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Our Coronavirus Action Plan & Rules

We are committed to continuing to provide a safe environment for all of our patrons. We are happy to be open for your enjoyment and relaxation during these unprecedented times. At the same time, we request your cooperation with the safety precautions outlined below. We are confident that you all will use common sense in practicing social distancing, appropriate sanitary measures and other safety precautions to limit possible spread and exposure to coronavirus. We also want to remind you that this remains a fluid situation and may change at any time, so keep checking back for updates!

GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB IS CURRENTLY OPERATING AS FOLLOWS:

Monty's River Grille is now OPEN for takeout, inside dining and outside dining on the patio! *Because space is limited, reservations must be made in advance by calling us at (203) 701-0051. Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking. For menus, please visit the Dining page on our website.*

Monty's River Grille Hours:

Tue-Thu – 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fri-Sat – 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sun – 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Mon – Closed

GOLF COURSE POLICIES

Hours of Operation:

Tue-Sun – 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Mon – Closed

**The first few hours of play on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are reserved for Members Only. Public golfers can book tee times for 1:00 pm and later.*



- To best prepare for the safety of our golfers and staff, **tee times are required** and walk ups are not permitted.
- Please indicate at the time of booking if you will need a cart, pushcart or will be walking. See below for rules on cart use.
- We strongly recommend all patrons **wear a mask or face covering** when coming to the club. Our staff members are required to wear masks. Masks are required while inside the Pro Shop & Locker Room.
- Please use common sense and be respectful of social distancing guidelines. These rules apply not only to all golfers, but also to our staff. Players waiting to play should always practice social distancing.
- If you do not feel well – STAY HOME!

FACILITIES & SERVICES

- Carts and push carts will be thoroughly sanitized by our staff prior to your arrival and again once you are finished.
- **Bag Drop & Bag Storage services are in full effect.** The golf staff will disinfect all bags with a high temperature steam gun after each round.
- **Club cleaning service** will be done after your round, regardless if your bag is staying or going. If you are taking your bag, the golf staff will disinfect your bag, clean your clubs, and bring them up to the Bag Drop area.



- **Locker rooms are open.** However, no more than 10 people may be in the locker room at one time.
- **The driving range** will operate on the following schedule:
 - Monday - Closed
 - Tuesday-Sunday - Mats All Day 8:00am-4:00pm
- **The Pro Shop is open for shopping!** Masks or face coverings must always be worn when inside. We have installed a hand sanitizing station at the entrance for your use, as well as a plexiglass barrier at the counter. No more than 4 customers may be allowed inside the shop at one time. If you see that 4 people are already inside, please wait to enter. We also ask that you maintain a social distance of six feet with all other patrons as you shop. Any customers who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave the shop. Current open hours are:
 - Monday - 8:00am-5:00pm
 - Tuesday-Sunday - 7:00am-5:00pm
- **The Snack Bar is open for service Tuesday through Sunday from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

COURSE PLAY

- **Carts**
 - At this time, 2 players may share a cart. However, both golfers must be wearing a face covering while in the cart. The driver of the cart must remain the only driver of the cart throughout the round.
 - Members of the same household are not required to wear a mask while sharing a cart and may alternate drivers, provided both drivers meet all other requirements.
 - “Hitching a ride” while on the course is prohibited.
- **Cart Path Only** will be in effect on Hole 7 & Hole 17
- **Flagsticks, rakes, and benches may be used.** These and other high-touch items will be cleaned frequently.
- Ball washers, water coolers, and used tee baskets will remain off-limits.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to adjust to these ever-changing regulations and guidelines. We will do our best to communicate all updates regarding golf in our state and here at Great River. We will continuously reevaluate the situation based on the climate and federal and state guidance. Please feel free to reach out to a staff member with any questions or concerns you may have. See you out on the course!

- The Great River Golf Club Staff

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!

JONATHAN CROWE

MARLON DRUMMOND

ARTHUR FULLER

EDWARD GAISER

SCOTT THORNTON

ABE & NANCY YALE

Food & Beverage



20% off bottles of wine
through November



Fall Wine & Cocktail Menu

White Wines

6oz 9oz Btl

Il Nido Pinot Grigio 7.5 11 28
Floral notes of honeysuckle and lemon juice on the nose that carry over onto the palate with added hints of mango.

Fernhook Sauvignon Blanc 8 12 30
A succulent, easy drinking, dry white wine, designed to capture and balance the natural fruit flavors.

Pico & Vine Sonoma Chardonnay 8 12 30
A wine of balanced richness with hints of vanilla and apple on the nose, with an elegant, silky finish.

Le Chant du Merle Sancerre 12 15 44
Medium body wine with notes of ripe red apples and hints of lemon on both the nose and the palate.

Red Wines

6oz 9oz Btl

Arius Pinot Noir 8 12 30
Exudes flavors with grace and complexity. Enjoy the nuances of black cherry, cola and currant with a long, smooth finish.

Pico & Vine Russian River Pinot Noir 12 15 44
Flavors of cherry, plum and a touch of spice with rich hints of vanilla carry through the palate with a silky-smooth finish.

Secret Cellars Cabernet Paso Robles 8 12 30
Bright aromas and hints of sage. Ripe black plum, black cherry and currant flavors mingle with dark chocolate.

Parolvin Amarone 15 20 60
Intense and full-bodied appearance. Intense fragrance, ethereal and very pronounced. Dry plum with vanilla hues.

Fall Cocktails

Price

Skinny Whale 11
Gray Whale Gin, Fresh Lime, Fresh Lemon, Club Soda, Dash of Agave

Fall Gin Fashioned 11
Gray Whale Gin, Dry Vermouth, Maple Syrup, Orange Bitters, Orange peel and cinnamon stick for garnish

Arkansas Mule 11
Rock Town Vodka, Ginger Beer, Lime Juice and Crushed Ice

Dear Members,

We're excited about our new Fall Lunch and Dinner menus that launched a few weeks ago and hope you are enjoying the new seasonal offerings. We have received many positive comments and we encourage your constructive feedback along the way. We will be making some minor revisions over the next week, so please let us know what you think!

Typically around this time of year, we would be promoting our Santa's Brunch and Member Holiday Party. With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to loom large, we have decided to cancel our Santa's Brunch this year. We can still host your private Holiday Parties in our Ballroom or Monty's River Grille. We will ensure there is enough social distancing space and adequate airflow in your party space. Please reach out to a team member to learn about our availability!

Our Pavilion Tent will remain up until November 14th, when our last outdoor event of the season concludes. We thank you for your patience over the past few months - it has really made for some memorable events during this challenging year.

As always, we look forward to serving you, your family and friends especially through this Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccolello
Food & Beverage Director

Matthew Adkins
Executive Chef

Tournament Club

Turkey Shoot Cross Country Golf Tournament

Sunday, November 8th - 10:30 am Shotgun

In hopes to not play in 35 degree weather again, we have moved the Turkey Shoot up to Sunday, November 8th. 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.

Come early for Bloody Mary's and breakfast, then stick around after for a tailgate-style lunch and some football! The Turkey Shoot is \$50 per player and members can sign up as single, pair, or complete team. There will be prizes for low gross and low net teams, as well as on-course contests.



2020 Great River Open Results

Congratulations to Thomas Yavorka and Duncan McCuaig for making it to the Great River Open championship match. Thomas came out firing and took a commanding lead on the front nine, but Duncan McCuaig stayed patient and chipped away Thomas's lead. All tied up thru 16, McCuaig birdied 17 and was able to hang on for the win.

Congratulations Mr. McCuaig on your win!!!



A Note From the Pro's Desk

Dear Members,

As we finish out one the busiest years in the club's history, some of you might have noticed the battery on your cart loses its power rapidly. This is because the batteries in the golf carts are no longer holding their charge. This is common in electric batteries after 4-5 years. 2020 was year 5 for our cart fleet, and given the increased number of rounds, along with single passenger use, I can barely believe we made it through the entire season. As we prepare for cooler weather these issues will certainly become more frequent, so we ask everyone to please bear with us for the final month of golf.

If your cart dies while you're out on the course, just call the Pro Shop at (203) 876-8051 and we will bring a new cart out to you!

We are looking forward to the 2021 season for many reasons, but one of the biggest upgrades we will have for you is a **brand new cart fleet!** Next season, members and their guests will enjoy a new cart fleet, one that is fully loaded. The cart body will be very similar in style and color, but the new carts will have premium seats, USB chargers, lithium batteries, and a full GPS system.

We are thankful that the current fleet lasted the majority of the 2020 season in face of the high demand. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience during our final month, as the batteries are finally starting to lose their charging capabilities. We thank you for your patience with this issue and we look forward to your enjoyment of our new fleet in 2021!



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 systems 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

Hole-In-One Club

It has been a busy fall for Hole-in-Ones!



Aurelio Gracia

Monday, September 7th
Hole #15



Art Faller

Tuesday, September 8th
Hole #15



Seve Esposito

Thursday, October 15th
Hole #8

**This was Seve's 17th Hole-In-One!*



Barbara Poremba

Saturday, October 24th
Hole #10

What's Hot in the Shop?

NEW! johnnie-O Footwear

Chill Chukka Boot \$140.00*

Mox Loafers \$170.00*



NEW! johnnie-O Fall Apparel

Tahoe Vest \$130.00*

Brady 1/4 Zip Fleece \$120.00*



Footjoy Bottoms

5-Pocket & Tour Fit \$108.00*

** = price before your member discount*

At this time, all guests must wear a face covering or mask while inside the shop. No more than 4 customers may be allowed inside at one time, and all shoppers must maintain a social distance of 6 feet with others. Any customers who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave the shop.

We are also happy to take special orders and will work with you to coordinate a contactless pick-up!

To place an order, contact Karin Attolino at (203) 876-8051 x111 or karina@rggolfclub.com

Cobra Irons
\$799.99



Titleist TSi3/TSi2 Drivers
\$549.00



Greens & Grounds

Greens and Grounds Update

Fall 2020 Tee Box Renovation Project Update

This past month we completed in-house construction, coring, sand-backfill, and resodding of the #15 White Tee, #4 White Tee, and #4 Green Tee. By removing the failing turf on the surfaces of these tees, coring out the poor soil growing environments, and replacing the soils with a USGA Specification sand mix, we will be able to better promote drainage, root development, divot seed germination, and traffic recovery. We are able to make significant expansions to the Green and White Tees on #4, increasing our total usable teeing area from 1,900 ft.² to 3,360 ft.². Given that a majority of golfers elect to play a club less than driver from these two smaller tee boxes, divots amount quickly. By significantly expanding these two tees, it will allow for increased divot recovery time and viable turf to play from throughout the upcoming 2021 season. In the early spring of 2021, we will complete the construction of the Black and Red Tees on #15, rounding out a full renovation of all tees on #15 and new surfaces to play from for 2021.

Golf Course Aesthetics

Our native Fine Fescue areas have improved over the course of this past season. We have put much effort into routinely mowing these areas in the shoulder seasons of spring and fall, which will greatly help increase the density of the Fine Fescue and help it better compete against undesirable broadleaf and grassy weeds. We put the final cut on the native areas this past week which will promote denser, hardier, and healthier grass for the beginning of 2021. As part of our fall Fescue Management program, we will make fall post-emergent and winter pre-emergent applications to help clean undesirable grass species. The restoration of Fine Fescue native areas is a very slow and tedious process, typically taking between 3-5 years at most facilities in the Northeast US to begin seeing widespread control. We are slowly beginning to see positive results in just the first year of these programs and will continue them going well into the 2021 season.

Fall 2020 Fertility Programs

As growth slows down and dormancy approaches, fall presents a crucial time for calculated fertilizer applications. The cool fall temperatures allow for healthy growth and root development not possible for the plant during the stressful conditions of the summer months and reinvigorating the plant's recovery is crucial with the cold winter months ahead. By routinely sending soil samples to universities for lab analysis, we are able to track the specific nutrient levels available to our surfaces and adjust our fertility programs to better balance nutrition. We have made great strides in bringing fertility levels into closer balance according to university research and recommendations, and we will continue making bulk granular applications until we fall within our desired ranges.

Fall Cultural Practices

The cool temperatures of this past month provided us an opportunity to implement a number of more aggressive culture practices not possible during the summer





months. This fall we have shifted the focus of our cultural programs towards textural management of the grass blades and heights of cut. A major area of opportunity for the overall health and playability of our turf stands will be addressing the grain and “leggy-ness” of turf laying over. By implementing aggressive brushing procedures immediately prior to cutting the surfaces, we are able to stand turf upright and provide a tighter cut. Repeating this process over time “trains” the plant to grow in a more upright position and stimulates the production of “tillers” to fill in tiny voids between individual plants, further promoting density. We have implemented several brushings and subsequent

cuts on our Fairways and new Approach areas leading into the Greens, and we are beginning to see greater definition between these heights of cut. Continuing our heavy sand topdressing in conjunction with brush cutting procedures will further promote smoother Putting Green and Approach surfaces throughout this fall. As temperatures continue to decrease, we will routinely topdress the Greens & Approaches to protect and bury the stem base of the plants, insulating the surfaces from the harsh temperatures and winter conditions ahead.

We would like to thank the membership for the continued show of support to the Greens & Grounds Department here at Great River, and we look forward to a great remainder of the 2020 golfing season together as the forecasts for early November are promising for further enjoyable play.

- Nick Fino & Bill King

Assistant Golf Course Superintendents



Event Planner Corner

Greetings!

We hope this email finds you well, safe, and healthy.

October was bursting with many celebrations, including eight weddings, a bridal shower and the SHU Cheer Team celebrating their 1st National title—awesome job!

A warm congratulations goes out to member Ken Wood and family, on the nuptials of his daughter Samantha and son-in-law John. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to host this most memorable occasion! And cheers to the following newlyweds who also tied the knot in October: Codi (SHU Alumna) & Dan, Brittany (SHU Alumna) & Ryan, Jaime & Jesse, Derlene (SHU Alumna) & Carlos, Samantha T & John, Juli & Jake, and Courtney & Sal. We were so happy to celebrate amid COVID restrictions. We send our best wishes as you begin this new chapter together.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, the events team will continue to meet the many challenges of planning events safely during a pandemic.

We are now booking for 2022. Please call 203-876-8051 ext. 132 or email ghunt@grgolfclub.com for availability, menus, and pricing.

Stay well,

Gail Hunt | Social & Corporate Event Sales Manager | ghunt@grgolfclub.com
Erin Grady | Assistant Event Planner | egrady@grgolfclub.com





Let us make *your dream wedding* a reality!

*Stunning Backdrop
Elegant Ballroom
Only One Wedding at a Time*

