



THE
RIVER
MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



Thursday, June 8

Wine Club

**Friday, June 9 -
Sunday, June 11**

White Squirrel Member-Member
Tournament

Wednesday, June 14

Twilight League Trivia &
US Open Happy Hour

Thursday, June 15

Ladies 9 & Dine with Trunk Show

Friday, June 16

TaylorMade Fitting Day

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day Tournament

Saturday, June 24

Women's Invitational
Member-Guest Tournament



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!

Jacob Bisset

Russ Brown

Marjolaine Pastry

Total Mortgage

Anthony Telesco



FOOD & BEVERAGE

Dear Members,

It's shaping up to be a great season both on the course and in our F&B operations. We've had a busy month of May with golf outings, many SHU Awards & Graduation Banquets, along with weddings and other social events. At this point, everything is going well with many positive comments from our guests. Our new Monty's menu has been well received with many positive reviews. Please continue to give us your feedback, as it allows us to know what you like and what we need to continue to improve upon.

June will also continue to be a busy month. We do have a couple of "save the date" events that are noteworthy. On Thursday, June 8th we will be featuring our second **Wine Club** dinner of the year. The theme of the evening will be a "Taste of Italy" with Chef featuring menu items from Italy. Please see below for menu and wine pairings. We're looking forward to having a well-attended event, so we encourage making your reservations soon. We will also be featuring a **Trivia Night and the US Open Pool Happy Hour** on Wednesday, June 14th. On Sunday, June 18th we will be celebrating all of our dads with our **Father's Day Golf & Grill Day**.

Enjoy this wonderful month and as always, we look forward to serving you, your family and friends. Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccoello, Food & Beverage Director

Matthew Adkins, Executive Chef





Executive Chef Matthew Adkins Presents:
A Taste of Italy

Thursday, June 8, 2023



FIRST COURSE

**Heirloom Tomato, Buffalo Burrata, Baby Arugula, 50-Year-Old Balsamic,
Small Batch Pressed Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Micro Basil**
Paired with: Vicentini Agostino Terralunghe Soave

SECOND COURSE

**Porcini Dusted Sea Scallop, Grilled Octopus, Olive Tapenade, Tomato Foam,
Tuscan Kale Risotto**
Paired with: Ronchi di Cialla Ribolla Gialla

THIRD COURSE

**Veal Osso Bucco, Ricotta Stuffed Rigatoni, Truffled Spaghetti Squash, Tomato Ragu,
Grana Padano Espuma, Black Truffle**
Paired with: Cordero di Montezemolo Langhe Nebbiolo

DESSERT

Old World Style Tiramisu, Espresso Gelato, Caramel Truffle
Paired with: Braida Brachetto D'Acqui

An outdoor dining area with a view of a golf course and a lake. The area features brick pillars, a metal railing, and tables with red-cushioned chairs. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a body of water under a clear blue sky.

**Monty's River Grille
is now accepting
online reservations!**

*Visit our website
or access the booking link
on Clubster*



TOURNAMENT CLUB

Congratulations to Head Golf Professional, Andy Svoboda!



In the Connecticut PGA Championship, Andy had a strong day one at the Country Club of Farmington to jump out to a resounding 3 stroke lead with a bogey-free, 4-under 67. Day 2 brought unrelenting wind to accompany an already strenuous round. Andy shot a steady 1-under, 70, to take the victory by 3 strokes and earn his exemption into the Travelers Championship.



2023 Stember Cup Results

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Gross Winners:

Andy Svoboda
Mark Pappas
George Maddaloni
Martin Goethche

Net Winners:

Caitlin Wardlow
Eric Davidson
Bill Doolittle
Thomas Andrea Jr.

1st Place Gross (127, -17)

Andy Svoboda
Mark Pappas
George Maddaloni
Martin Goethche

1st Place Net (117, -27)

Caitlin Wardlow
Eric Davidson
Bill Doolittle
Thomas Andrea Jr.





Spring One Day Member-Guest Results

Gross Winners

- Gross 1st - JJ Van Aman and Brendan Higgins - 70 - \$300 shop credit each
Gross 2nd - Matt LeJeune and Brian Wilcox - 70 - \$250 shop credit each
Gross 3rd - Matt LeJeune and Matt Dalakian - 71 - \$200 shop credit each
Gross 4th - JJ Van Aman and Neil Sienna - 72 -
\$150 shop credit each

Net Winners

- Net 1st - Gene Horne and Joe Madaffari - 60 -
\$300 shop credit each
Net 2nd - Scott Warkentin and Jeff and Charlton - 64 - \$250 shop credit each
Net 3rd - Joe Shea and Rob Kimball - 64 -
\$200 shop credit each
Net 4th - Gary Nusbaum and Keith Pensiero - 65 - \$150 shop credit each

Skins Winners - \$100 shop credit each

- John Yavorka – Eagle on 11
Rick Malafronte – Eagle on 1
Robert Kimball – Eagle on 17
Dan DeFrancesco – Eagle on 12
Ian O'Malley – Eagle on 15
Brian Wilcox – Eagle on 13
Joe Madaffari – Eagle on 18
Mark Okamoto – Birdie on 5
Dan Jacobs – Double Eagle on 6
Keith Pensiero - Eagle on 8
Connor Donnelly – Birdie on 9



Spring One Day Member-Guest Results (Continued)

On Course Contests

Closest to the Pin #2 - Colby Dennison -
1ft 4in - Box of TP5/X
Closest to the Pin #8 - Kyle Birdsall -
3ft 7in - Box of TP5/X
Closest to the Pin #10 - Matt Dalakian
- 7ft 7in - Box of TP5/X
Closest to the Pin #15 - Ian O'Malley -
5ft 4in - Box of TP5/X
Longest Drive #6 - Chris Saja - Winston
Driver Head Cover
Longest Drive #13 - Brian Wilcox -
Winston Driver Head Cover

Beat The Pro Raffle Winners - \$150 Gift Cards

Brian Wilcox
Aurelio Gracia
Scott McGinty
Christy Machan
Michael Doohar
Tom Lynch
Frank Ramppen
Alan Helfer
Dylan Kramer
Joe Shea

Golf Shop Raffle Winners

Titleist Driver – Chris Pavelic
Titleist Fairway Wood – Dan Kennedy
Titleist Hybrid – Chris Saja
Scotty Cameron Putter – JJ Van Aman
KJUS Rain Jacket – Anthony Marchitto
Weekday Foursome at Great River –
Chris Sawch
Titleist Stand Bag – Michael Lynch
2 Titleist Vokey Wedges – Rich Meahan
Titleist Vokey Wedge – David Miller
Blue Tees Range Finder & Magnet Strap
– Allen Rickard
Blue Tees Range Finder & Magnet Strap
– Tom Noto
Blue Tees Speaker – Dan Defrancesco
Blue Tees Speaker – James Scheidel
Maui Jim Sunglasses – Joe Tomasulo
Maui Jim Sunglasses – Desmond Rustici
Doc Murphy Custom Belt – Ward Horton
Doc Murphy Custom Belt – Tom Jamison
2 Dozen TP5/TP5X Golf Balls – Matt
O'Reilly
2 Dozen TP5/TP5X Golf Balls – Scott
Warkentin
2 Dozen TP5/TP5X Golf Balls – Matt
White
Dewars Golf Bag – Ethan Rand



Margarita Mixer Results

Thank you for all of those who participated in our May Margarita Mixer! It was a perfect night to spend with our friends and loved ones, while also playing some golf!
Congratulations to our winners!

1st Place Gross - \$60 Pro shop credit per player

JJ & Alyssa Van Aman
John & Kathy Yavorka
Score 33

2nd Place Gross - \$35 Pro Shop credit per player

William & Julia DeMeo
Paul & Eileen Brown
Score 33

1st Place Net - \$60 Pro Shop Credit per player

Anthony & Audrey Spiteri
Ron & Cindy Spiteri
Score 26

2nd Place Net - \$35 Pro Shop Credit per player

Louis & Brigid DiRenzo
Larry & Diane Kaplan
Score 27

Memorial Day Weekend PGA HOPE Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Memorial Day Weekend fundraiser for the PGA HOPE Foundation! With everyone's effort, **we were able to raise over \$6,500** for PGA HOPE. We look forward to working with the Connecticut PGA to bring more program availability for veterans in our area.



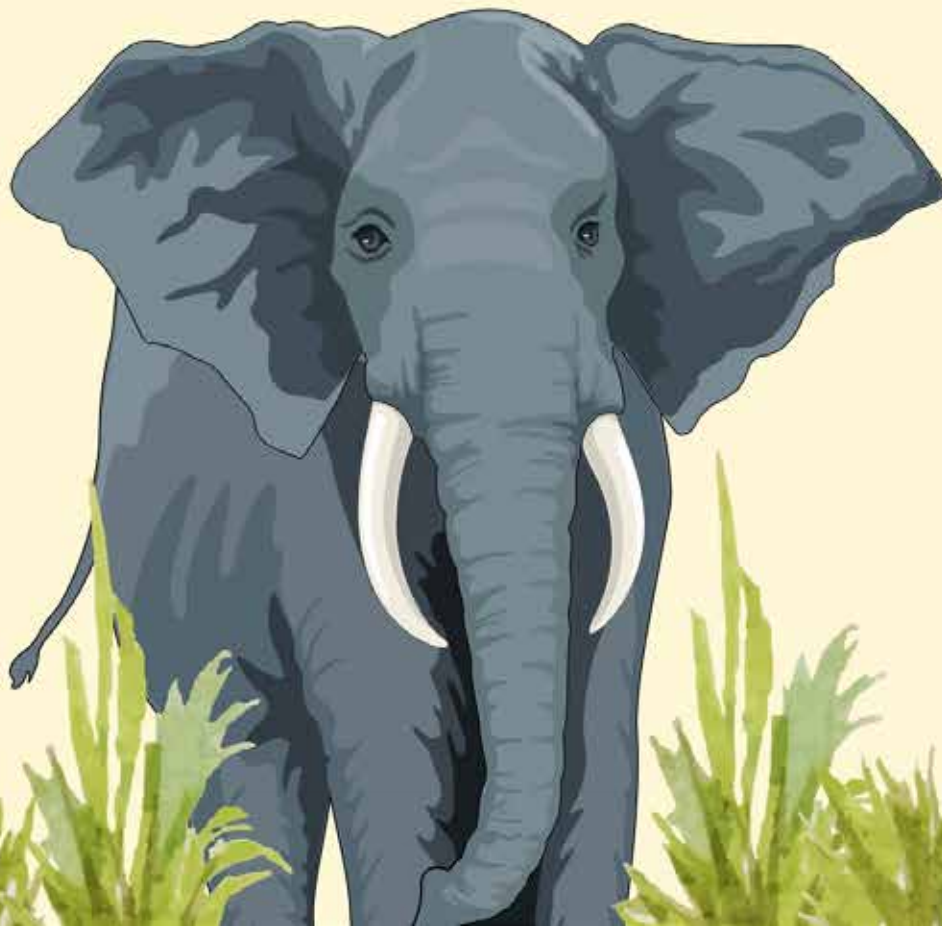
THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2023

LADIES
NINE AND DINE

4PM TRUNK SHOW FT. KINONA
5PM SHOTGUN
DINNER TO FOLLOW

FORMAT: STEP-ASIDE SCRAMBLE
ON THE BACK NINE

Please RSVP Via Clubster or by emailing Amanda at abarone@grgolfclub.com



JOIN US SAT. JUNE 24TH FOR OUR

LADIES INVITATIONAL

Member Guest Tournament

18 HOLE TOURNAMENT

**2 PERSON
BEST BALL**

WOMEN MEMBERS
\$125 PER PLAYER
\$250 PER TEAM

SPOUSES OF GR
MEMBERS
\$150 PER PLAYER
\$300 PER TEAM

9 HOLE TOURNAMENT

**2 PERSON BEST
BALL SHAMBLE**

WOMEN MEMBERS
\$50 PER PLAYER
\$100 PER TEAM

SPOUSES OF GR
MEMBERS
\$75 PER PLAYER
\$150 PER TEAM

**BOTH TOURNAMENTS WILL HAVE LOW GROSS AND
LOW NET WINNERS**

PLAYERS MUST HAVE A HANDICAP TO PLAY

-CLOSEST TO PIN
(HOLES 2 AND 15)

-LONGEST DRIVE
(HOLE 6)

-RAFFLE

-DINNER A LA CARTE

-DESSERT+PRIZES

PLEASE RSVP VIA CLUBSTER OR BY EMAILING AMANDA AT
ABARONE@GRGOLFCLUB.COM





GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB



TRIVIA NIGHT

& US OPEN POOL
HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday,
June 14th
7:00pm - 9:30pm

**\$40 PER
PERSON**

Hosted by
**Big Boy
Trivia**

Includes apps &
complementary
drink station



Please RSVP via Clubster
by June 9th





**GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB**

**PINTS & POOCHES
HAPPY HOUR**



Friday, July 7th

5:00 PM

\$25 per person

Includes beer, wine, and apps!

**ALL FRIENDLY DOGS
(& DRINKERS) ARE WELCOME!**

Please RSVP via Clubster by May 21st





GREAT RIVER
GOLF CLUB

Make Your Own Mozzarella

WITH FOOD NETWORK'S



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FEATURED ON **CHOPPED!**

TUESDAY, JULY 25TH AT 6:00PM

\$60 PER PERSON

INCLUDES BEER, WINE, & ANTIPASTO

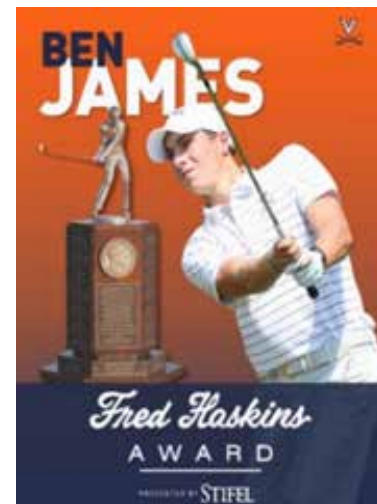
RSVP BY TUESDAY, JULY 11TH



TOM ROSATI GOLF ACADEMY

James dominating College Golf as a Freshman

Just to update everyone on Ben James' performance as a freshman at University of Virginia: Ben has five wins in his freshman year and is a contender for the prestigious Haskins award and the Jack Nicklaus award. He was also just named the winner of the Phil Mickelson freshman of the year award! The Haskins and the Nicklaus awards are both awarded to the most outstanding player in college golf! He recently won the NCAA regionals out in Las Vegas and is competing in the NCAA finals at Grayhawk in Arizona where Ben finished 6th in the stroke play competition and the team qualified for match play to contend for the NCAA title. Stay tuned for more achievements!



Rosati, Piselli, Zyskowski and Friedman to Compete in Connecticut Amateur



Caden Piselli



Robby Zyskowski



Robby Rosati

Fairfield prep students and Great River members Robby Rosati and Caden Piselli both qualified for the Connecticut State Amateur. They will be the youngest players in the field.

Incoming SHU freshman, team member and Great River member Robby Zyskowski also will be in the field after a strong qualifying performance.

And our reigning in Club Champ Adam Friedman has qualified and will be competing for the title.

The tournament takes place June 12-16 at Darien Country Club. Good luck boys!



PRO SHOP CORNER

COME DOWN TO THE PROP SHOP FOR OUR

FATHERS DAY SALE



One Week Sale from June 11th to the 18th

DEALS...

-Buy a pair of TB Phelps shoes and get any polo 35% off!

-Button down Onward Reserve shirts 25% off!



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CONTACT US

 <https://greatrivergolfclub.com>



GREENS & GROUNDS



The weather so far this year has been relatively mild temperatures with minimal rainfall this spring. Rainfall events seem to have brought us a lot or nothing. With our irrigation system project coming to an end, we have seen a good response from the course and our ability to apply water across the property.

The last steps in the completion of the irrigation project are the clubhouse lawns, main entranceway, punch list, and decommissioning of the old irrigation system. Tanto Irrigation should be off-site within the next few weeks. The Greens and Grounds team will then be able to focus on the golf course and make sure we are ready for the summer.

As we get into the heart of the season, I wanted to pass along the weekly and monthly maintenance schedule my staff strives to complete, ultimately creating the best golf experience.

Great River Greens and Grounds Maintenance Schedule

- I. Greens mowed daily under normal weather conditions
- II. Greens rolled 3-4 times per week
- III. Greens sprayed weekly with fertilizer, plant protectants, and growth regulators
- IV. Greens moisture is monitored daily, creating more consistent putting surfaces
- V. Collars, approaches, tee's, fairways, and practice facilities mowed twice per week
- VI. Rough mowed and maintained around 2.5" weekly
- VII. Tee and Pin locations changed 5-7 times per week depending on rounds played
- VIII. Tees, approaches, and fairways are sprayed bi-weekly with fertilizer, plant protectants, and growth regulators
- IX. Bunkers raked 5-7 times per week, dependent on rounds played
- X. Weekly hand trim of bunker edges, trees, and other obstructions
- XI. Edge Irrigation heads and yardage markers monthly
- XII. Driving range, short-game, and tee divots filled weekly
- XIII. Preventative weed and insect control 3-4 times per growing season
- XIV. Granular fertility - 2 times per season on most turf surfaces
- XV. Clubhouse grounds are cared for on a daily basis



These are many of the tasks we strive to accomplish in a week over the 150-acre property to provide the best possible conditions to you. Please do your part to assist in keeping our course in great shape through the summer by fixing ball marks and filling your divots with the mix provided on the carts. When repairing a divot we recommend using the mix provided on the carts vs the replacement of the grass pelt. Typically, the replacement of the pelt will dry out and die in the summer heat or get blown off the fairway from our blowers the following morning.

I hope you all have a great summer, and I will see you on the course. Should you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to stop me on the course or send an email CHarder@rgolfclub.com.

Sincerely,
Curtis Harder, Golf Course Superintendent



EVENT PLANNER CORNER

Hello!

We hope that you had an enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend and are as excited as we are for the “unofficial” start to the summer season! With warmer weather comes more celebrations and we here on the Events Team are certainly ready for all the excitement!

In May, we hosted 11 banquet events including an 80th Birthday Party, a Bridal Shower, a First Communion, two sports banquets, and six other business meetings and dinners. We also celebrated three beautiful weddings – Congratulations to Michelle & Christian, Nicole & Adam, and Brianna & Jeremiah! We wish you all the best and hope you will all come back to visit us soon!

As we look ahead into the heat of the summer, we are excited to be a part of so many more special events and celebrations. We are now also 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!

All the Best,

Karin Attolino, Sales Director

Chelsea Jones, Banquet Sales Manager

Caitlin Wardlow, Communications & Events Manager



Megan Niger Photography





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