



MAY 2022

# THE RIVER

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# This Month at a Glance

**Thursday, May 5**

Cinco de Mayo Specials in Monty's

**Friday, May 6**

TaylorMade Fitting Day

**Sunday, May 8**

Mother's Day Brunch

**Thursday, May 12**

Mizuno Fitting Day

**Friday, May 13**

One Day Member-Guest

**Thursday, May 19**

Ladies Nine & Dine

**Sunday, May 29**

Margarita Memorial Mixer



# 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!**

**Roy Asfar & Family**  
**Greg Hubertus & Family**  
**Matthew Neeley**  
**Terry O'Connor**  
**Alan Weiss**



**We would also like to welcome back the following members. We're glad to have you back!**

**Martin Goethche**  
**Ron Magliocco**  
**Heather & Shayne Kuhaneck**

# Food & Beverage

**Dear Members,**

It's the time of year we look forward to the most at Great River. It is so nice to see all of your familiar faces returning, as well as getting to know new ones. To all of our new members, welcome to our Great River Family! Our F&B Team is always working hard to provide you with excellent food and service to exceed your expectations.

We have several featured menus for the month of May. On Thursday, May 5th, we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a featured specials menu from our Executive Chef Matt Adkins along with margarita and drink specials (please see menu below). We also strongly encourage you to book your Mother's Day reservations soon. Our reservations are quickly filling up and we anticipate selling out on that special day (please see menu below). We served over 360 guests for our Easter Sunday Brunch and we're looking to exceeding that for Mother's Day.

Now that we're entering the height of our season, we'll be re-formatting our Thursday night dinners. Our Burgers & Brews nights will be discontinuing at the end of April and our full dinner and Pub menus will be offered beginning in May. Executive Chef Matt has hired some new culinary talent, one of which comes with bakery experience. Chef will be tapping into his talents, so look forward to new and creative dessert specials along with a new dessert menu. We will have another busy wedding month with 9 weddings on our books for May.

We look forward to serving you, your families, and guests!

Sincerely,

**Dan Piccoello**, Food & Beverage Director

**Matthew Adkins**, Executive Chef



**JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN WITH FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS!**



# **CINCO DE MAYO**



## **SPECIALS MENU**

### **ENTREES**

#### **Fiesta Caesar Salad - 14**

**Grilled Romaine, Roasted Red Pepper, Crispy Tortilla, Cotija Cheese,  
Charred Jalapeno Caesar Dressing  
Asada Chicken 6 - 8oz Cilantro Steak 14  
Sweet Chili-Garlic Shrimp 10**

#### **Fajita Salad - 16**

**Crispy Flour Tortilla Bowl, Rice, Beans, Caramelized Onions, Grilled  
Peppers, Roasted Corn, Cotija Three Cheese Blend,  
Avocado Ranch Dressing  
Asada Chicken 6 - 8oz Cilantro Steak 14  
Sweet Chili-Garlic Shrimp 10**

#### **Tilapia - 24**

**Chipotle Mashed, Garlic Red Kale, Pineapple Salsa, Cilantro Sauce**

#### **Crispy Mexican White Prawns - 28**

**Mexican Rice, Wilted Greens, Sweet Chili-Garlic Sauce**

#### **Three Traditional Chicken Tamales - 24**

**Wrapped in a Traditional Corn Husk  
Onions, Peppers, Dirty Rice, Refried Beans,  
Lime Crema, Salsa Verde**

#### **Slow Simmered Pork Shoulder - 26**

**Charred Scallion Mashed, Avocado-Tomato-Radish-Cilantro-Salad,  
Mole Sauce**

#### **Quesadilla - 12**

**Caramelized Onions, Grilled Peppers, Cotija Three Cheese Blend  
*served with pico de gallo and sour cream*  
Asada Chicken 6 - Cilantro Steak 8 - Sweet Chili-Garlic Shrimp 10**

#### **Burrito or Chimichanga - 14**

**Rice, Refried Beans, Caramelized Onions, Grilled Peppers, Cotija  
Three Cheese Blend  
*served with salsa and sour cream*  
Asada Chicken 6 - Cilantro Steak 8 - Sweet Chili-Garlic Shrimp 10**

### **APPETIZERS**

#### **Black Bean Soup - 8**

**Cotija Cheese, Lime Crema, Crispy Tortilla**

#### **House Made Tortilla Chips and Pico De Gallo - 10**

#### **Nachos - 14**

**Tomato, Jalapeno, Scallions, Black Beans, Corn, Sour  
Cream and Salsa  
Buffalo Chicken 5 - Short Rib 8 - Lobster 10**

#### **Mexican Wings - 16**

**Asada Sauce, Fresh Lime, Avocado Ranch Dipping Sauce**

#### **PEI Mussels - 14**

**Cilantro-Garlic Broth, Grilled Bread**

### **DESSERT**

#### **Cinnamon Churros - 8**

**Caramel Sea Salt Ice Cream, Fudge-Chipotle Dipping  
Sauces**

#### **Fried Dough - 8**

**Chocolate, Powdered Sugar, Banana Ice Cream**

#### **Creme Caramel - 8**

**Graham Cracker Crumbs, Caramelized Pineapple,  
Tangerine-Ancho Chili Chocolate, Cilantro Sugar**



## Great River Golf Club



# Mother's Day Brunch



Sunday, May 8, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Adults: \$52 | Children 5-12: \$26 | Children Under 5: Free**

*Includes one complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa (Ages 21+)*

### Cold Salads

Frisée, Smoked Bacon, Golden Beets, Dried Apples, Spiced Pecans, Sherry Vinaigrette  
Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Red Onion, Capers, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Balsamic  
Tabbouleh, Tomato, Olives, Parsley, Green Onion, Lemon Juice, and Extra Virgin Olive Oil

### Salad Bar

Romaine ♦ Mesclun ♦ Condiments ♦ Dressings

### Raw Bar

Clams ♦ Shrimp ♦ Smoked Salmon ♦ Smoked Mussels ♦ Lemons ♦ Cocktail Sauce

### Soup

Spring Minestrone

### Breakfast

Assorted Muffins, Danishes, Scones, & Bagels ♦ Fresh Fruit Display ♦ Yogurt and Granola  
Omelet and Waffle Station ♦ Bacon and Link Sausage ♦ Scrambled Eggs  
Eggs Benedict, Smoked Salmon Benedict, Chive Hollandaise Sauce

### Hot Items

Mediterranean Spiced Stuffed Flounder, Red Pepper-Minted Couscous, Olive Oil Arugula  
Smoked Maple Glazed Chicken Breast, Root Vegetables, Fingerling Potatoes, Harvest Chutney, Red Frilly  
Mustard Greens  
Grilled Vegetable Lasagna ♦ Roasted Rosemary Red Bliss Potatoes ♦ Spring Vegetable Medley

### Pasta Bar

Assorted Pastas, Sauces, and Condiments

### Carving Board

Salmon en Croute with Tomato Bruschetta  
Chipotle-Cinnamon Rubbed Smoked Turkey Breast  
Hot Coal Roasted Fennel Sea Salt Sirloin  
*Served with Chef's selection of sauces*

### Kids Buffet

Carrots & Celery with Ranch Dressing ♦ Chicken Tenders ♦ Tater Tots ♦ Mac & Cheese  
Buttered Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce ♦ Grilled Chicken & Steak Skewers  
Carrots and Corn ♦ Assorted Fruit Salad

### Assorted Desserts and Ice Cream Sundae Bar

**Reservations are Required – Please call (203) 701-0051 to reserve your table**

*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.*

# Tournament News



## Great River Open Matches

Good luck to all our Great River Open participants! Round 1 matches have been emailed to all players. All matches need to be completed before listed deadlines. Please contact our professional staff when your match is scheduled and we will prepare your official scorecard.

Round of 64 Match Deadline: May 30th  
Round of 32 Match Deadline: June 30th  
Round of 16 Match Deadline: July 31st  
Round of 8 Match Deadline: September 5th  
Semi-Finals Match Deadline: September 19th  
Finals Deadline: October 5th

# Tournament News



## 2022 White Squirrel Member-Member Currently Sold Out - Join the Waitlist!

The White Squirrel is a Member-Member tournament which partners will compete in a round robin, Four-ball match play. Teams will play five 9-Hole matches against other teams in their flight.

The White Squirrel will feature a gross Championship Flight and a net Flighted Championship.

The Flighted Champion will be determined by a Shoot-Out on the 9th hole.

Championship Flight: Teams will play an 18-hole better ball of partners qualifying round from the black tees. The low 6 teams will comprise the championship flight.

Flighted Championship: All teams that are not competing in the Championship Flight will be placed into flights based on team handicap index.

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, June 10th

Practice Round Tournament  
Cocktail Hour & Pari-Mutuel Betting  
Tournament Dinner

#### Saturday, June 11th

Rounds 1, 2, & 3 tee time start  
Breakfast & lunch provided

#### Sunday, June 12th

Breakfast Buffet  
Rounds 4 & 5, 8:30 Shotgun Start  
Shoot-Out  
Awards Luncheon after completion

Entry Fee: \$350 per player

**Field Limited to 42 Teams!!**

**All Players Receive a \$275 Peter Millar Shopping Spree!!**

**Players may also purchase limited edition White Squirrel apparel**

Semi-Finals Match Deadline: September 19th

Finals Deadline: October 5th

# Tournament News



## **Spring One-Day Member Guest Friday, May 13 - 1:00 PM Shotgun Currently Sold Out - Join the Waitlist!**

It's time for the first of our two one-day member guest tournaments this season. For the Spring One-Day Member Guest, teams will play a two-player Better Ball of Partners format. Members may invite up to three guests and compete as three different teams:

- Team 1: Member & Guest 1
- Team 2: Member & Guest 2
- Team 3: Member & Guest 3

Each team will receive 90% of their course handicap. Teams will compete in gross & net divisions. Members can bring up to three guest or pair up with another member & guest combination. The entry fee for this event is \$265 per member & guest team, each additional guest is \$165. The entry fee will include lunch before the tournament, on course refreshments, guest green fees, carts, and hors d'oeuvres following play.

# Tournament News

*Join us for the 2022 Women's  
Clinics*



*&*

*Sweet 16 Challenge*

*Dates:*

*May 5, 12, & 26*

*June 2, 9, 23, & 28*

*July 14, 21, & 28*

*August 18 & 25*



*This season we are bringing excitement, entertainment, and a whole lot of golf! Where's the ladies? Join us for our first Women's Clinic of the season on May 5<sup>th</sup>! The clinic will start at 5:15pm, however cocktails start at 5! Don't miss out on a wonderful season. No matter your skill level, we are here to give you the best golf experience while also making it enjoyable for all.*

# Tournament News

## Member Weekend Games Start Next Week!

### Saturday Game

Looking for a game on Saturday or does your normal group want some more action? Then make sure you get in the Saturday Game! The Saturday Game is a team stableford where the goal is for the team to earn the highest point total.

Net Par = 1 point

Net Birdie = 3 points

Net Eagle = 5 points

The Saturday Game also has an individual skins game included in it. (A skin is a term used when you have the lowest score on any hole versus the field).

The Saturday Game is \$10 per player

### Sunday Black Tee Game

Calling all big hitters, low handicappers, or anyone looking to ruin a nice peaceful Sunday. Come test your golf game against the Black Tees here at Great River. This will be a One Best Ball of Four competition, the team with the lowest GROSS score winning the pot (possible other payouts based on participation). The entry fee will be \$10 per player.

Please include your interest when booking your weekend tee times

### Sunday PGA Pro-Am

After the Super Bowl, Sundays are reserved for the final round of any PGA Tour event. Sundays at Great River, members can add a little excitement to their day by playing in our PGA Pro-Am. In the PGA Pro-Am, the top 20 players on the PGA Tour leaderboard for the week will be entered into a pool. Members that enter the game will pick a player at random and that player will be your teammate for the day. Members will combine their Net score from their round with the Round 4 score of their PGA teammate. The lowest total combined score will be our winner (Number of payouts based on participation). The entry fee will be \$10 cash or billed to your account.

# Tournament News



## Masters Pool Results

1st Place – Jamie McCusker -16 – Bushnell Range Finder  
2nd Place – Alan Helfer -13 – Bushnell GPS Unit & Great River Belt  
3rd Place – Mike Kennedy -11 – Bushnell Wingman

## Daily Winners

Each receive GRGC towel, hat, and a dozen Callaway GRGC Truvis Golf Balls

Round 1 Best Score – Jim Wilson  
Round 2 Best Score – Steven Meyers  
Round 3 Best Score – Romeo Reyes  
Round 4 Best Score – Ray Romeo



## Member Clinics

Friday, May 20th – 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Friday, June 17th - 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Friday, July 15th – 4:00 – 5:30  
Friday, August 12th 4:00 – 5:30  
Friday, September 2nd 4:00 – 5:30  
**Clinics are \$40 for members, \$60 for guests**

# Golf Team News

## SHU Women's Golf Wins Conference Championship

The SHU Women's Golf Team won their conference tournament in Florida! They led from Round One and finished the final round with their lowest score of 302 and had four student athletes finish in the Top 10 for the tournament! Congratulations ladies! Well done!



## Women's Golf Continues on to the NCAA Tournament

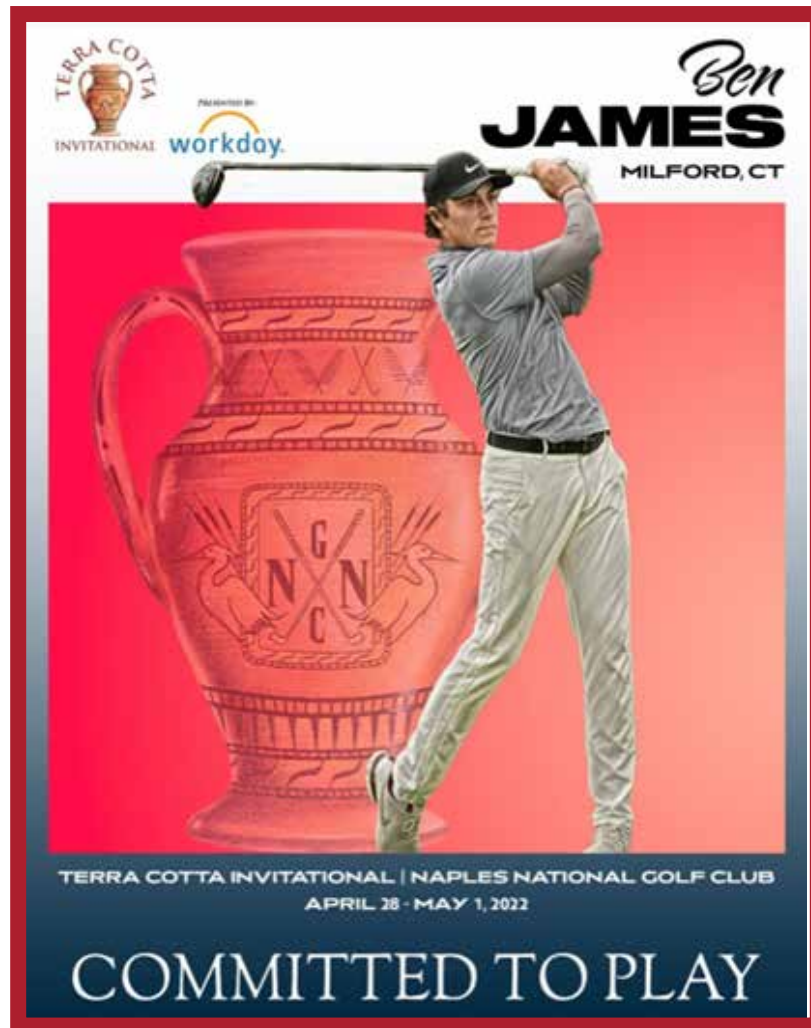
Best of luck to the women's team as they continue their season at the NCAA Regional Tournament at Stanford University Golf Course in Palo Alto, California May 9-11!



# Tom Rosati Golf Academy

## Ben James Playing in the Terra Cotta Invitational

Ben James will join the best amateurs in the world at the Terra Cotta Invitational, April 29- May 1 at Naples National Golf Club in Naples, Florida. The event will be a 54 stroke play event. Best of luck Ben, we'll all be rooting for you!



# Tom Rosati Golf Academy

## Pitch Like an Eight Year Old

My analysis of Jayden's pitching motion is one that everyone should pay close attention to, no matter what your age is!

Check out Frame 1: The set up. Slightly open stance, right knee kicked in, stand tall and relax the arms, ball position back right toe, hands over left thigh

Frame 2: the backswing is swinging the arms across the chest with a little rotation and not much weight shift, note very little hinge!

Frame 3: Downswing is a synchronized motion of arms shoulders and hips

Frame 4: Impact position, hands over the left thigh, head is over the ball, most pressure in the left foot, right knee kicked in, basically returns back to address position!

Frame 5: chest and hips rotate with the club, the club shaft line up with left arm!

Frame 6: everything continues to pivot including Jayden's head! Let your head swivel with chest rotation through impact, very important!

Watch and try to copy the simplicity of this shot. It will make you a better pitcher of the ball. Guaranteed!!

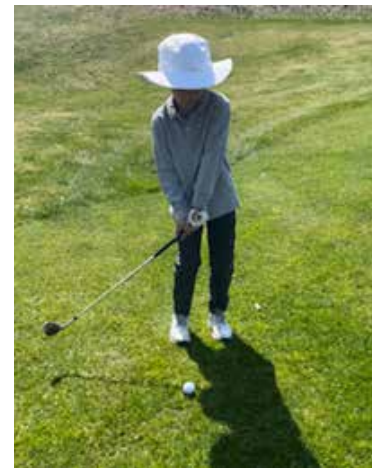
Best, Tom



FRAME 1



FRAME 2



FRAME 3



FRAME 4



FRAME 5



FRAME 6

# Tom Rosati Golf Academy

## Two Half Day Camps Added to the Tom Rosati Golf Academy Junior Programs

### 2022 JUNIOR CLINIC SCHEDULE

TYPE	DATES	AGES	TIME	COST
SPRING	SUNDAYS MAY 1,8,15 & 22	AGES 11-14 AGES 7-10	9:15-10:30 10:45-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$160 GR MEMBERS: \$180 NON-MEMBERS: \$200
SUMMER #1	TUESDAY-FRIDAY JULY 5-8	AGES 7-10 AGES 11-14	8:30-10:00 10:15-11:45	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$160 GR MEMBERS: \$180 NON-MEMBERS: \$200
SUMMER #2	TUESDAY-FRIDAY AUGUST 9-12	AGES 7-10 AGES 11-14	8:30-10:00 10:15-11:45	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$160 GR MEMBERS: \$180 NON-MEMBERS: \$200
FALL	SEPTEMBER 11,18,25 & OCTOBER 12	AGES 11-14 AGES 7-10	9:15-10:30 10:45-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$160 GR MEMBERS: \$180 NON-MEMBERS: \$200
WINTER 2023	MONDAYS JAN. 9 - FEB. 13 WEDNESDAYS JAN. 11 - FEB.15	AGES 8-16	4:00-5:00	\$250

### 2022 JUNIOR CAMP SCHEDULE

TYPE	DATES	AGES	TIME	COST
HALF DAY CAMP	JUNE 27 - JULY 1	AGES 8-16	9:00-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$350 GR MEMBERS: \$370 NON-MEMBERS: \$400
<b>**ADDED**</b> HALF DAY CAMP	JULY 11-15	AGES 8-16	9:00-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$350 GR MEMBERS: \$370 NON-MEMBERS: \$400
HALF DAY CAMP	JULY 25-29	AGES 8-16	9:00-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$350 GR MEMBERS: \$370 NON-MEMBERS: \$400
<b>**ADDED**</b> HALF DAY CAMP	AUGUST 15-19	AGES 8-16	9:00-12:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$350 GR MEMBERS: \$370 NON-MEMBERS: \$400
PLAYERS CAMP	WEDNESDAYS JULY 6- AUGUST 10	AGES 11-18	2:00-4:00	SHU ALUM/FAC: \$600 GR MEMBERS: \$650 NON-MEMBERS: \$700

# What's Hot in the Shop?



**Great River  
Custom Hoodies**

**Sun Mountain  
Push Carts**



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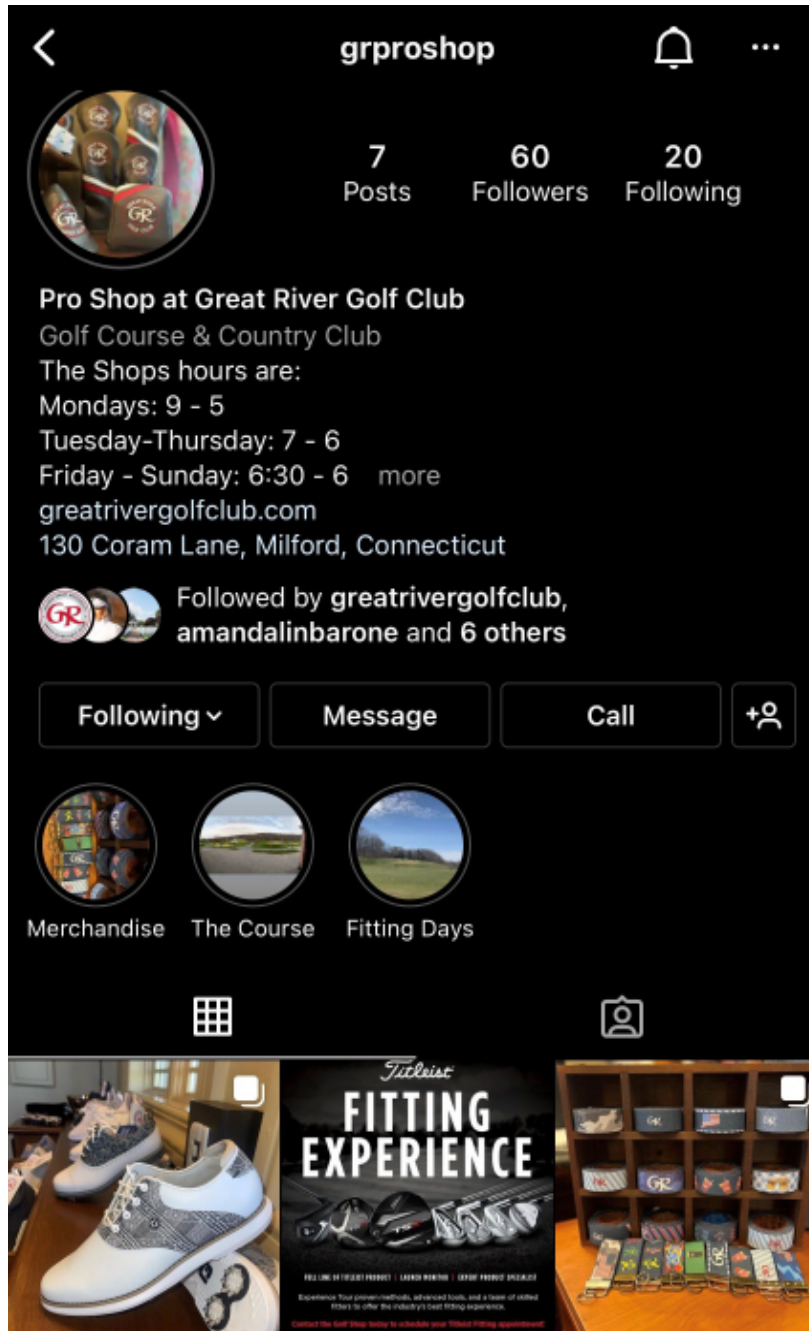


**G/Fore  
Shoes & Gloves**

**Peter Millar  
Outerwear**



# What's Hot in the Shop?



Make sure you're following the new Great River Pro Shop Instagram Page @grproshop for updates and news on all of your favorite brands!

# Greens & Grounds

Spring has finally arrived here at Great River and the golf season is starting to be in full swing. The course is starting to green up as we start to prepare the course for another great golf season. Here at Greens & Grounds we would like to say thank you to all returning members and welcome to all new members. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out on the course. Below will be a few items that we at Greens and Grounds would like to highlight for this month's newsletter.

## **Spring 2022 Conditions**

Following a very temperate March, the month of April has been unseasonably cold, dry, and windy in comparison to average seasons over the past decade. Soil temperatures by last week of April have stayed consistently below 45° F. This is significant from a turfgrass physiology standpoint because most grass species do not fully come out of winter dormancy and begin to grow until soil temperatures consistently maintain 55° F for a 3-5 day stretch, and seed will not begin to germinate until similar consistent soil temperatures are sustained for 7-10 days. Creeping Bentgrass, the primary & dominant grass species the on greens, tees, and fairways at Great River, will not begin to snap dormancy until those temperatures are sustained closer to 60° F. Forecast models for the beginning of May appear much more promising, and we are very excited for the golf course to begin moving along.

## **Phase 2 Bunker Renovation Project**

Between 2017-2018, Great River completed a bunker restoration to all greenside bunkers on the golf course. This upcoming fall of 2022, we will be working with the company McDonald and Sons to complete restoration work on all fairway bunkers in conjunction with the Irrigation System Project. The rebuilding process of bunkers includes replacing and/or adding new drainage systems beneath the bunker surface, as well as new materials added to the bunkers. New pea gravel will be added above the drainage pipes along with a product called Better Billy Bunker. Better Billy Bunker is a polymer sealant that adheres to the pea gravel keeping it a solid layer while still allowing ideal water drainage and preventing bunker wash outs. All bunker grass faces will be resodded to Turf Type Tall Fescue to complete the work.



# Greens & Grounds

## Course Upkeep

As the golf season is beginning, we are looking to go into the season with the best conditions possible. As we here at greens and grounds drive around the golf course we've noticed ball marks on greens and divots around the course already starting to add up. We do our best to keep up with this by sending out teams to fill divots on par 3 tees, as well as repairing ball marks prior to mowing greens each morning to have our crew fix ball marks as we go. Our membership's efforts in demonstrating proper golf course etiquette will make a dramatic difference in overall quality of the playing surfaces, and we greatly appreciate the continued support from the membership in maintaining the quality and integrity of our playing surfaces.

- Blake Thomas  
Assistant Superintendent



# Event Planner Corner

## Greetings and Happy Spring!

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying this beautiful weather! The events team has been busy with tours, bookings and the planning of many upcoming events. This past month, we celebrated 6 weddings and 2 showers. Congratulations to Alison and Joseph, Shelby and Sam, Kelley and Dave, Wendy and Tom, Rachael and Garrett, Cassidy and Marek and Hannah and David! We wish you all the best in your future together. Thank you for trusting Great River with your special day. We are now booking holiday parties & weddings into 2023. Reach out today and let our team help you plan the perfect event!

We look forward to seeing you at the club.

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