



WINTER 2020

THE RIVER

Valentine's Day Dinner

FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2020

3 courses | \$48 per person

Enjoy a romantic dinner with live music!



APPETIZERS

Prime Beef Carpaccio
with Traditional Accompaniments
Applewood Smoked Duck
with Pickled Michigan Cherries
Chioggia Beets
with Baby Arugula & Burrata
Classic Shrimp Cocktail
Bibb or Caesar Salad

ENTRÉES

Seared Diver Scallops
with Spinach & Cauliflower Purée, Lobster Reduction
Pan Roasted Wild Halibut
*with a Timbale of Saffron Risotto, Stir Fried Radicchio with Gigantes Beans, Brussels Sprouts,
& Blood Orange Segments*
Lobster Ravioli
*with Morsels of Butter Poached Lobster, Sundried Tomatoes, & Porcini Mushrooms in a Light
Cream Sauce*
Cast Iron Seared Maple Leaf Farms French Duck Breast
with Wilted Garlic Swiss Chard, Parsnip Puree, & Grand Marnier Flambé Apples
Black Angus Filet Mignon
*Brushed with White Truffle Oil with Grilled Asparagus, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, &
Horseradish Hollandaise Sauce*
Herb & Garlic Marinated Grilled Veal Chop
with Garlic Wilted Greens, Wild Rice with Foraged Mushrooms & Green Peppercorn Demi

DESSERTS

Dark Chocolate Marquise
with Chocolate Ganache & Chocolate Mousse, finished with Gold Dust
Strawberries with Warm Chocolate Dipping Sauce
with Fresh Whipped Cream
Crème Brûlée
with Sambuca Strawberries
Gelato Duo & Chocolate Truffles

GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB
130 Coram Lane | Milford, CT

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - please call (203) 701-0051

Food & Beverage

Dear Members,

From the Food & Beverage Team of Great River, we all hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season! We have a lot of exciting things happening in our operation this winter. First and foremost, we are thrilled (and we're confident you'll be equally as thrilled) about our new look in the Monty's River Grille dining room. The restaurant went through a soft renovation during the first few weeks of the year and is scheduled to **reopen on Wednesday, February 12th for lunch**. Please stop in and experience the new look!



On the weekend of Friday, February 14th and Saturday, February 15th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. We've put together a romantic three course Prix Fixe dinner package for \$48 per person, along with live entertainment on both nights. We're anticipating to be sold out both nights, so we encourage you to book your reservations early by calling (203) 701-0051.

Beginning when we reopen on February 12th, our new Winter hours of operation will be: Wednesday open for lunch, Thursday-Saturday open for lunch & dinner, and Sunday open for Brunch. In addition, back by popular demand will be our **Burgers 'n' Brew night on Thursdays**. On **Fridays and Saturdays we will be offering a Prix Fixe dinner package**, and of course we will continue our spectacular **Brunch on Sundays**. Chef Matt and his Culinary Team will be putting their creative twists on these Specialty Nights. Look forward to a new burger menu along with his new gourmet hamburger blend on Thursday nights. Also expect to see some featured Prime Rib nights!

As the Winter Season continues, we here at the Club are hard at work getting ready for the 2020 golf season, when Chef Matt will be debuting **all new menus**. This includes our Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch, Pub, Snack Bar and Banquet Menus. Look for some of your classic favorites along with some new edgy & trendy offerings inspired by the ever-evolving culinary world. In addition, we are committed to sourcing our food from local farmers who practice in sustainability.

We look forward to serving you & your guests, and wish you another great golf season!!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccoello
Food & Beverage Director

Matt Adkins
Executive Chef

MONTYS

RIVER GRILLE

WINTER 2020 HOURS

Wednesday, February 12th
through Tuesday, March 31st

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAY

11:30 AM - 8:00 PM

BURGERS & BREWS NIGHT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

11:30 AM - 9:00 PM

PRIX FIXE DINNER SPECIAL

SUNDAY BRUNCH

10:30AM - 2:00 PM

MONDAY & TUESDAY

CLOSED

Monty's River Grille Presents:

Burgers & Brews

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2020

*1/2 pound burgers on a fresh-baked artisan roll
served with your choice of: house made chips, french fries,
sweet potato fries, onion rings, or coleslaw*

Monty's Classic

Melted American Cheese, Shaved Lettuce,
Tomato, Red Onion, Sliced Pickles

Food Truck Burger

Crispy Onions, Sauteed Peppers, Mushrooms,
Provolone, Horseradish Sauce

Maui Burger

Grilled Pineapple, Ham, Banana Peppers,
Sharp Cheddar Cheese

Salmon Burger

Pickled Ginger, Cabbage Slaw, Wasabi
Kewpie Mayo

Big Sky Burger

Piled High with Bacon, Caramelized Onions,
Melted Munster Cheese, Sweet Molasses
Barbeque Sauce

Thanksgiving Turkey Burger

Stuffing, Brussels Sprout Slaw,
Cranberry Mayo

Tex-Mex Burger

Guacamole, Grilled Poblano Peppers, Melted
Cheddar Jack Cheese, Chipotle Ranch

BURGERS - \$12.95

DRAFT BEERS - \$4.00



Monty's River Grille | 130 Coram Lane, Milford CT

MONTYS

RIVER GRILLE

Winter Prix Fixe Dinner

Friday & Saturday Evenings | February 21st through March 28th, 2020

\$23.95

Appetizers

Soup of the Day

House or Caesar Salad

Potato Croquettes

with Chipotle Cheese Sauce

Chioggia Beets & Burrata

with Baby Arugula, Grilled Bread, EVOO, Balsamic

Entrées

Roasted Prime Rib

with Green Beans, Baked Potato, Au Jus, Horseradish Cream

Korean Short Ribs

with Lo-Mein, Stir-Fry Vegetables

Chicken Cordon Bleu

with Wild Rice, Broccoli, Mustard Cream

Tilapia Florentine

with Garlic Spinach, Red Smashed Potatoes, Lemon Butter Sauce

Cavatelli and Broccoli Rabe

with Garlic, Sweet Basil Chicken Sausage, Roasted Red Peppers,
Pecorino Cheese

Desserts

Warm Chocolate Chip Cookies

Brownie Sundae

Crème Caramel

Greens & Grounds Update

Despite the variable weather and fluctuating temperatures of the past several weeks, we have had a very busy and productive mid-winter both on-course and within our department thus far. I'd like to touch on and briefly highlight our current projects & programs as we prepare for spring.

Winter Topdressing Program

Over the past several weeks, we have made numerous heavy sand topdressing applications to all our putting greens. Without playability disruption concerns, we have an opportunity to use much larger volumes of sand and fully bury the "crowns" (lower stem base region where the plant meets the soil surface) than we can in-season. This provides numerous major benefits, such as insulating the plant from harsh winter conditions, diluting thatch accumulation, smoothing out imperfections on the surface, and providing structure that will continue to increase the firmness of the greens. We will continue this program throughout the remainder of the winter and early spring.



Tree Thinning & Brush Removal

We have made extensive efforts this winter to clear large areas of underbrush, overgrowth, and small invasive woody plants from our beautiful indigenous tree groves along the perimeters of the property. By cleaning out overgrowth, we have been able to not only improve the aesthetic value of these areas, but also increase air flow, decrease shade, and improve the overall environmental growing conditions for healthy turfgrass and course conditioning. The areas focused upon include the left of #3, left of #6, left of #9, right of #15, right of #17, and right of #18.

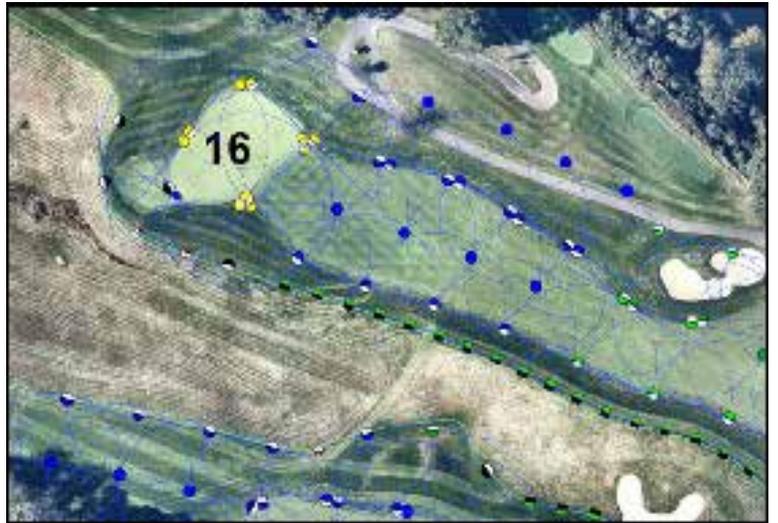
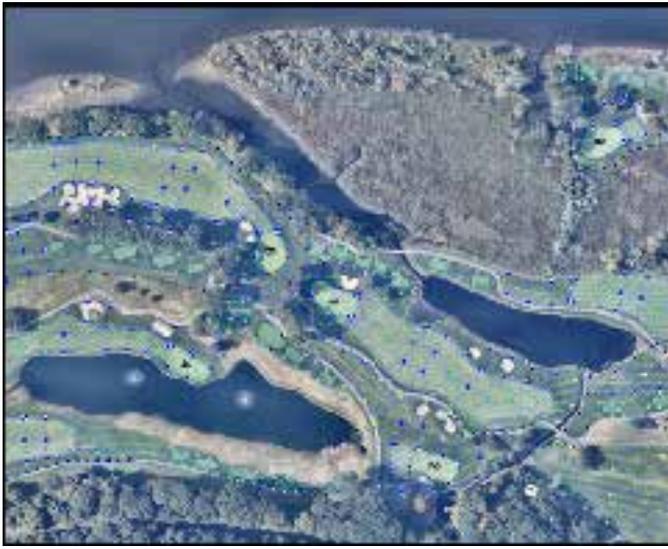


Irrigation System Design & Planning

Our current irrigation system is the same PVC system installed in 2000 during the construction of Great River. PVC piping utilized underground under golf course water pressure requirements typically has an 18-25 year lifespan, depending on a number of operating factors and history. We have been hard at work over the past couple months with our Irrigation Architect, Paul Roche of

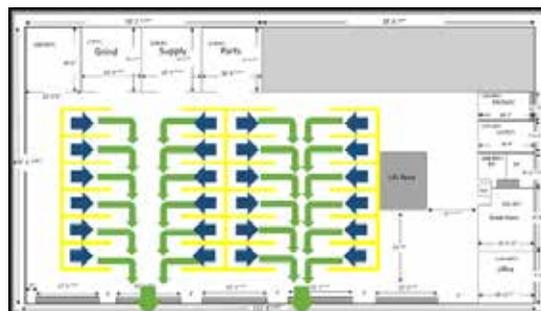
Greens & Grounds (cont.)

Golf Water Design to design, draft, and plan a new system customized for Great River as footing for the future. Paul is one of the most demanded & reputable architects in our industry, having designed over 300 full irrigation systems for top clubs such as Shinnecock Hills, Baltusrol, Oak Hill, Merion, and Oakland Hills. We are nearing the end stages of finalizing a conceptual water coverage layout for each hole, implementing a variety of different sprinkler heads and spacings 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 to the property for the next 25 years at Great River.



Maintenance Facility Organization

Fluctuations in the weather have been a challenge for us over the past two months, with many short stretches of high wind & temperatures dropping well below freezing. During these difficult stretches, we have taken the opportunity to clear out all tools, mowers, and equipment from our Maintenance Facility. By relocating our storage shelves to accessible areas and painting in parking lines for mowers, vehicles, and equipment, we will be able to remain organized and maximize our productivity on-course throughout this upcoming season.



Greens & Grounds (cont.)

Assistant Superintendents

I am very happy to announce that we have recently signed on two new Assistant Superintendents to join our turfgrass management team for the upcoming 2020 season. Nick Fino, a 2018 graduate of Rutgers University's Professional Golf Turf Management School, is currently an Assistant Superintendent with 7 years of experience at Aspetuck Valley CC in Weston, CT. Nick will be joining us in mid-February. Steve McDonald, current Assistant Superintendent at Wampanoag CC in West Hartford, CT, is a 2017 graduate of the University of Massachusetts School for Turf Managers and will be arriving to Great River at the beginning of March. Current team members, Patrick Dumas & Bill King, are both currently in their final semester at Rutgers University's Professional Golf Turf Management School and will be graduating this March before returning to Great River. I feel confident that these four individuals all possess that talent, passion, and enthusiasm necessary to lead and execute our Greens & Grounds operation day in and day out, and I am very excited for their arrivals.

Equipment Upgrades

I am also very excited and grateful for several substantial capital equipment upgrades we will be receiving come the beginning of the 2020 season. A number of our mowers, carts, and equipment pieces have been showing signs of their age, many of them original to the property. We have identified our greatest equipment needs over this off-season, prioritizing our capital acquisitions based on what will deliver the best product possible on course for several years to come. Included in the package are new lightweight greens mowers, lightweight greens walk sprayers, mechanical bunker rake, primary rough step-cut mower, transportation carts, utility vehicle mounted sand & fertilizer spreader, compact utility tractor, and several smaller equipment pieces for our Maintenance Facility to help maximize our productivity & preventative maintenance of our machines. I am very grateful for all the support we have received for implementing new Best Management Practices at Greens & Grounds since my arrival in late October, and I have no doubt that our new capital acquisitions will provide an immediate impact upon the effectiveness of our work and end product results on course.



Sincerely,

J.P. MacPherson
Superintendent

Ben James and Team USA Win Junior Presidents Cup!



Ben James won two out of his three matches to help the US team clinch the Junior Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne in Australia. Ben was part of a twelve man team chosen by the PGA Tour to represent his country in this biennial event.

In fourball competition, Ben won his first match by knocking in a stunning fifty foot birdie putt on the 16th hole. In the afternoon foursome competition, Ben and his partner beat the #1 player in the world and his partner 2 and 1. After day one, the US had a commanding lead of 9 to 3.



The second day singles matches produced winds of 20+ mph and Ben played against the #8 player in the world, Bo Jin from China. He lost a hard fought match, but the US team still prevailed and won the Cup 13-11.

Ben is the youngest player on the US team and will be eligible for the next Presidents Cup in 2021. He is currently ranked #10 in the world and #1 for the class of 2022!

Congratulations from the entire GRGC staff! We are proud to have you as a member!

GHIN Handicap System Converts to World Handicap System

The world handicap system took effect January 1, 2020 and is now available for use. For the most part, posting your scores will be done the exact same way on the app or here at the club. Below is



a brief summary of the main changes that you can expect as a golfing member of Great River Golf Club.

Basis of Handicap Calculation – Your handicap index will be established by counting your best 8 of your last 20-scores (used to be best 10 of last 20) which will provide less significant jumps in handicap and allows for temporary periods of poor play. In short, it will be a more accurate reflection of your skill level.

Handicap Updates – Your handicap will now update every day, as opposed to the former method of twice per month. Again, this will mean less significant changes in your handicap on any given day but will also mean your handicap is updated in real time, so it will always be accurate.

Immediate Score Posting – With handicap indexes now being updated daily, players will be expected to post their scores immediately at the conclusion of the round. This will assist the new system of defining the course difficulty that day based on scores posted and assigning your handicap index for the following day's play. ***Players should no longer hold and post scores in batches. It is imperative that scores be posted within the same day of play.***

Playing Conditions Calculation – Your score will go into the WHS algorithm and compare it to all other scores posted that day on that course. The program will assess if you played better than normal given the conditions (weather elements and course setup) or if you played within reason for your handicap. In other words, the course conditions will now be embedded into the formula in assessing your score and your handicap index.

World Handicap System (cont.)

Maximum Score for Posting – Your new maximum score **per hole** will be net double bogey (PAR + Handicap stroke(s) received + 2 = Net Double Bogey) regardless of your handicap. This is to assist with pace of play and be more uniform across a broad spectrum of handicap skill levels. It also allows for a golfer to have the occasional bad hole without it affecting their handicap negatively. You can now pick up a net double bogey when playing **recreational** rounds. This eliminates the old equitable stroke method of score keeping.

Playing Handicaps – Your handicap when playing a match will be easily identified using your handicap index and the set of tees you are playing. There will no longer be a need for an “adjustment” of handicap under the old Rule 3-5 of the handicap manual, as the new system already accommodates players playing from different tees.

Tees Used – We can expect a larger spread in our handicaps when looking at different tee options with this new system. For example, if you moved from Blue to Gold tees your handicap under the old system may have just moved by 1 stroke, but under the new system it could be 2-3 strokes higher.

Maximum Handicap – The new maximum handicap index allowance will be 54.0 for all genders to be more inclusive. This is a great opportunity for new and less seasoned golfers to track their efforts and understand where their game is currently. *Please note, for club events at Great River we will normally limit playing handicaps to a certain limit based on the type of event.*

Please contact Jason Loomis, Head Golf Professional, at jlloomis@grgolfclub.com with any questions regarding the new system.

2020 Member's Tournament Schedule

Opening Day ABCD Shamble | Saturday, May 2nd - 9:30 am Shotgun

Format: 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 lowest score of the team will be taken per score. Teams must use everyone's tee shot a minimum of two times.

Great River Open | May 3rd – September 27th

Format: Season Long Individual Match Play Bracket

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

Round of 64 Match Deadline: June 14th

Round of 32 Match Deadline: July 16th

Round of 16 Match Deadline: August 9th

Semi-Finals Match Deadline: September 7th

Finals Deadline: September 27th

Spring Skins Games | Saturday, May 16th - 9:00 am Shotgun

Format: Individual Stroke Play. 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 separate pay out for gross and net skins.

Guest Policy: Members can invite up to 3 guests. Each guest will be charged a reduced rate for golf, skins entry, and F&B

Spring One Day Member-Guest | Friday, June 5th - 1:00 pm Shotgun

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

Handicap: 90% Course Handicap

Father's Day Tournament | Sunday, June 21st *NEW EVENT*

Tee Times: 18-Hole Competition starting at 9:00 am. 9-Hole starting at 11:00 am

Teams: Members may play alongside with up to three partners (sons, daughters, fathers, grandsons, granddaughters, grandfathers, son/daughter in-laws) and compete as three different teams

Formats: Better Ball of Partners Tees: Based on Age

Red, White, and Blue | Saturday, July 4th - 9:00 am Shotgun

Format: Individual Stroke Play where players will play from the red, white, or blue tees based on their score from the previous hole.

2020 Member's Tournament Schedule (cont.)

Two-Day Member Guest | July 18th & 19th (Welcome Dinner Friday, July 17th)

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.

The Stember Cup | Friday, July 31st - 3:00 pm Shotgun

Format: Three Members and a Great River Staff will play a 9-Hole, Two Best Ball of Four Shamble.

Handicap: 70% Course Handicap

Junior Club Championship (17 & Under) | Saturday, August 8th

Tee times starting at 1:00 pm, Banquet starting at 5:30 pm

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

Senior Club Championship | Sunday, August 9th

Format: 18-Hole Individual Stroke Play.

Senior Division- 55 and over

Super Senior Division- 75 and over (net prize only)

Men's & Ladies Club Championship | September 5th-7th - Tee Times Starting at 7:30 am

Qualifying Rounds: Members may attempt to qualify between the dates of August 14th through August 30th. 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 fails to qualify will be allowed to play in the flighted championships if they wish.

Format: Match Play – Championship will be determined by an 18-hole qualifying round. All other flights will be seeded according to handicap index. Championship flight and 1st flight will be played at scratch. Other flights will be played with Handicap, stroked off the lowest index.

Fall One Day Member-Guest | Wednesday, September 16th - 1:00 pm Shotgun

Format: Two Best Balls of Four. Members can bring up to three guest or pair up with another member & guest.

2020 Member's Tournament Schedule (cont.)

Tom Follo Member/Member Tournament | September 26th & 27th - 9:00 am 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.

Closing Day Tournament & Awards Banquet | Saturday, October 3rd *NEW EVENT*

Format: Pro/Collegiate – AM. Three members will be paired with a local PGA Professional or a player from the Sacred Heart Golf Team. The format will be a One Best Ball Gross & Net combined. Members can sign up in threesomes or be paired by the professional staff.

The Ryder Cup | October 10th & 11th *Invitation Only – based on Player of the Year Points*

Format: The top 16 season point winners qualify for this exciting tournament. There will be five 9-hole matches over two days.

Cross Country Turkey Shoot | Sunday, November 8th - 10:00 am Shotgun

Entry Fee: \$25 per person

Format: 9 hole four-man scramble: playing the course from different tees to different greens

More information for each event can be found in our 2020 Golf Book, which will be available March 1st

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 will form a team, of which two play each week in a round-robin format. Matches are 9-hole fourball matches and begin each week with a 5:15 pm shotgun start.

Teams will play a fourball match against each team in the league, earning points each week. At the end of the season, a selected number of teams (based on participation) with the highest point total will make the playoffs. The playoffs will be a single elimination bracket to decide the champions.

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

New Golf Events for 2020

Sunday Mixers

New to the tournament calendar this year is our Sunday Mixers. Each month couples will join forces to compete in a 9-hole team event. The formats for each month will vary but will be a fun and slightly competitive event that will ensure golfers of all abilities will enjoy.

Entry fee for these events will include golf, dinner, and prizes. There will be no additional green fees for your spouse/guest.

Mixed Golf Dates

Sunday, May 24th – Memorial Day Mixer

Sunday, June 14th – Margarita Mixer

Sunday, July 5th – All-American Mixer

Sunday, August 16th – True Member - Mixer

Sunday, September 6th – Labor Day Mixed Couples Championship

Mixers will begin with a 4:00 pm shotgun start and will have dinner and awards following golf.

Ladies Golf Clinics & 3-Hole Golfers

Thursdays for our Great River ladies just got a little exciting. This year will be our inaugural 3-Hole Lady Golfers. Each Thursday, the professional staff will provide a ½-hour clinic starting at 5:30 pm. After the clinic, we will pair ladies up into groups and send you out on the course for a three-hole challenge. 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 -- drinks and dinner!

New Golf Events for 2020 (cont.)

Friday Pickup Game

The Friday Pickup Game will be tee times each Friday between 1:00-1:30 pm. Anyone that would like to play that week is asked to show before 12:45 pm. Pairings will be made as players arrive (the first four players to arrive will be the first group, the next four will be the next team). This is a great chance to meet and play with new and old members of the club. Members may invite guests to participate in the game. The format will be a team Stableford. Each player will play their own ball and will receive points based on their net score each hole. This will be a cash game with cash payouts. The entry fee will be \$10 cash per player.

Saturday Skins Game

Anyone playing in the morning between 7:00-11:00 am may join in on the weekly game. The cost is \$10 cash. There will be gross and net skins competition.

Sunday Black Tee Game

Calling all big hitters, low handicappers, or anyone looking to ruin a nice peaceful Sunday, then come test your golf game against the Black Tees here at Great River. The Sunday Black Tee Game will be tee times between 7:00-7:30 am. 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 cash per player. The Professional Staff will create the pairings and email out teams and starting times Saturday afternoon.

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 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.

Don't Put Your Game on Ice This Winter!!



Winter Lesson Programs

Full Winter Package ~ \$600

(7 sessions for the price of 5)

Golf Game Analysis (TPI Screen, Full Swing, Short Game, Putting), goal setting, and practice plan

Club Fitting & Distance Gapping

5 – 1 Hour lessons

1/2 hour follow up lessons at reduce rate of \$50

Winter Training Sessions ~ \$300

(5 lessons and an assessment for the price of 4 half hour lessons)

Golf Game Analysis (TPI Screen, Full Swing, Short Game, Putting), goal setting, and practice plan

5 - 30 minute lessons

1/2 hour follow up lessons at reduced rate of \$50

Distance Gapping ~ \$50

We work through your whole bag giving you stock distances for each club. Then we will analyze the data to ensure proper yardage gapping between each club and any equipment/setup recommendations.

For More Information Contact

Jason Loomis, PGA

jloomis@grgolfclub.com

Conquer Your Putting Stroke This Winter

Tips from the Tom Rosati Academy

There is no reason to neglect your putting stroke this winter. There are some cool indoor putting greens out there. If you're interested, check out a company called Big Moss Golf, they make incredible indoor putting greens that look great and roll perfect. But if you prefer not to spend the money all you need is a nice carpet and an object to aim at.



To putt great this year, you must have what I call good **pre-putt fundamentals**. The first fundamental to work on is **alignment with the putter and the body**. Find a level

8 ft putt in your house or on your indoor putting mat. Using a laser level that you can get at any hardware store, line the laser 10 ft away from the hole making sure it makes a straight line to the middle of the hole or your target. With the laser line image on the surface, place your putter between the laser and the hole making sure the laser line matches up with the alignment line on your putter. Make sure you use a putter with an alignment line. (See figure 1) Once you have the laser matching the line on your putter, you know the

putter head is square to the target. Next you must make sure your toes, knees, hips, forearms and shoulders are parallel to that laser line. (See figure 2)



The second pre-putt fundamental is **posture**. Your knees should have a slight bend and your back tilted, so eyes are over the target line. Your feet should be inside shoulder

width about the width of your hips. Your arms should hang naturally under the chest and the forearms should line up with the shaft of the club. (See figure 2) The question you may be asking is, "how do I check this?" Go back to the hardware store and get a door mirror. Use the mirror from a side view and a frontal view to see if you're in the right position.

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Conquer Your Putting Stroke This Winter (cont.)



The third pre-putt fundamental is **ball position**. This is mostly neglected but very important. Get the putter head in the middle of stance, so the ball will be slightly left of the center of your stance. Go back to the hardware store and get a yardstick; put it on your toe line to measure the middle of your stance. (See figure 3) This will take any guess work out when trying

to find the middle of your stance.

Last but not least is the **putting grip**. It's hard to explain the grip in an article but if you want to putt well, the side of grip should be in both lifelines of both hands. (See figure 4) If you putt cross hand, the grip should still run up the lifeline and even if you use the claw grip the putter should be in the lifeline of the left hand for a right-hand player.



I realize that there are some players who putt well and don't adopt all these pre-putt fundamentals. That's fine, but it's rare. For those of you with your own style who think you're a good putter, you should reevaluate your putting. If you're not averaging 32 putts or less a round, you better start adopting

these simple fundamentals. All these things that happen before you putt are crucial if you want to have any chance of making a good stroke. Right now, don't worry about the stroke itself. Conquer these pre-putt fundamentals and there's a good chance you won't even have to work on your putting stroke.

Tom Rosati Golf Academy is Open Year Round!

Winter Rates

Individual One-Hour Lesson (Adult): \$120

Individual One-Hour Lesson (Junior): \$80

Series of Six (Adult): \$660

Series of Six (Junior): \$420

TPI Golf Fitness

Initial TPI Functional Movement Screening and K-Vest Swing Analysis (two hours)

Adults: \$180

Juniors: \$150

Golf Fitness Training Session

every student must complete the TPI screening before starting this program

Adults: \$130, six sessions for \$700

Juniors: \$100, six sessions for \$520



Trackman Simulation Available in January

Play some of the best courses in the world with the best launch monitor in the world. Virtual Golf 2 is the latest software update to TrackMan's simulator golf solutions, and it delivers an experience that redefines what is possible to achieve in a simulator environment. Every training session, every hole you play, every fun tournament you have with your friends... it's all faithful to the true feeling of the game. World-famous courses appear in simply stunning detail. The gameplay is unbelievably smooth and all your club and ball data is shown with unerring, pinpoint accuracy.



Phil Mickelson Speed Trains!

Try Speed Training This Off Season

A great way to increase flexibility, improve stability, increase strength and pick up a few yards is to start speed training. There are a variety of speed trainers available and the process involves swinging a long stick with different weights. We use a company called Super Speed Golf and they have three different size sticks, all weighted differently. The training sessions will start off by swinging the lighter stick first and gradually working up to the heaviest stick. The training routine consists of swinging lefty and righty with a certain number of reps. Over time, we see speeds increase and form and balance improve. It's great for all ages. Right now, numerous tour players use them, our SHU golf team uses them, and my top junior players use them. Speed training combined with good golf instruction this winter is guaranteed to make you come out strong next season!

For more information, contact Tom Rosati

tom@grgolfclub.com

(203) 876-8051, ext. 117

Membership Update



We would like to warmly welcome the following new members to Great River Golf Club in 2020:

**Dave Leskow
Dr. James Schwanderla
Brian Sullivan
Gino Tarantino
Rob Valorie**

We are looking forward to having you as members!

Pro Shop Corner

WINTER SALE!

ALL Apparel **50% off**

Street Shoes **20% off**

Belts **30% off**

Titleist SM7 Vokey Wedges **\$109.99**



What's Hot in the Shop this Spring?

**Peter Millar
Hyperlite Glide Sneaker**



**Greyson Clothiers
Yukon Jacket**



**Greyson Clothiers
Print Polos**



Bushnell Golf Tools

MP3 Speaker with Golf GPS

**The New & Improved
Tour V5 Shift Range Finder**

What's Hot in the Shop this Spring? (cont.)

TaylorMade Golf

NEW SIM DRIVER >

An asymmetric sole design and powerful new Inertia Generator combine to increase aerodynamics and speed at the most critical stage of the swing



< SIM MAX DRIVER



Callaway

MAVRIK DRIVER

Featuring an all-new cyclone aero shape for reduced drag



MAVRIK MAX DRIVER

Featuring two interchangeable weights for a MAX forgiveness or MAX draw configuration



Titleist

SM8 Vokey Wedges



Jet Black



Tour Chrome



Brushed Steel

Event Planner Corner

Greetings!

Great River had a very successful and busy event season, hosting a total of 117 social and corporate events in 2019! We also conducted almost 200 tours of the property for potential guests and clients. That is a lot of walking!

Many of you may have seen couples getting ready to tie the knot or the ballroom beautifully decorated in anticipation of a special event. Our guests have enjoyed the picturesque setting of the golf course including the gazebo and breezeway as an amazing backdrop to their event. In addition, we've also received many accolades from our guests for the excellent service and overall positive experience at the club, which we are very proud of!

As we look ahead to a new year, we are excited to be the venue of choice for many more celebrations and events. We are currently booking special events in the Ballroom for the winter season. Feel free to call us at (203) 876-8051, ext. 132 or email ghunt@grgolfclub.com for availability, menus and pricing.

We'd love to help plan your next special event!

Best Regards,

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