



# THE RIVER

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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# THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



**Thursday, August 10**

Wine Club

**Saturday, August 12 &  
Sunday, August 13**

Tom Follo Member-Member

**Thursday, August 17**

Ladies 9 & Dine

**Friday, August 18**

Ritas & Fajitas Night

**Friday, August 25**

Women's Invitational

**Saturday, August 26**

Junior Club Championship

**Sunday, August 27**

Senior Club Championship



# 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!*

The Corra Family

Miguel Martinez Saenz



# FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Dear Members,**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Chef and his culinary team have introduced all new menus in Monty's River Grille. The menus will showcase the seasonality of the late summer season. As always, please continue to provide your feedback to your likes and opportunities for improvement.

We're also excited about our next Wine Club dinner, our theme is "Pan-Asian". Our Executive Chef Matt Adkins will collaborate with wine sommelier Giuseppe Rubino from Connecticut Distributors Inc. (CDI) to offer you fabulous food & wine pairings (please see menu below).

We are also looking forward to featuring our first **Ritas & Fajitas** night in Monty's River Grille on Friday, August 18th.

As always, we look forward to serving you, your family and friends!

**Sincerely,**

**Dan Piccoello**, Food & Beverage Director

**Matthew Adkins**, Executive Chef





**Executive Chef Matthew Adkins Presents:**  
***A Taste of Pan-Asia***

*Thursday, August 10, 2023*



**FIRST COURSE**

**Pork Xiao Long Bao  
“Traditional Pork Soup Dumplings”  
Ginger-Garlic-Lime String Beans, Chili Scallion Sauce  
*Sake Pairing: Harushika, Junmai ~ Japan***

**SECOND COURSE**

**Togarashi Scallops, Sweet Corn Puree, Pickled Carrot, Scallion Oil,  
Crispy Rice Noodle  
*Wine Pairing: Stoneleigh Sauvignon Blanc ~ New Zealand***

**THIRD COURSE**

**Peking Duck, Okonomiyaki Purple Potato Cake,  
Black Garlic Molasses, Micro Cilantro  
*Wine Pairing: Diona Pino Noir “Le Petite Grace” ~ Monterey, CA***

**FOURTH COURSE**

**Snowflake A5 Kobe Nigiri, Nori Vegetable Roll,  
*Wine Pairing: Francis Ford Coppola “Directors Cut” Cabernet Sauvignon  
~ Alexander Valley, CA***

**DESSERT**

**Matcha Cheesecake, Passion Fruit Mochi  
*Sake Pairing: Meibo, Yowanotsuki ~ Japan***



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# GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB

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FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 18TH

## RITAS + FAJITAS PLUS MARGARITA SPECIALS

5:00PM - 9:00PM

\$42 Per Person

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3 Courses Includes:  
Appetizer, Dinner, & Dessert

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED**  
**(203) 701-0051**

# TOURNAMENT CLUB

## July One-Day Member Guest Results

### Best Ball of Pairs

#### Gross Winners:

- 1st Place (\$450 per team) – (70) LeJeune/Violet
- 2nd Place (\$400 per team) – (72) Yavorka/DiStefano
- 3rd Place (\$300 per team) – (72) Rasmussen/ Holland
- 4th Place – (\$200 per team) – (73) Kennedys

#### Net Winners:

- 1st Place (\$450 per team) – (62) Art and Bill Faller
- 2nd Place (\$400 per team) – (62) Marchitto/Rully
- 3rd Place (\$300 per team) – (63) Bob Guere/Linus Cook
- 4th Place – (\$200 per team) – (64) Morgan & Robin Faller

### Best Ball of Foursomes

#### Gross Winners:

- 1st Place (\$400 per team) – (68) Kennedys/Yavorka & DiStefano
- 2nd Place (\$300 per team) – (68) JJ Van Aman and Kees Coughlin/Josh Rifkin and Jeff Magid

#### Net Winners

- 1st Place (\$400 per team) – (59) Intravias/Bob Guere and Linus Cook
- 2nd Place (\$300 per team) – (59) Morgan Faller, Arthur Faller, Robin Faller, William Faller



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# July One-Day Member Guest Results (Continued)

## Closest to the Pin Winners:

Hole 2 – Linus Cooke 4'5"  
Hole 8 – John Yavorka 8'  
Hole 10 – Martin King 6'1"  
Hole 15 – Dylan Kramer 0.0"

## Longest Drive Winners

Hole 3 – Rob Violet  
Hole 6 – Matt Rice  
Hole 13 – Rob Violet  
Hole 17 – Rob Violet

## Pro Shop Raffle Results

\$350 – Morgan Faller  
\$325 – Mike O'Rourke  
\$300 – William Faller  
\$275 – Matt Ludde  
\$250 – Kees Coughlin  
\$225 – Matt Rully  
\$200 – Matt Reale  
\$200 – Dylan Kramer  
\$175 – Joe Shea  
\$175 – Bruce Silverstone  
\$150 – Chris Brennan



# GREENS & GROUNDS



I can officially say we are in the dog days of summer. We have had our fair share of heat and humidity for July, and it looks as if it might continue. As for the golf course, many things have been going well despite what mother nature throws at us. Here are a few things to recap from July. After only about 2 weeks of our new irrigation system being fully operational, we sustained a significant lightning strike on July 4th, on hole #3. This lightning strike along with unconfirmed others had severely damaged the irrigation system along with many other utilities on the property. With help from the irrigation install company and suppliers, we have been working on getting all 200+ irrigation heads repaired in a timely manner. Fortunately, mother nature has delivered some rain for much of July, so the visible turf decline has been minimal. We are currently working with our vendors and irrigation consultant on a plan to help mitigate future widespread damage.

Following our lightning strike damage, we hosted the inaugural Hartford Healthcare Women's Championship; despite the roller coaster of weather delays, the tournament was very successful. We were able to showcase the golf course very well for the players and had some fantastic feedback. Thank you for giving up the golf course for the week, and a special thank you to those who came out to volunteer for the event.

Following the tournament, we did a small core aerification on the greens. This process mid-season to remove a small core, aids in creating healthy growing conditions for our sensitive greens in the summer months. Removing a minimal amount of material creates an open-air column allowing for air and water to enter the soil for a more extended period of time. This small core removal process also is a quick and easy process for staff and continues to help deplete organic matter buildup.



The golf course has been doing very well with above-average rainfall for July. We have been monitoring a few thin areas on the greens and adjusting some mowing practices to help the turf recover. Typically, it is challenging to have grass recover much this time of year due to the heat, humidity, and overnight temperatures. Once we get some cooler nights, the grass will begin to recover, and we can continue with some other maintenance practices that we have taken a back seat, like rolling.



As summer continues, please be patient as you will see members of our team out on the course watering during the afternoon hours. If you see irrigation heads running, they will typically only be on for a few minutes. Or if you see one of our team members hand watering on a green or fairway, please make sure they see you prior to taking your next shot.

The Greens and Grounds team appreciates your time with course care.

Best Regards,  
Curtis Harder  
Golf Course Superintendent



# EVENT PLANNER CORNER

**Hello!**

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Our July was packed with showers, cocktail receptions and four weddings - congratulations to Annie & Tucker, Tina & Claus, Molly & Mike and Shannon & Mike on their special days!

Looking ahead, we are excited for our August weddings and starting the final preparations for our many fall weddings in the coming months. Now is the perfect time to reach out to us to start planning your special event - holiday parties are right around the corner!

Have a wonderful August!

**All the Best,**

**Karin Attolino**, Sales Director

**Chelsea Jones**, Banquet Sales Manager

**Caitlin Wardlow**, Communications & Events Manager



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