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# 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 in 2021!**

PETER CHAFFEY

ERIC MILLER

STEVEN CHILLE

COREY MITCHENER

DAVID COLVILLE

JOE ROSATI

CHRIS & DIXIE DOUVILLE

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BENJAMIN STOCK

BILL MANEGIO

FIRST COUNTY BANK

# 2021 Member Social Events

## April

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Brunch

Wednesday, April 28th

Wine Club Dinner

## May

Sunday, May 9th

Mother's Day Brunch

Friday, May 14th

Steak & Cigar Night

Friday, May 28th

Margarita Mixer

## June

Tuesday, June 8th

Paint & Pour

Wednesday, June 16th

Wine Club Dinner

Sunday, June 20th

Father's Day Barbecue

## July

Friday, July 2nd

All-American Mixer

Friday, July 2nd

Pig Roast with Live Music

Thursday, July 29th

Trivia Night

## August

Wednesday, August 11th

Wine Club Dinner

Sunday, August 22nd

True Member Mixer

## September

Friday, September 3rd

Lobster Bake

Sunday, September 5th

Labor Day Mixed Couples Championship

Friday, September 24th

Craft Beer & Pizza Night

## October

Wednesday, October 6th

Wine Club Dinner

Sunday, October 10th

Oktoberfest Mixer

Friday, October 22nd

Closing Day Dinner & Awards Ceremony

## November

Sunday, November 21st

Master Chef Class

## December

Wednesday, December 1st

Holiday Wine Club Dinner

Thursday, December 16th

Christmas Holiday Party

Sunday, December 19th

Brunch with Santa

# 2021 Member's Tournament Schedule

## **Great River Open:** May 1st – October 17th

**Format:** The field will be flighted by handicap into four divisions. Inside each division members will play an Individual Match Play Bracket. The four division winners will then face each other in single elimination match play to determine the 2021 champion.

**Handicap:** 100% Course Handicap stroked off the low handicap player

**Round of 64 Match Deadline:** June 10th

**Round of 32 Match Deadline:** July 15th

**Round of 16 Match Deadline:** August 8th

**Round of 8 Match Deadline:** September 12th

**Semi-Finals Match Deadline:** October 3rd

**Finals Deadline:** October 17th

**Sign-Up Deadline:** April 25th

**Entry Fee:** \$50

## **Opening Day ABCD Shamble:** Saturday, May 1, 10:30am Shotgun

**Format:** Two Best Balls of Four Shamble: Teams will be created using an ABCD pairing method. In a shamble, all players will tee off, the team will select the best drive, then everyone will play their own ball in from that location. The two lowest score of the team will be taken per hole. Teams must use everyone's tee shot a minimum of two times.

**Prizes:** Low Gross & Low Net Teams

**Handicap:** 70% Course Handicap

**Sign-Up Deadline:** April 28th

**Food and Beverage:** Breakfast Buffet & Lunch

**Entry Fee:** \$75

## **Spring One Day Member-Guest:** Friday, May 14th, 1:00pm Shotgun

**Format:** Better Ball of Partners. Members may invite up to three guests and compete as three different teams.

**Handicap:** 90% Course Handicap

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Wednesday, May 12th

**Prizes:** Gross & Net based on participation

**Entry Fee:** Members can bring up to three guests or pair up with another member & guest combination. The entry fee for this event is \$250 per member & guest team, each additional guest is \$150. The entry fee will include lunch before the tournament, a tee gift for each player, guest green fees, carts, and hors d'oeuvre following play.

## **Giant Skins Games:** Saturday, May 29th

**Format:** The field will be flighted by handicap. Players will record their net and gross score for each hole. A skin is won by a player who post the lowest score on an individual hole. There will be a



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separate pay out for gross and net skins.

**Sign-Up Deadline:** Wednesday, May 26th

**Handicap:** 80% Course Handicap

**Prizes:** Gross & Net Skins

**Food and Beverage:** Grill Lunch at Members' Grill

**Entry Fee:** \$60

**Guest Policy:** Only one guest will be permitted per foursome. Normal guest fees will apply.

**The White Squirrel:** June 11th, 12th, & 13th

**Format:** Member-Member Four Ball Match Play. Partners will play five 9-Hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

**Handicap:** 100% Course Handicap stroked off the lowest handicap. There will be a 9 stroke max handicap difference between partners. All players must have official handicap index.

**Prizes:** 1st and 2nd in each flight

**Sign-Up Deadline:** June 1st

**Food and Beverage:** Dinner Friday, June 11th, Breakfast and Lunch at the Member's Grill both days

**Entry Fee:** \$350 per member

**Father's Day Tournament:** Sunday, June 20th

**Format:** Members and each family guest will compete in a better ball of partner's format. Members may invite up to three family members using any combination of father-son/daughter/grandchild.

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**Prizes:** Teams will compete in Father-Son, Father-Daughter, or Father-Grandchildren flights and have the option to play in a 9 or 18-hole competition.

**Sign-up Deadline:** Wednesday, June 16th

**Entry Fee:** \$10 per team entry

**Red, White, and Blue:** Sunday, July 4th, Tee Times Starting at 7:00am

**Format:** This tournament is a Two-Person Shamble. In this event both players will tee off, they will pick the best tee shot, then will play their own ball in from that location. The team will then use the best score between them as their team score. Teams will play from the tournament tees which will be a mix of red, white, and blue tees.

**Prizes:** Low gross and low net teams. Teams will also compete in a gross and net team skins.

**Food & Beverage:** BBQ lunch following golf

**Entry Fee:** \$50 per player, \$20 optional team skins game

**Great River Invitational:** July 16th, 17th, & 18th

**Format:** Four Ball Match Play. Partners will play five 9-Hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

**Handicap:** 100% Course Handicap stroked off the lowest handicap. There will be a 9 stroke max handicap difference between partners. All players must have official handicap index.

**Prizes:** 1st and 2nd in each flight

**Sign-Up Deadline:** July 4th

**Food and Beverage:** Dinner Friday, July 16th, Breakfast and Lunch at the Member's Grill both days

**Entry Fee:** \$750 per team

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**The Stember Cup:** Friday, July 30th,

18-Hole Tee Times starting at 1:00pm - 9-Hole Tee Times starting at 3:00pm

**Format:** The Stember Cup is a fun way to meet and play with some of the Great River staff. Three Members and a Great River employee from any department will play a Two Best Ball of Four Shamble.

**Food & Beverage:** BBQ at the fireplace patio following event.

**Cost:** The cost of this event is \$25 per player

**Tom Follo Member/Member Tournament:** August 7th & 8th, 9:00am Shotgun both days

**Format:** 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.

**Sign-Up Deadline:** August 1st

**Prizes:** Low Gross & Low Net Teams

**Food and Beverage:** Breakfast & Lunch both days

**Entry Fee:** \$100 per player

**Junior Club Championship (17 & Under):** Saturday, August 28th, Tee Times starting at 1:00pm

**Format:** Individual Stroke Play. Juniors will be divided into age divisions with separate prizes for each division.

**Sign-Up Deadline:** August 25th

**Entry Fee:** \$25

**Senior Club Championship:** Sunday, August 29th

**Format:** 18-Hole Individual Stroke Play.

Senior Division- 55 and over

Super Senior Division- 75 and over

**Sign-Up Deadline:** August 25th

**Entry Fee:** \$25

**Men's & Ladies Club Championship:** September 4th, 5th, & 6th,  
Tee Times Starting at 7:30am-9:30am

**Men's Championship:** Single Elimination Match Play Bracket – Championship Field will be determined by low 7 qualifiers and 2020 Champion. The championship flight will be played from the Black Tees.

**Qualifying Rounds:** Qualifying rounds will be 18-holes of individual stroke play from the Black Tees. Members may attempt to qualify between August 14th and September 3rd. Any player attempting to qualify must do so with another player attempting to qualify or a member of the professional staff. Players may only attempt to qualify one time. Any player that does not qualify will be allowed to play in the flighted championships if they wish.

**Flighted Championship:** Players that would like to compete in the Club Championship outside of the Championship flight may do so in our Flighted Championship. Players entering the flighted championship will be placed into flights of eight based upon handicap index. Players will play in a single elimination match play bracket.

**Ladies Club Championship:** The Ladies Club Championship will be a 36-hole individual stroke

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play competition played on Saturday & Sunday, September 4th & 5th. There will be a gross and net division.

**Entry Fee:** \$50

**Food & Beverage:** Breakfast Saturday

**Fall One Day Member-Guest:** Friday, September 24th, 1:00pm Shotgun

**Format:** Members and their guests will compete in a two best balls of four competition with a Gross Division, Net Division, and Best Gross/Net Combined Division.

**Sign-Up Deadline:** September 20th

**Entry Fee:** \$250 per member & guest team, each additional guest is \$150. The entry fee will include lunch before the tournament, a tee gift for each player, guest green fees, carts, and hors d'oeuvres following play. Members can bring up to three guests or pair up with another member & guest combination.

**The Ryder Cup:** October 9th & 10th \*Invitation Only, Starting times at 8:00 am

**Format:** The top 24 season point winners qualify for this exciting tournament. There will be five 9 hole matches over two

**Food and Beverage:** Breakfast & Lunch both days

**Entry Fee:** \$75 covers food & team uniform costs

**Closing Day Tournament & Awards Banquet:** Friday, October 22, 1:30pm shotgun

**Format:** The Closing Day Tournament will be an ABCD – 1,2,3 Shamble. Teams will be paired using an ABCD system and will play a Shamble in which all team players will tee off, the team will select the best drive, and all players will play their own ball in from that location. The team will record 1 best ball on the par 3's, 2 best balls on the par 4's, and 3 best balls on the par 5's.

**Entry Fee:** The cost is \$75 per player which includes box lunch, dinner, & contest prizes

**Awards Dinner:** After the tournament concludes, we will have an awards dinner to highlight all the winners of 2021. All members, especially tournament winners are invited to attend the dinner if they cannot play in the tournament.

**Cross Country Turkey Shoot:** Sunday, Nov 14th, 10:00am shotgun

**Format:** This is a fun event in which teams of four will play a scramble from tees to greens that will challenge every shot imaginable. Teams will find tricky par 3's, nearly impossible par 4's & 5's, and even a par 6 to manage.

**Prizes:** Low Gross & Low Net Teams

**Cost:** \$50 per player.

**Food & Beverage:** On course refreshments & lunch following play

**Superintendent's Revenge:** Friday, November 26th, 10:00am Shotgun

**Format:** Two-player scramble that will take on a course setup by JP and his crew to challenge you from tee box to green.

**Sign-Up Deadline:** November 22

**Prizes:** Low Gross & Low Net Teams

**Food & Beverage:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Cost:** \$50



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## 2021 Mixed Golf Schedule

Grab your significant other or anyone from the opposite sex that you would like to play 9-holes of golf with and compete in our Mixed Golf events. These events are designed to be fun, yet competitive, and they are a great way to spend the day on the course for either a beginner of the game or veteran. All mixers start with a 4:00 pm shotgun and are played on the front 9.

Friday, May 28th – Margarita Mixer

Friday, July 2nd – All-American Mixer

Sunday, August 22nd – True Member - Mixer

Sunday, September 5th – Labor Day Mixed Couples Championship

Sunday, October 10th – Oktoberfest Mixer

**Cost:** All Mixers are \$75 per team and include dinner, guest fees, and prize fund.

## Wednesday Twilight League

Back by popular demand, the Great River Wednesday Night Twilight League will continue! This year we have made some new improvements and extended the season. Three players form a team of which two play each week in a round-robin format.

Matches are 9-holes at 100% handicap and begin each week with a 5:00pm shotgun start.

Teams will play a fourball match against each team in their conference earning points each week. At the end of the season teams with the highest point total will earn a spot in the playoffs and play in a single elimination match, the conference winners from each division will face off for the championship.

Members may register as a single looking to join a team, a twosome looking for a third, or as a three-player team.

**Cost:** \$300 per team (\$100 per player or \$150 if you prefer to be a twosome)

**Food & Beverage:** League Dinner the week of the Championship match

# Food & Beverage

**Dear Members,**

From the Food & Beverage Team of Great River, we all hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe! First and foremost, we are extremely excited about our new kitchen remodel (see photos below). We have invested in state of the art equipment that will allow our Executive Chef, Matt Adkins and his team to express their culinary and creative talents.



We would also would like to inform you of our reopening date and our hours of operation. Our opening date will be scheduled for **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**. Through the early part of spring we will be open on Wednesdays for lunch, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open for lunch and dinner and Sunday for lunch with brunch specialties. Back by popular demand, will be our **Burgers & Brews night on Thursdays** and **Prime Rib Night on Fridays**. As always, we will keep you posted to any upcoming changes to Monty's Restaurant operations.

We will be celebrating **Easter Sunday** in Monty's River Grille on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 10:30am to 3pm. We will be featuring an A la Carte Menu with brunch specials. Please call early for reservations, as seating will be limited.

Our first **Wine Club Dinner** of the season will be Wednesday, April 28, 2021, starting at 6:30pm. Our theme for the evening will be French; we will be pairing exquisite food with specialty wines from France!

More details will follow about both of these special events, so keep your eye on our website and social media pages for the latest details!

We know we've been in a challenging year but we remain hopeful and optimistic about the new golf season and the year in front of us! Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your guests as we look forward to another Great River year!

Sincerely,

**Dan Piccolello**, Food & Beverage Director  
**Matthew Adkins**, Executive Chef

# *Sweetheart Night*

at Monty's River Grille

*3 Course Prix Fixe • \$60 per couple  
Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

## **APPETIZERS**

**Green or Caesar Salad**

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Lobster Diavolo**

Heart-Shaped Lobster Ravioli, Lobster Medallions, San Marzano Tomatoes, Cherry Peppers, Garlic, Fresh Tarragon

**Beef Carpaccio**

Shaved Red Onion, Capers, Pecorino Cheese, Tuscan Olive Oil

## **ENTREES**

**Bronzini**

Crispy Eggplant, Roasted Tomatoes, Red Watercress, White Bean Hummus, Kalamata Olive Chutney, Balsamic Reduction

**Marinated Marble Farms Long Bone Pork Chop**

Sweet Corn Cake Puree, Avocado Salad, Chocolate-Scented Ancho Sauce

**Lemon Pepper Fettuccini**

Grilled Portobello Mushrooms, English Peas, Black Garlic, Caramelized Shallot, Preserved Lemon, Whipped Herb Ricotta

## **DESSERTS**

**Tiramisu & Frangelico Black Berries**

**White Chocolate & Raspberry Cheesecake**

***50% OFF SELECT BOTTLES OF WINE***



# THE FISHERMAN'S NET

3 Course Prix Fixe – \$40 per person  
**Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## APPETIZERS

**Green or Caesar Salad**

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Crab Cake**

Julienned Pear, Frisse, Cranberry Remoulade

**Burrata & Figs**

Purple Watercress, Grilled Bread, Fig Balsamic, Tuscan Olive Oil

## ENTREES

**Day Boat Halibut**

Braised Lentils, Butternut Squash Puree, Cilantro-Mint Chutney

**Seared Bronzini**

Sriracha Cashew Crusted, Wilted Spinach, Aromatic Couscous, Preserved Lemon Tzatziki Sauce

**Pork Chop**

Roasted Red Pepper Smoked Gouda Crusted, Broccoli Rabe, Milanese Risotto, Tomato-Basil Reduction

**Sweet Potato & Walnut Ravioli**

Caramelized Enoki Mushrooms, Wilted Sweet Potato Leaves, Smoked Maple Cream

## DESSERTS

**Tiramisu & Frangelico Black Berries**

**Crème Brûlée**

**50% OFF SELECT BOTTLES OF WINE**

# Monty's Steakhouse

**3 COURSE PRIX FIXE – \$40 PER PERSON**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

## APPETIZERS

GREEN OR CAESAR SALAD

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

CRAB CAKE

JULIENNED PEAR, FRISSE, CRANBERRY REMOULADE

GRILLED BUTTERNUT SQUASH & BURRATA

PURPLE WATERCRESS, MARINATED FIG, FIG BALSAMIC, TUSCAN OLIVE OIL, GRILLED BREAD

## ENTREES

**22OZ. CERTIFIED BLACK ANGUS PORTERHOUSE FOR TWO\***

STEAKHOUSE BAKED POTATO, GARLIC BRUSSELS SPROUTS AND BACON, CLASSIC RED WINE DEMI AND  
BEARNAISE SAUCE

*\*available to share when 2 Prix Fixe dinners are purchased*

PORK CHOP

ROASTED RED PEPPER SMOKED GOUDA CRUSTED, BROCCOLI RABE, MILANESE RISOTTO, TOMATO-BASIL  
REDUCTION

SEARED HALIBUT

SRIRACHA CASHEW CRUSTED, WILTED SPINACH, AROMATIC COUSCOUS, PRESERVED LEMON TZATZIKI SAUCE

FETTUCCINI CARBONARA

SAN DANIELLE PROSCIUTTO, ENGLISH PEAS, PARMESAN CREAM SAUCE

## DESSERTS

FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE & FRANGELICO BLACK BERRIES  
HAZELNUT CRÈME BRULÉE

**50% OFF SELECT BOTTLES OF WINE**



# Tom Rosati Golf Academy

## Save Your Back This Year!

The secret to preventing back injuries is to have less bend and side bend during the swing. I've done a comparison of Tiger Woods and Ernie Els from 2002. In figure 3, Ernie has much less side bend just past impact than Woods. And in figure 4 Tiger has much more backwards bend in the follow through position than Ernie. These two positions that Woods gets into puts a lot of pressure on the spine, especially L4 and L5. I should know because this a move that has plagued me for years and now I'm paying for it with a herniated disc! Ernie has repeated his swing for years without much injury and he looks the same now as he did 20 years ago. To start training a back-saving swing you must first load on your right side in the backswing as in figure 1. In this position Ernie works behind the ball so the spine is tilted away from the ball, not towards the ball which creates the wrong side bend and pressure on the back. This is commonly known as the dreaded reverse pivot (see figure 2). From the proper position you can push off your right side and rotate around your left side so that you finish with less side bend and backward bend like Ernie in figure 3 and 4. One of the keys is to finish your swing with the right shoulder over your left foot, this eliminates any backward bend like Ernie in figure 4. So, before you start the season, take some video of yourself and see if you see any of these flaws. If so, come see us at the learning center to make some swing changes. Also our TPI physical therapist, Jason DeSombre, can help with corrective exercises to help you move better. Not only will you save your back, at the same time it will help you hit a lot more solid shots!

*figure 1*



*figure 2*



*figure 3*



*figure 4*



# Tom Rosati Golf Academy

## The Simplest Drill in the World

When it comes down to it the only thing that really matters in the golf swing is impact. In this article I'm going to be talking about the impact zone. The impact zone is about a foot and a half before contact and about a foot and a half after impact. If you can achieve the proper impact zone, your ball striking will improve tremendously. I'm going to show you the simplest drill in the world and how it can improve your impact zone.

All you need for this drill is a golf club box, long and rectangular about 4 inches high. This is the perfect training aid for this drill. Place the box 3 inches away from the target line and the ball. First make swings without a ball, dropping the club inside the box pre-impact about a foot and a half away from the ball (figure 1). Then keep the clubhead working more down the target line parallel to the box (figure 2) and eventually going to the left as your body turns (figure 3). For those players who swing out to in, obviously you will tend to hit the box pre-impact. For those who swing in and out you will hit the box post impact so whatever kind of swing you possess this drill will help you. After you achieve not putting any holes in the box, try doing it while hitting a ball.

Over 30 years of seeing thousands of swings, I can honestly say nobody owns a consistent impact zone, so for the remainder of the winter find an area to practice this drill daily with or without a ball. The only thing you have to lose is some cardboard boxes!

**Tom Rosati**

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Figure 1. Pre-Impact



Figure 2. Impact



Figure 3. Post-Impact

# Titleist Performance Institute Golf Fitness Program

**Jason DeSombre: Certified TPI Fitness and Medical Professional and  
Tom Rosati: PGA Golf Professional**



Our Program Includes:

## **TPI Golf Movement Screening**

These functional movement tests help us understand details of your golf motion and identify your strengths, weaknesses, and any imbalances that affect your golf swing.

## **3-D Motion Golf Swing Analysis Using the K-Vest**

The K-Vest is a vest that you wear that has three electromagnetic sensors that generate a computer aided profile of your golf swing. Using the data collected through the powerful 3D motion capture software, we're able to analyze the efficiency of your golf swing and how well you generate speed and energy through your body in a golf swing and determine the most efficient way to swing.

## **Boditrak Force and Pressure Mat**

This force & pressure measurement system is used to assess movement patterns and ground interaction by measuring pressure points in your feet while swinging.

## **6-Week Fitness Program**

After evaluating all the data, we design a custom program that will address the functional restrictions, so you can move better and improve your golf game.

## **Golf Fitness Training**

We offer weekly golf fitness training which involves Jason personally training the student through the TPI fitness program in conjunction with Tom working to improve golf swing mechanics using high speed video, K-Vest motion analysis and the Boditrak pressure technology.



### **Initial TPI Functional Movement Screening and K-Vest Swing Analysis**

Cost: \$200.00

Great River Members: \$180.00

SHU faculty and Alumni: \$150.00

Juniors and SHU students: \$150.00

### **Golf Fitness training session**

Cost: \$150.00; six sessions for \$800.00

Great River Members: \$130.00; six sessions for \$700.00

SHU faculty and Alumni: \$100.00; six sessions for \$540.00

Juniors and SHU students: \$100.00; six sessions for \$540.00

### **Golf Fitness Training Session Group Rates**

2 people

Cost: \$80.00 per student

Great River Members: \$70.00 per student

SHU faculty and Alumni: \$60.00 per student

Juniors and SHU students: \$60.00 per student

3-4 people

Cost: \$60.00 per student

Great River Members: \$50.00 per student

SHU faculty and Alumni: \$40.00 per student

Juniors and SHU students: \$40.00 per student

*\*every student must complete the TPI screening before starting the fitness program*

**To set up an appointment, call 203-876-8051 ext. 117 or contact us through email at [tom@grgolfclub.com](mailto:tom@grgolfclub.com)**

**All lessons and indoor academy events are subject to COVID-19 restrictions. In the event of facility closure, all pre-paid lessons and packages will be honored once use of the facility is permitted.**

# Adult Golf Lessons

## Individual Instruction

### Director of Instruction, Tom Rosati

Individual	Hour	\$140	Half Hour	\$75
Junior	Hour	\$100	Half Hour	\$50

### Head Golf Professional, Jason Loomis

Individual	Hour	\$125	Half Hour	\$75
Junior	Hour	\$75	Half Hour	\$40

### Sacred Heart Head Golf Coach, Matt McGreevy

Individual	Hour	\$120	Half Hour	\$65
Junior	Hour	\$80	Half Hour	\$40

## Tuesday Beginner/ Intermediate Clinics

These clinics dive right into the full swing and introduces 6 fundamentals: grip, posture, backswing, downswing, impact and follow through in the order of how the swing happens. Tuesday clinics are 60 minutes and take place on the driving range from 5:30pm–6:30pm.

Tuesday Clinics are \$40 per person and open to anyone that would like to attend.

## Thursday Ladies Clinic & Sweet 16 Challenge

Each Thursday the professional staff will provide a ½ hour clinic starting at 5:15pm. After the clinic, we will pair ladies up into groups and send you out on the course for a four-hole challenge. Ladies start their challenge 25 yards from the hole with a goal of shooting a score of 16. If successful, they will work their way back each week with a long-term goal of making it to the red tees!

The mission of this program is to introduce new golfers to the game, get former golfers back in the game, and to meet other women with similar interests. This is a fun and encouraging golf environment and every lady golfer, member, spouse, or friend is welcome to participate.

Participants are encouraged to stay after golf for everyone's favorite part: dinner & drinks at Monty's! (This is optional and not included in the clinic price.)

Ladies Clinics are \$20 per person and open to anyone that would like to attend.

## Monthly Members Clinics

Monthly Member Clinics are only for members of GRGC. Each clinic will be 45 minutes from 5:15pm-6:00pm. Clinics are limited to 16 people.

April 23rd – Breaking the Rust Off  
May 21st – Becoming A Player  
June 18th – Putting Lights Out  
July 9th – Short Game Secrets  
August 20th – The Power Game  
September 17th -Shot Shaping 101  
October 8th – SWOT Profile and Looking Towards 2022



# Junior Development Programs

## Junior Clinics

Our Junior Clinic Programs are designed for beginner to intermediate junior golfers. Students' skills will be evaluated prior to beginning instruction through our unique Level Achievement Program.

**Ages: 7-14**  
**Limited to 16 students**

### Spring Clinic - Sundays May 2, 9, 16, 23

Ages 11-14 9:15am-10:30am  
Ages 7-10 10:45am-12:00pm

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

Ages 7-10 8:30am-10:00am  
Ages 11-14 10:15am-11:45am

### Summer Clinic #1 - Tuesday-Friday July 6-9

Ages 7-10 8:30am-10:00am  
Ages 11-14 10:15am-11:45am

### Fall Clinic - Sundays Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3

Ages 11-14 9:15am-10:30am  
Ages 7-10 10:45am-12:00pm

### Junior Clinic Pricing (per clinic):

SHU Alumni and Faculty: \$160.00

GRGC Members: \$180.00

Non-Members: \$200.00

## Half-Day Camps

We are excited about adding a half day camp for our intermediate players. This is a great opportunity for the kids from our clinic programs to learn more and move up in our Level Achievement Program. Our curriculum will be very similar to our intermediate full day camp with the exception of course play. We will get on the course to learn etiquette and rules, but play will be limited.

**Ages: 8-16**  
**Limited to 16 students**

### Session 1: June 28-July 2

9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00pm-4:00pm

### Session 3: August 2-6

9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00pm-4:00pm

### Session 2: July 12-16

9:00am-12:00pm

### Session 4: August 16-20

9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00pm-4:00pm

### Half-Day Camp Pricing (per session):

SHU Alumni and Faculty: \$300.00

GRGC Members: \$325.00

Non-Members: \$350.00

## Advanced Player 6 Week Program

This program is for students looking to fine tune their skills and turn them onto lower scores.

**Ages: 13-18**  
**Limited to 8 students**

### Wednesdays, July 7-Aug 11

2:00pm-4:00pm

### Advanced Player Program Pricing:

SHU Alumni and Faculty: \$600.00

GRGC Members: \$650.00

Non-Members: \$700.00

### For more info and registration:

(203) 876-8051, ext. 117

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# Greens & Grounds



## Winter Course Conditions

Once again, the Great River greens and grounds department has been very busy this winter getting the course ready for the upcoming 2021 season. Protecting cool-season putting greens from winter stresses can be a challenging task, especially when managing greens composed of both Annual Bluegrass (*Poa annua*) and Creeping Bentgrass. Methods of protection vary from year to year; this is partially attributed to the fact that no two winters are the same. Therefore, determining a protection strategy to employ often requires some experience of what methods have consistently produced the best results.

Given the weather of late January through early February, a concern for turfgrass managers is two winter diseases, known as Grey & Pink Snow Molds. Most turfgrasses can only withstand 30 days of snow cover, which is why we take preventative actions by applying a snow mold fungicide application on all playing surfaces. Preparing for a long cold New England winter, we are taking every precaution necessary to maintain the healthiest turf.

Before our first snowfall we have protected our greens and approaches, not only with the necessary fungicide, but with several heavy sand topdressing applications as well. With the extreme winter temperatures we commonly see on property, the turf will begin to dry out and lose moisture. The heavy layer of sand we have applied will not only insulate the stem-base of the turfgrass plants, but it will protect the surface from harsh, cold, damaging winds. Already having received 54 inches of snow this year with more to come, we are taking every measure to guide turfgrass health through the record winter conditions.



## Irrigation System Planning & Water Study

In late December, we completed our Irrigation System Project plans. Our Irrigation Architect, Paul Roche of Golf Water, Inc., which includes water coverage layout for each hole, which implements a variety of different sprinkler heads and spacing that will provide us the best possible control of the surfaces we wish to irrigate and make the most effective use of water being applied. We are in the midst of receiving material supplier and installation contractor bids for implementation of the new irrigation system with a potential Fall 2022 installation project date.

Since early December, we have been conducting an in-depth Water Source Development study with WSP USA, a renowned and local Environmental Law & Hydrological Engineering firm. The goals of study include determining the seasonal variability of the river's water quality within our tidal inlet between Holes #1 & #7, locating a routes to draw water from, deep-well drilling for naturally

occurring underground fresh water sources, and ultimately determining what options and technologies are available for altering the Housatonic River's water quality to safe thresholds before irrigating the golf course and ensuring plant health. If we are able to utilize the Housatonic River as a water source with our new Irrigation System design, we will not only reduce our municipal water costs and consumption, but furthermore reduce our consumption of potable water sources vitally needed for safe public & essential services consumption within our community.

To date, methods for this study have included weekly salinity and water quality readings from six different locations leading



into the tidal inlet between Holes #1 & #7, taking water draw down readings to determine water level variability and holding capacities, and drilling five test wells to determine the soil layering immediately around this pond, as well as gain an indication of possible deep fresh water well sources located below the property as potential future fresh-water sources. We have completed 4 out of 5 test drilling wells, and we will be moving into the final phases of this study through the remainder of February.

## Congratulations!

The Greens & Grounds Department would like to extend a big congratulations to former Great River Assistant Superintendent (2016-2019), Jeff Swanson. After the 2019 season at Great River, Jeff accepted the 1st Assistant Superintendent position at Greenwich CC under long-time Head Golf Course Superintendent Fred Doheny. This January, Jeff accepted his first Head Golf Course Superintendent position at Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, CT after years of hard work and dedication in the turfgrass management industry. We are proud of his accomplishments as a representative of Great River's Greens & Grounds program, and we thank him for his years of hard work and dedication to Great River. We wish him the best of luck and success at Fox Hopyard Golf Club as he enters the next chapter of his career.



**Bill King**, Assistant Superintendent  
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# Event Planner Corner

## Greetings and Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you and your families are staying safe and well.

We are hopeful that with the vaccine rollout we will be able to host upcoming events with less restrictions by early Spring!

We continue to navigate upcoming events based on guidelines from the State of Connecticut, while being committed to finding creative and safe solutions for our couples and guests to enjoy responsibly.

Congratulations to Daniela and Alex who celebrated their marriage in early January with a small, intimate reception. Thank you for trusting us during these times and for creating your wedding memories with us!

Some exciting news to share... we have been awarded the 2021 WeddingWire "Couples' Choice Award!" This prestigious award recognizes wedding professionals who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism. This is our 6th year in a row winning this award—we thank our entire Events and F&B Team for their efforts!

As we look ahead to this new year, we are excited to be the venue of choice for many more celebrations and events. Feel free to call (203)-876-8051, ext. 132 or email me at [ghunt@grgolfclub.com](mailto:ghunt@grgolfclub.com) for availability, menus, and pricing.

All the best,

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