete and another proud moment for us at the club as we get to watch both Pete and Amanda start their professional journey.



Tournament News



All American Mixer Results

1st Place Gross-27 (\$40 per player)

Anthony Marchitto

Krista Lepore

Kyle Birdsall

Jackie Birdsall

1st Place Net-22 (\$40 per player)

Mario Lucibello

Emily Lucibello

Rick Bryant

April Bryant

2nd Place Net-25 (\$35 per player)

William Doolittle

Pam Doolittle

John Doolittle

Ann Doolittle

Tournament News

Red, White and Blue Tournament Results

1st Place Gross-63 (\$200 Each)

T.J. Trimboli & David Zeid

2nd Place Gross-67(\$150 per player)

Dylan Kramer & Jeff Magid

3rd Place Gross-67(\$125 per player)

Morgan Faller & Eric Miller

1st Place Net-61(\$200 per player)

William Theriault & David Bunin

2nd Place Net-62(\$150 per player)

Daniel Xing & Ryan Xing

3rd Place Net-64(\$125 per player)

Aurelio Gracia & Paul Bortnick

Mixed Division

1st Place-65 (\$100 per player)

Barbara Poremba & David Ball

2nd Place-67 (\$75 per player)

Martha Alward & Jim Alward

3rd Place – 69 (\$50 per player)

William DeMeo & Julia DeMeo

Net Skins (\$50 Each Player)

Paul Seperack & Rich Best-Eagle on 8

Bob Shea & Joe Shea-Eagle on 15

William Theriault & David Bunin- Eagle on 4

Ken Wood & Mark Kuligowski-Eagle on 11

Gross Skins(\$50 Each Player)

TJ Trimboli & David Zeid (2)-Eagle on 6 & 17

Sol Steinberg & Warren Steinberg-Birdie on 14

Tournament News

Member Spotlight



Jo Rasmussen wins 2nd Place in Danbury Amateur

In the 32nd Annual Danbury Amateur our current Women's Club Champion Jo Rasmussen took home second place and only missed becoming a back to back champion at the event by one stroke! Great playing Jo, we are happy for your success and showing everyone that Great River is where the real players play!

Pints & Pooches Happy Hour

August 12th | 4:00pm

Fireplace Patio

\$25 per person

(includes food and drinks)

**All Friendly Dogs
Welcome!**

Please RSVP by August 7th on

Clubster or email

karina@grgolfclub.com

Tournament News

Paint & Pour

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 15TH

\$50 PER PERSON

6:00PM

COMPLIMENTARY WINE
AND HORS D'OEUVRES

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

RSVP BY SEPT 8TH VIA
CLUBSTER OR
CALL 203.876.8051 EXT. 111



Tom Rosati Golf Academy

Great River Juniors Continue Strong Play

If you haven't noticed by now, you'll see some incredible young talent at Great River. These kids, who I am proud to call my students, continue to win and perform well in tournaments all over the country.

- Robby Rosati recently qualified for the National Boys PGA Championship at Cog Hill in Chicago at age 13. He will be the youngest player in the field as he and only one other player from CT and MA have qualified. Robby also recently went to the semifinals in the CT Junior Amateur and followed that with a win on the Challenge Cup Boys Championship in Rhode Island.
- North Chery, a 14 year old, recently shot -7 for three rounds at Tory Pines in California to finish 2nd in the IMG Junior Championship - amazing!
- 15 year old Caden Piselli recently qualified for the Optimist World Junior at Doral in Miami and made the cut among the top juniors in the world.
- 16 year old Harrison Brown fires rounds of 71-72 to grab a top 5 finish in a Challenge Cup Boys Championship in Rhode Island.
- 8 year old Jayden Wei recently won the CT PGA Junior Tournament in the 12 and under division shooting a 37!
- Mike Rothberg, Oliver McGovern and Angelina Hubertus recently qualified for the Northern Junior Championship at Great River which will be played August 2nd and 3rd. They will represent Great River and this prestigious junior tournament with the players from all over the world. Good luck!

Congratulations to all our incredible junior players and their fine play this summer!

Greens & Grounds

2022 Mid-Summer Weather

The Northeast United States has experienced an unprecedented Summer 2022 thus far with prolonged periods of extreme heat, high winds, high humidity, and little rainfall. In Milford, CT we have received a total 1.9" inches of precipitation between June 1st - July 24th, well below the 20-year average of 7.1" total rainfall for the months of June & July combined. This current drought, coupled with similarly historic prolonged stretches of high daytime and overnight temperatures, have resulted in an immense amount of stress on the golf course and overall plant health of our playing surfaces at Great River. Our Greens & Grounds Staff have been working tirelessly over the past two months to combat this weather pattern and relieve as much stress on plant health as possible to make it through this summer thus far and preserve the integrity of our fine turf for the peak of our season.

On Tuesday & Wednesday, July 26th & 27th, following the Member-Guest Invitational Tournament, we as a Great River Team made the decision to close the golf course in order for the Greens & Grounds Department to perform additional critical course care operations to combat this historic weather stretch. During this 1 ½ day period, the Greens & Grounds Team was able to accomplish the equivalent of roughly 3 ½ days of tasks during our usual club operations and course being open to play. With the empty space on the golf course to perform tasks, we were able to perform mowing on virtually every grass blade on the property, slit-vent & sand topdress all the greens, make numerous granular fertility and preventative spray applications to all playing surfaces, and allow plant health of the entire property to heal & recover by removing nearly all foot and cart traffic for nearly 48 hours. In the midst of this oppressive weather stretch, the benefits towards plant health and overall conditioning across the entire property from this brief closure cannot be understated or overexaggerated. The Greens & Grounds Department sincerely appreciates all the support and sacrifice asked from our members and guests to allow us the time to perform critical course care operations and help the golf course preserve itself through this historic weather stretch.

Thank you again.



Greens & Grounds



Upcoming G&G Projects and Course Maintenance

Starting on August 1st and stretching through the late fall, the Greens & Grounds operation will be shifting focus towards a number of exciting tournaments, course maintenance operations, and Long-Range Capital Improvement Projects. We at Greens & Grounds are excited for all the following events outlined in the calendar, especially for our two major Capital Improvement Projects in the New Irrigation System Installation and Bunker Renovation Project. In conjunction with the direction & support with Sacred Heart University, Great River has been hard at work over the past two years to plan & prepare for these major course improvement projects. We are anxious to get started and break ground on these exciting projects since their impact directly upon golf course conditions and our ability to maintain the property to the highest standards possible will be felt not only immediately come Spring 2023, but for the next 20 years ahead in Great River's future.

August 1st-3rd – During these three days, Great River Golf Club will be hosting the 2022 Northern Junior Championship. We are looking forward to this event as it will bring good exposure to our club as well as hosting some of the best young golfers in the Northeast.

August 9th-11th – Greens Aerification Only. These dates we will be performing our greens only aerification. This will include punching holes and back filling with sand to continue removing organic matter from the soil profile to give the greens better growing conditions and playability over time. With the warmer temperatures of mid-August, healing times are expected to be dramatically shorter than during the shoulder seasons (approx. 10 days).

August 15th-October 1st – Phase 1 of the new irrigation installation. Phase 1 will include the installation of the mainline pipe, which is the biggest pipe and most important pipe of the system. The mainline will be running from up on the 3rd green all the way back down to the 15th green.

September 20th-October 18th – Golf course construction company McDonald & Sons will be on property to do a complete rebuild on our old bunkers that were not rebuilt in the prior years- primarily the Fairway bunkers. McDonald & Sons is one of the most highly regarded golf course construction companies, they have worked on many of the top clubs in the country. We are excited to have McDonald and Sons back on property to complete this exciting and important project.

Greens & Grounds



Upcoming G&G Projects and Course Maintenance (Continued)

September 27th- October 2nd – Fall 2022 Aerification. This will be our main Fall 2022 Aerification Program, which will include the Approaches, Tees and Fairways.

October 2nd-April (2023) – Phase 2 Irrigation System Installation. Phase 2 will include the installation of the lateral line irrigation pipe. This is all the pipe that will run off of the mainline delivering water to all surfaces of the course, Greens, Approaches, Tees, Fairways and Rough. This will be the largest and most in depth part of the installation. We here at Greens and Grounds could not be more excited to assist Tanto Irrigation during this project in all ways possible as well as finally getting the new system up and running.

Thank you again to all the support from our membership, and we look forward to a great late-summer golf season ahead.

J.P. MacPherson, IV
Golf Course Superintendent

Event Planner Corner

Greetings!

We hope everyone is having a great summer! July seemed to fly by, as we hosted many special events, including baby and bridal showers, corporate events, weddings, and a very special wedding anniversary celebration. Happy 40th anniversary to Pat & John, who celebrated with 95 of their closest friends and family! We'd also like to congratulate the following couples who said "We do": Marissa & Steve, Lauren & Torrey, Stefanie & Kevin, and Ashlie & Nick!

Fun fact: According to The Knot Real Weddings 2021 Vendor Report, couples like to incorporate unique food & beverage moments as a part of their special day. Creating signature drinks that reflect the couple's personality is a fun example. "Mokers 19th Hole" was made with red, white & berry vodka & garnished with blueberries and strawberries. What a fun way to celebrate the couple's love of golf, and the Independence Day holiday!

As we look ahead to the remainder of the summer, we are excited to host more special events, including weddings, showers, and corporate meetings.

The Events team at Great River would love to help get your next event on your calendar. We are now booking holiday parties & 2023 & 2024 weddings. If you know of anyone looking for the perfect venue for their special event, please have them give us a call.

We look forward to seeing you!

All the Best,

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