



# THE RIVER

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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# THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



**Friday, May 5**

Stember Cup  
Srixon Fitting Day

**Saturday, May 6**

Callaway Fitting Day

**Thursday, May 11**

Ladies' 9 & Dine

**Saturday, May 13**

Mizuno Fitting Day

**Sunday, May 14**

Mother's Day Brunch

**Thursday, May 18**

TaylorMade Fitting Truck

**Friday, May 19**

One Day Member-Guest

**Saturday, May 27**

Margarita Mixer

**Monday, May 29**

Happy Memorial Day!



# 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!*

Tom DelRosso

Michael Mellen

Steve Hickey

Sunset Hill Group

Ravi Khanna

The Tutlis Family

Phillip Kim

Abe Waltman

Andrew Kornstein



# FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Dear Members,**

It's that time of year that we love 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. We like to call our Members our Great River "Family". Our F&B Team is always working hard to provide you with excellent food and services to exceed your expectations!

We have several featured events coming up during the month of May. On Friday, May 5th, we will be celebrating **Cinco de Mayo** with a featured 3-course Prix Fixe menu from our Executive Chef Matt along with festive beverage specials. **Mother's Day Brunch** will be another sold out event and, at the moment, it's very near capacity. Please let us know soon if you would like to attend so we may check our availability. Also, our **Burgers & Brews Nights** will continue each Thursday through the month of May, but will discontinue once we reach June and are in the height of the season.

We have one more "save the date" for you; please reserve Thursday, June 8 for our second Wine Club Dinner of the season. The theme of the evening will be "A Taste of Italy", and the menu and wine pairings will be forthcoming.

Thank you and, as always, we look forward to serving you, your families, and guests!

**Sincerely,**

**Dan Piccoello**, Food & Beverage Director

**Matthew Adkins**, Executive Chef



# CINCO DE MAYO

3-Course Pre-Fixe Menu | \$42 Per Person

All Tables Served with Warm Homemade Tortillas and Pico De Gallo

## Appetizers

### **Black Bean Sopa**

Cotija Cheese, Lime Crema, Crispy Tortilla

### **Peruvian Seafood Stew**

Pozole, Shrimp, Scallops, Smoked Mussels,  
Cilantro Broth

### **Baja Caesar**

Grilled Romaine, Roasted Red Pepper, Tortilla Crisps,  
Charred Jalapeno Caesar Dressing

### **Mesquite Smoked Chicken Quesadilla Roll**

Lime Scented Slaw, Avocado Drizzle

### **Spanish Mussels**

Chorizo, Tomato, Roasted Garlic

### **Grilled Arepas "Cornmeal Cakes"**

Avocado, Pickled Onion, Cotija Cheese, Salsa Rojas

## Entrees

### **Grilled Mexican White Prawns**

Chipotle-Lime Marinade, Red Rice and Beans

### **Pan Seared Tilapia**

Plantain Crusted, Chipotle Rice, Grilled Street Corn  
Kernels, Roasted Red Pepper Chimichurri

### **Cast Iron Slow Simmered Pork Shank**

Charred Scallion Mashed, Grilled Tomato, Cotija Cheese,  
Traditional Mole Sauce

### **Roasted Split Chicken**

Achiote Seasoned, Rustic Chipotle-Sweet Potato  
Mashed, Street Corn, Blood Orange, Crispy Onions

### **Lomo Saltado**

Sliced Filet Mignon, Tomato, Poblano Pepper, Red  
Onion, French Fries, White Rice, Crispy Garlic

### **Quesadilla**

*Served with Rice and Beans*

Your Choice of Chicken, Blackened Shrimp, Steak, or  
Nopales-Pico de Gallo

### **Fresh Tamales Wrapped in Banana Leaves**

*Served with Rice and Avocado Salad*

Your Choice of Chicken, Pork, or Beans  
Salsa Verde or Mole Sauce



## Dessert

### **Cinnamon Churros**

Caramel Dipping Sauce

### **Fried Dough Sundae**

Powdered Sugar, Melted Chocolate, Banana Ice Cream

### **Crème Caramel**

Lime Whipped Cream, Tangerine-Ancho Chili  
Chocolate, Cilantro Sugar

### **Mango Gelato**



Great River Golf Club's

# Mother's Day Brunch

**Sunday, May 14, 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+)*

## RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Call **(203) 701-0051** to reserve your table today  
*Don't wait – Space is limited!*



## STARTERS

Assorted Greens with Condiments and Dressings • Fruit Salad with Mint Yogurt Dressing  
International and Domestic Cheese Displays  
Curry Chicken Lentil Soup • Rhode Island Seafood Chowder • Assorted Breads  
Italian-Inspired Tomato & Mozzarella Salad  
Chopped Spring Cobb Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette  
Chilled Seafood Display • Grilled Vegetable Display with Horseradish Dipping Sauce

## BREAKFAST ITEMS

Assorted Muffins, Danish, Scones, Bagels • Fresh Fruit Display, Berries, Yogurt & 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 Eggs Benedict

## ENTRÉES

Miso-Glazed Salmon with Shiitake Mushrooms, Bok Choy, Scallion, Ginger, Mandarin Orange,  
Crispy Garlic & Cilantro Jasmine Rice  
French Chicken with Roasted Root Vegetables, Harvest Chutney, Mustard Greens & Smoked Maple Jus  
Sweet Potato Ravioli with Wilted Spinach & Fig Brown Butter Cream Sauce

## CARVING STATION

Montreal Seasoned New York Strip Steak • Honey Glazed Ham • Chipotle Cinnamon Smoked Turkey Breast  
Rosemary Red Roasted Potatoes • Spring Vegetables • Rolls and Sauces

## KIDS' BUFFET

Ground Beef Taco Station • Penne Pasta (Butter & Marinara Sauce) • Chicken Tenders  
Smiley Fries • Mixed Vegetables • Assorted Fruit Salad

## ASSORTED DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA

# TOURNAMENT CLUB

## 2023 Stember Cup Friday, May 5th

Time to sign up for the best event of the season, The Stember Cup! The Stember Cup is teams mixed of STaff and mEMBERS. Teams will compete in a 2 Best Balls of Four Shamble.

The event will take place Friday, May 5th with tee times starting at 1:30.

You may register as a single or as a team. Feel free to approach any staff member (not just golf staff) and invite them to play.

Entry Fee is \$30 per player and includes happy hour following golf  
Field is limited to 54 players

## Tournament Availability & Waitlists

It is unbelievable to see the positive response from our members in our golf tournaments. The positive feedback has spread and we are very to happy to have a new problem on our hands at the club...events are selling out in hours! While this is again great feedback on how our events are conducted and our members interest, we are now in a spot where too many members are on the sidelines for our premier events. As we look into some long term resolutions and new registration policies, we have a few short term solutions to help member satisfaction.

- Members that did not get in a One Day Member-Guests will have first priority in the next available One Day Member-Guest.
- Members that do not come of the waitlist for the White Squirrel or Great River Invitational, will have an automatic invite to the following years event.
- Members that did not get in a monthly Pro-Member, will have first invitations to the next months event.

Again, these are a few temporary solutions to keep our members happy. The professional staff is currently working with as many clubs in the areas as possible to help find tee times for our members to play when the course is unavailable for events.





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## Tournament Cancellation Policy & Penalty

An issue we seem to have each year is members canceling tournaments inside 24 hours or worse, not showing up with out any notification. This is a very big offense in country club etiquette, and even more so now with every event being sold out and other members on the outside looking in. To make sure everyone is on the same page, here is a quick reminder of what our tournament cancelation policy is at Great River.

**Regular member events:** We ask members to provide 48 hours notice. This gives the club ample time to find a replacement if needed, adjust kitchen prep, and readjust prize breakdowns. Any cancelation inside 24 hours is subjected to food cost of the tournament entry (which is normally 50% of the entry fee). If we can find a sub for you, then no cost is incurred. Any members that no call, no show for a tournament will pay the entire entry fee and our No Show fee of \$25.

**Major Tournaments & One Day Member Guests:** With these events always sold out, we ask for as much notification as possible. For these big events, Once the field is set (announced 1 week prior) all players are locked in. Once locked in, if a player/team cancels, if we cannot find a replacement for your team, you are subjected to the tournament entry fee. If you do cancel, and we find you a replacement, no fee is assed, however, you will be responsible for any tee gift you or your guest selected (if applicable). If a member No Shows for one of our premier events, they will be assed the entire entry and will be suspended for up to one year from club events.

With events being as popular as they are now, we do hope you understand the need for such policy. Our goal is to always provide high caliber events for our members and their guests to enjoy. When people violate these policies, you are effecting your fellow members and their enjoyment, and that is something we at Great River will not tolerate.

Please feel free to reach out to [jloomis@rggolfclub.com](mailto:jloomis@rggolfclub.com) with any questions, concerns, or policy ideas.



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# 2023 Tournament Calendar

Below is a quick reference for our 2023 golf tournament schedule to help you prepare for the upcoming season. The golf staff will be adding all events and full details (format, dates/times, registration opening/closing, cost, player of the year points) of each event to Clubster over the next month for quick and easy reference.

## April

Monthly Pro-Am - Saturday, April 8  
Opening Day - Saturday, April 22

## May

Stember Cup - Friday, May 5  
May Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday, May 11  
Spring One-Day Member Guest - Friday, May 19  
Monthly Pro-Am - Sunday, May 21  
Margarita Mixer - Saturday, May 27

## June

*Fairfield Prep Outing (course closed) - Friday, June 2*  
White Squirrel - June 9, 10, 11  
June Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday June 15  
Monthly Pro-Am - Saturday, June 17  
Father's Day Tournament - Sunday, June 18  
Summer One -Day Member Guest - Thursday, June 29

## July

All-American Mixer - Monday, July 3  
Red, White, & Blue - Tuesday, July 4  
*LPGA EPSON TOUR (course closed) - July 10 - 16th*  
July Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday, July 20  
Monthly Pro-Am - Sunday, July 23  
Women's Member-Guest Invitational - Thursday, July 27

## August

Mixed Member Guest - Saturday, August 5  
Tom Follo Member-Member - August 12 & 13  
August Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday, August 17



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Junior Club Championship - Saturday, August 19  
Senior Club Championship - Sunday, August 20  
Monthly Pro-Am - Sunday, August 27

### **September**

Men's Club Championship - September 2,3,4  
Women's Club Championship - September 3 & 4  
*Turner Construction Outing (course closed) - Friday, September 8*  
9/11 Memorial Flag Tournament - Sunday, September 10  
September Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday, September 14  
Couples Championships - Saturday, September 16  
Monthly Pro-Am - Sunday, September 17  
Men's Member- Guest Invitational - September 22, 23, 24  
Ryder Cup - September 30 - October 1

### **October**

October Ladies Nine & Dine - Thursday, October 5  
Oktoberfest Mixer - Saturday, October 14  
Monthly Pro-Am - Sunday, October 22

### **November**

Closing Day - Friday, November 3  
Cross Country - Saturday, November 18  
Black Friday Alt Shot - Friday, November 24  
Superintendents Revenge - Sunday, December 3

### **Season Long Events**

Great River Open - April 24 - September 24  
Twilight League - May 10 - August 30  
Ladies Clinics & 4-Hole League - May 4 - August 31





## 2023 Opening Day Tournament Results

### 1st Gross (-4)

Brendan Hegarty, Bob Intravia, Nick Coscia, Rob Hoxie

### 2nd Gross (-3)

Harrison Browne, Ken Wood, Alex Choniski, Brigid DiRenzo

### 1st Net (-22)

Matt Healy, Nick Laico, Mark Kuligowski, Mike McGrath

### 2nd Net (-22)

Brett Cody, John Ricciardi, William Doolittle, Louis DiRenzo

### 3rd Net (-22)

Johnny Vitti, Stephen Meyer, Dave Branning, Brad Uscilla

### Closest to the Pin

Hole #2 – Mario Lucibello (8 ft, 3 in)

Hole #8 – Gary Nusbaum (14 ft)

Hole #10 – Brendan Hegarty (1 ft, 5 in)

Hole #15 – John Ricciardi (3 ft, 8 in)

### Long Drive

Men – Martin Goethche

Women – Christy Machan

### Skills Challenge

Long Drive – Brett Cody 300 yards

Chipping – Aurelio Gracia 9 points

Putting – Dave Murray 6 points



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**When:** Thursday, May 18th,  
2:00pm - 6:00pm  
**What:** TaylorMade Build Trailer

Ever want to get fit like to pros do? Don't like waiting a weeks, maybe months for your clubs to show up? Problem solved! Join us on Thursday, May 18th for the fitting experience of a lifetime, Taylor Made will be here with their Build Trailer.

The TaylorMade Build Trailer allows for you to be fit on the range and have your clubs in hand in just a few minutes. They build out any of their new Stealth woods or their MG3 or Hi-Toe wedges. Check out the attachment below for further details.

The fitting will be a \$100 charge. If you buy your clubs that day, the \$100 charge will be applicable to the price of your clubs.

Sign up fast, there are limited spots.



**Callaway Fitting Day  
Saturday, May 6, 11:00am - 3:00pm**

Schedule your chance to get fit from Callaway Golf on Saturday, May 6th from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Custom Fitting is one of the most important aspects of improving your golfer's game. We make the fitting experience seamless from start to finish, catering to your players needs and providing recommendations with confidence.



# SACRED HEART GOLF NEWS



## **NEC Champs for Second Straight Year!**

*SHU wins by 10 with best round of the tournament*

The Pioneers saved their best for the last round of the 2023 Northeast Conference Golf Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The Sacred Heart women's team fired a seven-over 295 on April 25th in the third and final round to earn a second straight conference title and a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Head Coach Matt McGreevy's squad, which improved its score each day on the Hills Course of LPGA International, finished at 895, which was 10 shots better than Delaware State.

SHU junior Chantal El Chaib went 72-71-72 to finish one under and earn medalist honors, while senior captain Kailee Welch (72-73-71) was second overall at even par.

"We went in knowing it was close," said McGreevy. "We had to stay consistent, swing in rhythm and not press. We did a great job of that today."

El Chaib was steady today in holding a lead she had for practically the entire event. The native of United Arab Emirates had a birdie on No. 2 and a bogey on the fifth while shooting par on every other hole in the final round. She is the



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first SHU women's NEC medalist since Ellen Nighbor won in 2017, the year the program captured the first of its three conference championships. El Chaib needed a fantastic chip shot on the second-to-last hole to grab tournament honors. She placed a shot on a green running away from her to within three feet to save par.

"She is so steady, she knows her game so well," said McGreevy of his medalist. "Chantal isn't flashy, she knows when to be aggressive and when to put it in a safe spot. She made some great swings down the stretch and an all-world par from outside a greenside bunker on No. 17."

The coach was equally impressed with his team leader. "Kailee (Welch) picked a great time to have her best big tournament. She was able to pull through with solid play all weekend. We've been waiting for that, and we are so happy for her."

A trio of Pios finished next to each other. Sophomore Maya Robilio, first year Jessie Burch and junior Margot Rouquette came in at 235 (19+, 19th), 235 and 236, respectively.

SHU, which bested a field of 11 schools, led from start to finish. However, it got a little scary eight holes into the final round. A lead that was seven after day one before ballooning to 12 early in round two, was three strokes heading into the last 18 holes. Early in the day Delaware State trimmed the margin to just one shot before the Pios' consistency proved too strong.

During the regional selection show for the 2023 NCAA DI women's golf championship, which aired on the Golf Channel on Wednesday, April 26, the Pios found out that they are headed to Athens, Georgia.

The Pios will compete with 11 other teams from May 8-10 at the University of Georgia Golf Course, a par 71 Robert Trent Jones layout. The University of Georgia is serving as the host for the regional.

**GOOD LUCK LADIES! We are so proud of you!**

*As of April 30th, the defending NEC Champions Men's Team is currently competing in Daytona Beach, and are five strokes off the lead in third place after the first day of the 2023 tournament. Best of luck!*



# TOM ROSATI GOLF ACADEMY



## Junior Clinics

*Ages 7-14, Beginner to Intermediate*

### Spring Clinic

Sundays - April 30, May 7, 14, & 21

**Ages 11-14** 9:15 am - 10:30 am

**Ages 7-10** 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

### Summer Clinic

Tuesday, August 8 - Friday, August 11

**Ages 7-10** 8:30 am - 10:00 am

**Ages 11-14** 10:15 am - 11:45 am

### Fall Clinic

Sundays - September 10, 17, 24, & October 1

**Ages 11-14** 9:15 am - 10:30 am

**Ages 7-10** 10:45 am - 11:45 am

### *JUNIOR CLINIC PRICING*

*Non-Members - \$200*

*Members - \$180*

*SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$160*

## Half Day Camps

*Ages 8-16, All Experience Levels Welcome!*

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, August 14 - Friday, August 18

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *HALF-DAY CAMP PRICING*

*Non-Members - \$400*

*Members - \$370*

*SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$350*

## Players Camp

*Ages 11-18, Advanced Golfers*

Wednesdays - July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2 & 9

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### *PLAYERS CAMP PRICING*

*Non-Members - \$700*

*Members - \$650*

*SHU Alumni & Faculty - \$600*

*To sign up, visit [www.GreatRiverGolfClub.com](http://www.GreatRiverGolfClub.com) and download the Registration Form*





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# GREENS & GROUNDS

The Greens and Grounds Team continues to make progress on many areas of the course before the summer months are here. Tanto Irrigation has been making great progress over the past few weeks, and we are still close to schedule for a June 1st completion. Thus far, April has been relatively dry and has shown me the shortfalls of the old irrigation, and I am very happy to see the new irrigation installed.



Through April, we wrapped up most of the driving range project with a few remaining areas that needed new sod. Our plan is to have the range floor fully open for our outside operation team to use the picker cart on most of the range floor to minimize downtime for hand picking. With the range sod project behind us, we will now focus our efforts on some weak turf areas around bunkers, tees,

cart path edges, and green surrounds. We will continue many of these areas with in-house labor and plan to be done with all sod projects by June 1st. Typically sod laid after June 1st will struggle through the summer months and be very laborious to keep alive.

Tanto Irrigation has completed eleven holes, and we are fully operational on most holes that have been installed. The new software will take some getting used to from its previous versions I am familiar with, but the features and capabilities to run and monitor the system are superior. For example, on older versions, you needed to know specific head locations, versus now it is a map-based system that has the GPS location for all irrigation heads, so you are able to see where every station is specifically on the course. Over time we will dial in the specifics to increase playing surface quality and better utilize our water.

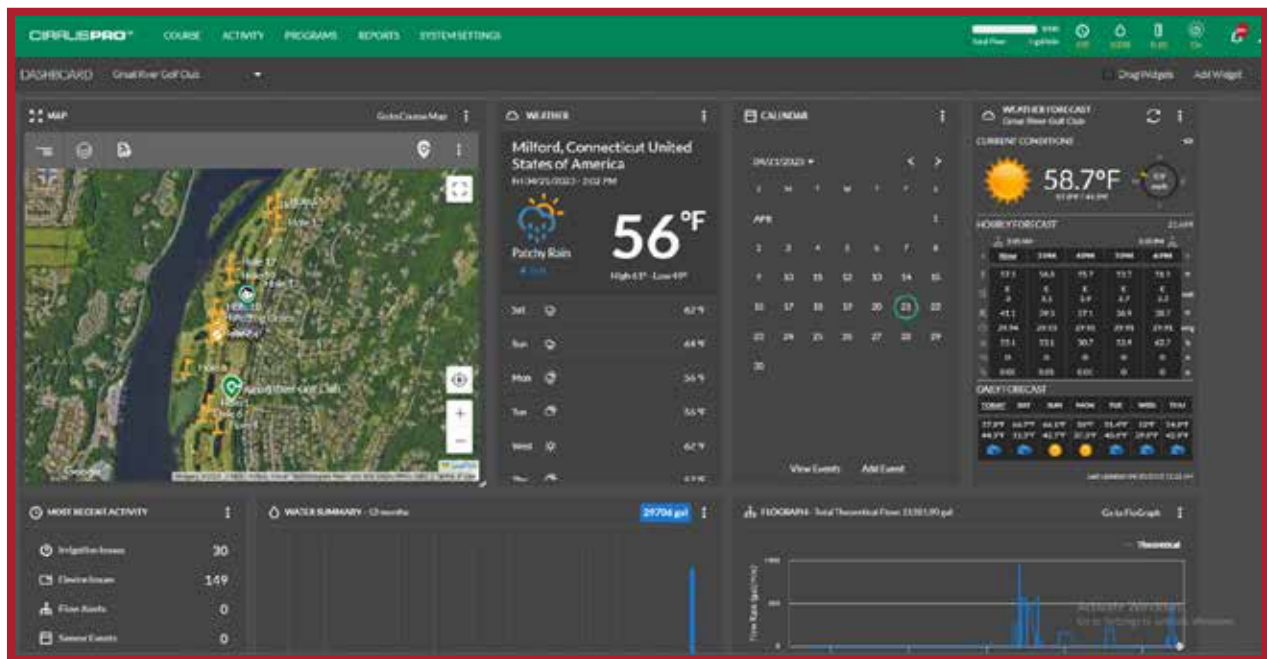
We have also been spending some time looking at course uniformities. One was the collars around the greens. Many of them ranged from 12” to 40”. My goal is to create a uniform 30” collar around all the greens for uniform aesthetics. You may



see some red or blue paint marks around the greens for the next few weeks, which those dots signify.

As we begin to get closer to summer, some agronomic practices you may see take place on the course will be:

- Bi-weekly sand topdressing on greens. This will continue to dilute the organic material and maintain firm, fast, and true putting surfaces.
- Bi-weekly needle tine or planet air. The use of these machines will increase air and pore space, ultimately creating a healthier environment for turf.
- Moisture monitoring with the use of TDR moisture meters. These devices will accurately tell us our soil moisture on any playing surface. These aid in overall plant health, so we water only the areas that need to be.



It has been great meeting some of you on the course, and I hope everyone is enjoying the spring golf season.

**Best Regards,**  
**Curtis Harder**, Golf Course Superintendent



# EVENT PLANNER CORNER

**Hello and Happy May!**

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the beautiful sights of Spring! The property is looking beautiful and blooming, and the events team has been very busy with tours, bookings, and the planning of many upcoming events.

Last month, we celebrated two weddings, a bridal shower, and six other banquet events. Despite some uncooperative weather, we want to again wish a huge congratulations to Whitney & Brian and Molly & Peter who tied the knot here at Great River in April! Thank you for trusting Great River with your special day, we wish you all the best in your futures together.

We are now booking holiday parties & weddings into 2024 and beyond. Reach out to our sales team today and let our team help you plan the perfect event!

We look forward to seeing you at the Club!

**All the Best,**

**Karin Attolino**, Sales Director

**Chelsea Jones**, Banquet Sales Manager

**Caitlin Wardlow**, Event Coordinator & Communication





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