



THE RIVER

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



Thursday, March 16

Monty's River Grille Reopens for
the Season!
*Join us for **Burgers & Brews Night!***

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
Prix Fixe Dinner in Monty's

Friday, March 31

Town Hall & Happy Hour



THE SACRED HEART PIONEER



As we announced at the Closing Tournament, the new logo this season is an icon image of the Sacred Heart Pioneer. Sacred Heart University (SHU) was founded in 1963 as a Catholic Institution by the Second Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut, one Walter William Curtis. The founding of SHU came after Bishop Curtis had spent time at the Second Vatican Council starting in 1962. Bishop Curtis founded the university with the intention of furthering one of the main themes of the Second Vatican Council, the growth of the power of the laity in the Catholic Church. Therefore, when Bishop Curtis founded Sacred Heart University, he decided to pioneer the first institution that was fully run by a lay person of the Catholic Church. Until this point, the Presidents, Headmasters, and Principals of Catholic institutions had all been either priests or nuns. Since then and continuing in Bishop Curtis's idea, the Presidents and Administrators at Sacred Heart University have been a part of the laity of the Catholic Church. The Sacred Heart Pioneer, affectionately known as Big Red, has been the perfect representation of the University and will become the consummate representation of Great River Golf Club for the future.



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!

Bayo Afolalu
Babajide Agunloye
The Algieri Family
Justin Calderaro
Jonathan Catarino
David Ceisler
Alexander Choniski
Nicholas Coscia
Judy Davis
Zachary Dugas
Dave Greiner
Luke Hogle
Kyle Huben
Matthew Jacobs
The Kaplan Family

The Kenny Family
Tim Kiernan
Nick Laico
Nick Lano
George Maddaloni
Tom Maddaloni
Alec Melotto
Lauren Ogrodowicz
Matt Owens
Robert Panza
John Ricciardi
Richard Rolnick
Paul Tortora
Charlie Tortorici
Maxwell Varian





GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB



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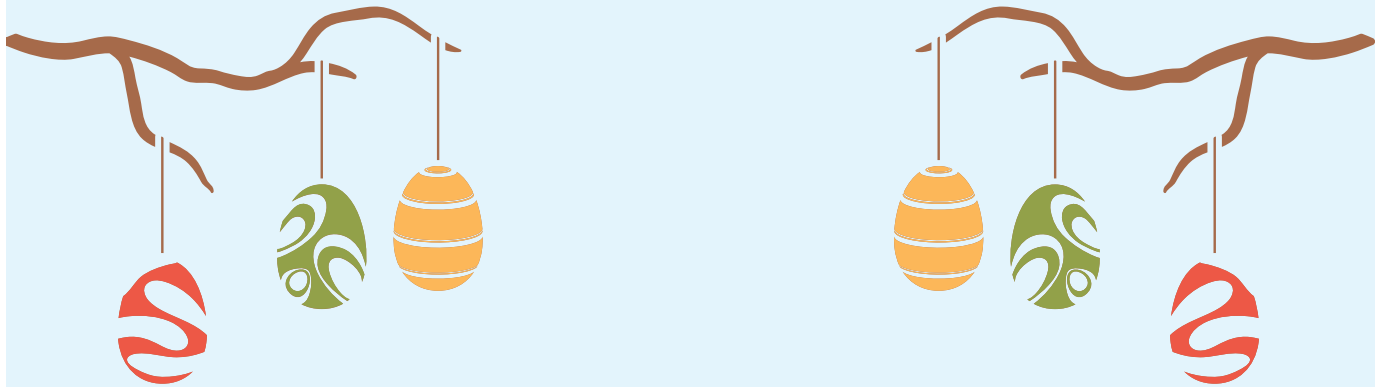
TOWN HALL & HAPPY HOUR

6 : 0 0 P M - 8 : 0 0 P M

PLEASE RSVP VIA CLUBSTER
BY MARCH 26TH



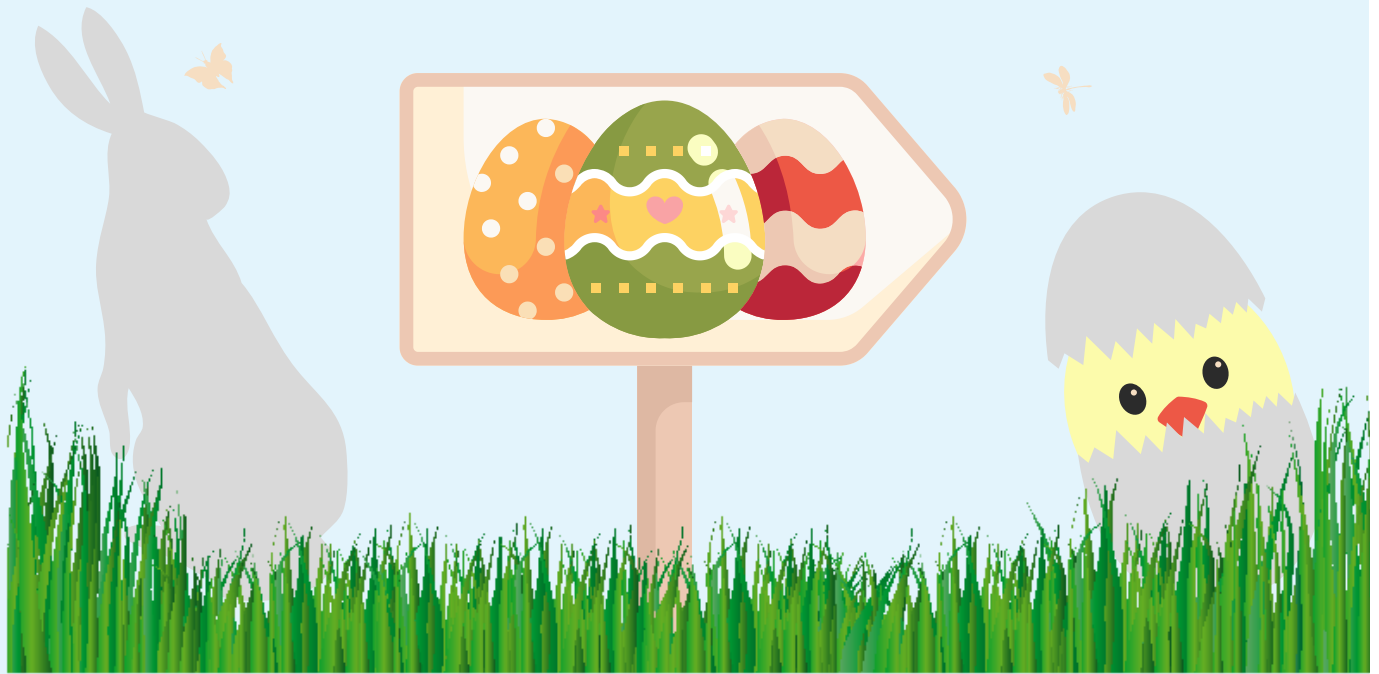
GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB



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 hope you all had a wonderful winter and that this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe! We have been busy during our offseason, revising all of our banquet & restaurant menus and working on a few major maintenance projects.



We are excited to officially welcome you all back for the 2023 season! **Opening day at Monty's River Grille will be on Thursday, March 16th** and will feature our popular **Burgers & Brews Night**. On Friday March 17th, we will be offering our **St. Patrick's Day 3-Course Prix Fixe Dinner**, and on Saturday, March 18th, we'll be closed due to a private event. On Sunday, March 19th, we will be open for lunch again with our popular Brunch specials.

Through the early spring, the hours of operation for Monty's River Grille will be:

Thursday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm (lunch and Burgers & Brews)
Friday & Saturday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm (lunch and dinner)
Sunday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (lunch with brunch specials)

We will also be serving our popular Pub Menu during all hours of operation. As always, we will keep you posted with any changes to Monty's restaurant hours and offerings.

Aside from Monty's, we have a few more special events coming up that we hope you will "save the date" for! On Easter Sunday, April 9th, we will be celebrating with our **Easter "Eggtravaganza" Brunch Buffet!** We are also excited about our first **Wine Club Dinner** of the season on Thursday, April 20th. More details to follow.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your guests as we look forward to another fantastic season at Great River Golf Club!

Sincerely,

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





ST. PATRICK'S PRIX FIXE DINNER

Friday, March 17th, 2023 | \$32.00 per person (+ tax)

APPETIZERS

House or Caesar Salad

Soup of the Day

Beef Scotch Broth or Clam Chowder

Drunken Mussels

Garlic, Shallot, Celery, Irish Butter, Cider Ale, Grilled Bread

Welsh Rarebit

Whisky Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Irish Bacon, Toasted Pumpnickel

ENTREES

Corned Beef & Cabbage

With Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Horseradish Cream

Shepherd's Pie

Filet Tips, Ground Beef, Parsnip, Carrots, Onions, Peas, Mashed Potato

Roasted Half Silkie Chicken

Roasted Root Vegetables, Mustard Greens, Harvest Chutney, Pan Jus

Cedar Planked Scottish Salmon

Parsnip-Potato Puree, Garlic Swiss Chard, Whole Grain Mustard Sauce

Fish and Chips

Fresh Beer Battered Cod, Crisp Homemade Potato Fries, Malt Vinegar Aioli, Remoulade, Grilled Lemon

Tagliatelle Carbonara

Irish Bacon, Peas, Mushrooms, Creamy Irish Whiskey Cheddar Sauce

DESSERTS

Bailey's Brownie Sundae

Jameson Whiskey-Coffee Crème Brûlée, Mint Whipped Cream

Sticky Bread Pudding, Irish Cream Carmel Sauce, Emerald Mint Crunch Ice Cream

Please notify your server of any allergies or dietary concerns prior to ordering. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have a medical condition.

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!



Gallus Golf

Our goal is to always improve the experience of our members and guest. In doing so we are working with Gallus Golf to centralize the club's communication efforts. Gallus Golf will help us develop an app that will bring together our announcements, tournament operations and registration, Food and Beverage announcements, on-course food ordering, tee time booking, and much more. Most importantly, Gallus Golf will replace Clubster! Look out for announcements and updates.

Addition to Great River's Golf Staff

Peter Pulaski joins the Great River golf staff for the 2023 season. Peter spent 27 years at The Yale Golf Course retiring in 2020 as Director of Golf Operations. A Life Member of The Professional Golfers of America, Peter has served on the Connecticut PGA Board of Directors and the PGA of America Growth of the Game Council. Recognized by the PGA for his involvement in community outreach and education Peter was named Connecticut PGA Golf Professional of the Year in 2010, the highest honor bestowed on a PGA member by his peers. While at Yale Peter served as a Tournament Director for three NCAA Regional Championships. Peter lives in Stratford with wife Jean-Marie (SHU MA '91) they have three grown children, Peter (SHU BA '12), Nicholas, and Michael.



2023 Major Tournaments

Great River Open Season Long

Season long individual Match Play. 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 2022 champion.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 65

The White Squirrel June 9th, 10th, & 11th

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

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Women's Invitational Saturday, June 24th

18 hole- Better Ball of Partners and 9 hole- Shamble Best Ball

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Tom Follo Member/Member Tournament August 12th & 13th

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.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Junior Club Championship (17 & Under): Saturday August 26th

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

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Men's & Women's Senior Club Championship Sunday, August 27th

18-Hole Individual Stroke Play.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Men's Club Championship September 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

Men's Championship & Flighted Single Elimination Match Play Bracket - Championship Flight will be determined by low 7 qualifiers and 2022 Champion.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Women's Club Championship September 3rd, & 4th

The Ladies Club Championship will be a 36-hole individual stroke play competition played on Saturday & Sunday, September 4th & 5th. Players will be placed into flights based on participation and will have gross and net divisions.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 50

Great River Invitational: September 22nd, 23rd, & 24th

Members and their guest will play in a round robin, Four Ball Match Play tournament. Partners will play five 9-Hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

Total Player of Year Points Available- 65

Great River Member Events

Total Player of Year Points Available for Member Events– 20 per event

Opening Day ABCD Shamble: Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 Shotgun

Two Best Balls of Four Shamble: Teams will be created using an ABCD pairing method. all players will tee off, the team will select the best drive, then everyone will play their own ball in from that locations.

The Stember Cup: Friday, May 5th

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.

Spring One Day Member- Guest: Friday, May 19th, 1:00 Shotgun

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

Father's Day Tournament: Sunday, June 18th

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. Members and each family guest will compete in a better ball of partner's format. 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.

Red, White, and Blue: Tuesday, July 4th

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.

Summer One Day Member-Guest: Thursday, July 27th 1:00 Shotgun

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.

Closing Day Tournament & Awards Banquet: Friday, November 3rd, 1:00 shotgun

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.

Cross Country Turkey Shoot, Saturday, Nov 18th 10:00 shotgun

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, impossible par 4's & 5's, and even a par 6 to manage.

Black Friday Turkey Trot: Friday, November 24th 10:00 Shotgun

18-Hole, True Alternate Shot Competition.

Superintendents Revenge: Sunday, December 3rd

18-Hole two-person scramble on some of the toughest pins on the course

Mixed Golf Events

Total Player of Year Points Available for Mixers- 20 Points per event

Margarita Mixer: Saturday, May 27th – 5:00 PM Shotgun

Four Player Scramble

Food and Beverage: Margaritas and Dinner following play

All-American Mixer: Monday, July 3rd – 5:00 PM Shotgun

Four Player Scramble played from the red, white, and blue tees.

Cocktails and Dinner following play

Mixed Golf Member-Guest: Saturday, August 5th – 4:30 PM Shotgun

Four Player Scramble, couples are encouraged to invite another couple to compete as a team of four.

On-course cocktails and Lobster Bake admission after golf

Couples Championship Mixer: Saturday, September 16th – 4:30 PM Shotgun

Two Player Scramble

Cocktails and Dinner following play

Oktoberfest Mixer: Saturday, October 14th – 4:00 PM Shotgun

Step Aside Scramble

Cocktails and Dinner following play

Ladies Golf Programs

Ladies Tournaments

Women's Member-Guest – Sunday, June 24th

Ladies Flight Tom Follo Member-Member – August 12th & 13th

Senior Club Championship – August 27th

Club Championship – September 3rd & 4th

Ladies Nine & Dine Events - 5:00 shotgun start – Dinner to follow

Thursday, May 11th

Thursday, June 15th

Thursday, July 20th

Thursday, August 17th

Thursday, September 14th

Thursday, October 5th

Ladies Thursday Night Clinics

May 4, 18, & 25

June 1, 8, 22, & 29

July 5, & 27

August 3, 10 & 24

Dates the course will be closed for regular play

All Mondays (excluding holiday weekends)

April 15th-17th : SHU Collegiate Tournament

June 2nd : Fairfield Prep Golf Outing

July 11th-17th : LPGA EPSON Tour Event

September 8th : Turner Construction Golf Outing

October 8th-10th : SHU Golf

October 15th-17th : SHU Golf

WHAT'S HOT IN THE SHOP?

New Logo Means New Gear!

With the start of the new season and a fresh new logo, the Pro Staff could not be more excited to have you all back in the shop. From head covers to belts to polos, the new logo will be a staple of The Shop this season. We look forward to helping you pick out your new Great River gear!



New Brands for the 2023 Season

Year after year we look to update the brands in the shop to keep the look fresh and new. This season, on top of all your favorites from last year (Greyson, Peter Millar, G/Fore, Puma, FootJoy, etc.) we have brought in product from the following new brands:

Sailor-Sailor
Greg Norman
Dunning Golf
Vineyard Vines
Chuco Golf
Under Armour
Holderness & Bourne

This season, to pair with the continuous growth of the Ladies Program, we are going to host Trunk Shows that will coincide with the Ladies 9 & Dines! Our goal is to have as much exposure to as many new brands as possible this year. Starting off for the first 9 & Dine on May 11th we will have Sailor-Sailor and Puma joining us.

We hope to see you there!



Loyalty Golf Balls

TaylorMade 3+1

Do not miss out on the opportunity to start your golf season fresh with customized TP5 and TP5x!



PURCHASE 3 DOZEN TP5 OR TP5x GOLF BALLS
WITH FREE PERSONALIZATION
AND GET ONE MORE DOZEN FREE
FOR A LIMITED TIME.

TP5 / TP5x
TRY IT... WHAT'S THE BEST THAT CAN HAPPEN?

The image features a promotional banner for TaylorMade TP5 and TP5x golf balls. At the top left is the TaylorMade logo. The main text, in blue and black, reads: 'PURCHASE 3 DOZEN TP5 OR TP5x GOLF BALLS WITH FREE PERSONALIZATION AND GET ONE MORE DOZEN FREE FOR A LIMITED TIME.' Below the text is a photograph of six golfers (three men and three women) smiling and holding golf balls. In the foreground, there are two boxes of golf balls: a blue box for TP5 and a silver box for TP5x. Two individual golf balls are also shown next to the boxes. At the bottom of the banner, the text 'TP5 / TP5x' is written in a stylized font, followed by the slogan 'TRY IT... WHAT'S THE BEST THAT CAN HAPPEN?'.



GREENS & GROUNDS

I hope everyone is having a great off-season and is as excited for the 2023 golf season as I am. As the new Golf Course Superintendent here at Great River, the past few weeks have been very busy with preparation for the upcoming season and the remaining irrigation project. We have had a very mild winter thus far, which has allowed my team to get out on the course and clean up many areas of the course.

The team has been busy addressing many areas of the course that have become overgrown and have taken away from the course aesthetics. By removing some lower vegetation and small saplings, we are recapturing many lost views and creating a better line of sight for tee shots. These areas will be maintained annually so that we can maintain the course's incredible architecture and visuals.

My focus this season will be course details, conditioning, and consistency on all playing surfaces. Getting the course ready for the season will begin with spring aerification. We plan to begin our aerification practices around mid to late March (weather dependent), with an estimated completion date around the last week of March. As this is a very disruptive process to the course, some of the benefits of aerification is, increasing surface drainage, thatch reduction, which lower levels of thatch will decrease disease pressure in the summer months, and reduction of compaction; all these items will promote healthier growing conditions during the season.



Our tentative processes will be as follows:

1. Greens and Approaches – ½” core aerification on all greens; we will clean up all spoils and backfill holes with new sand. This process will continue to deplete and manage our organic material, increasing surface drainage and soil oxygen. We





will apply any necessary soil amendments to correct deficiencies.

2. Tee's – 5/8" solid tine aerification on all tees, including the driving range tee. This will be followed up with deep verti-cutting and sand topdressing. The additional sand will also firm up tee surfaces for improved playability.

3. Fairways – We will verti-cut fairways and clean up all debris. This process will create firmer fairway conditions, and decreasing thatch will create a healthier growing environment.

Since my start in early January, my other main focus has been creating a more organized maintenance facility. Creating this environment for our team will translate to a better organized and more productive team, ultimately creating better conditions for the membership. This will be something I will maintain week to week so my team takes pride in the workplace and the equipment we have.

As we begin this season, our irrigation installation contractor will start back up around April 1st. I am sure many of you are asking why we have not continued through the winter with the mild temperatures we had, and I had some of the same questions for them when I started. This is mainly because they could never have forecasted the winter we have this year, along with a good portion



of their staff being on a work visa. They plan to be back on site April 1st. That said, I will have a more detailed breakdown of the timeline and exact plans for completion. We will strive to complete the remaining 14 holes and practice areas by June 1st. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this project.

I look forward to meeting many of you around the club and out on the course over the coming months. As the Greens and Grounds team strives to create the best conditions in the area, should you have any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to stop in my office or send me an email.

Best Regards,

Curtis Harder, Golf Course Superintendent



EVENT PLANNER CORNER

Hello and Happy New Year!

We hope you and your families are well and enjoying this mild winter that we have been blessed with!

The 2023 events season is off to a great start. We began the year with an early January wedding and would like to congratulate Christina & Brock on their beautiful celebration. We were honored to be a part of it!

We are gearing up for another busy season with nearly 70 social events already on the calendar. We will begin with a relatively slow March, where we will be hosting three baby/bridal showers, two corporate meetings, and two weddings. We can't wait to be a part of so many special celebrations this year!

Once again, we have been awarded the 2023 Wedding Wire "Couples' Choice" and The Knot "Best of Weddings" awards. We have also been inducted into The Knot's Best of Weddings Hall of Fame. These prestigious awards recognize wedding professionals who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism. We thank our entire events team for their efforts in producing such high quality service!



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





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