



THE RIVER

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



**Saturday, September 2 -
Monday, September 4**

Men's and Women's Club
Championship

Wednesday, September 6

Board & Brush Night

Thursday, September 14

Ladies 9 & Dine

Saturday, September 16

Couple's Championship Mixer

**Friday, September 22 -
Sunday, September 24**

GR 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!

Miguel Martinez Saenz



FOOD & BEVERAGE

Dear Members,

Wow, can you believe the summer season is almost behind us and we're about to enter fall? With that being said, the Chef and his Team have been busy modifying their menus to maximize ingredients at their peak of the season, providing you with a fabulous dining experience. Chef Matt introduced a late summer menu revision a couple of weeks ago. He has revamped our Lunch, Dinner and Pub menus. We invite you to stop in to try some of our new favorites. As always, we welcome your constructive feedback.

Over the next 6 weeks, Chef and his Team will be busy perfecting new menu items for the next fall menu revision, coming mid-October. They will be introduced to you in our "Daily Specials". We have another save the date for you; on Thursday, October 12th, we will be featuring another Wine Club Evening. The theme for the night has yet to be determined but more details will follow. We are also happy to say that our Burgers & Brews nights will be returning in October.

We're looking forward to celebrating the Fall Season with you, your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccoello, Food & Beverage Director

Matthew Adkins, Executive Chef



TOURNAMENT CLUB

Senior Club Championship Results

Senior Division

1st Gross – Robert Diskin (69) - \$100
2nd Gross – Mike Mossbarger (78) - \$75
1st Net – Ed Berndt (72) - \$100
2nd Net – Bill Doolittle (72) - \$75

Super Senior Division

1st Gross – Orrie Zolluccio (89) - \$100
1st Net – Louis DiRenzo (72) - \$100

Women's Division

1st Gross – Jo Rasmussen (84) - \$100
1st Net – Cheryl Dziubina (76) - \$100



Junior Club Championship Results

18 Hole Division

- 1st Place: Caden Piselli (76)
- 2nd Place: Ravi Khanna (76)
- 3rd Place: Luke Hoglund (77)
- 4th Place: Daniel Xing (79)

9 Hole Division

- 1st Place: Abe Waltman (46)
- 2nd Place: Gray Kenny (47)



Women's Member-Guest Results

Gross Division

- 1st Place: Jo Rasmussen & Jill Tryon (77)
- 2nd Place: Lauren Ogrodowicz & Isabella Thomas (79)
- 3rd Place: Allison Tane & Lisa Fern-Boros (79)

Net Division

- 1st Place: Natalie Raduazzo & Taylor Krieder (55)
- 2nd Place: Cheryl Dzubina & Cheryl Caracanci (63)
- 3rd Place: Christy Machan & Carol DeVito (66)

9 Hole Division

- 1st Place Gross: Lisa Rehm & Patricia Carrera
- 1st Place Net: Holly Bunin & Jennifer Steinhardt

Closest to the Pin

- Hole 2: Christine Hogan (4'1")
- Hole 15: Carol DeVito (10'1")

Longest Drive

- Hole 13: Isabella Thomas



Twilight League Championship

The staple of Wednesday nights at The River concluded with a bang. After an exciting regular season that saw a tight finish in the standings, the playoffs started on the 16th. The first round ended in the pitch black with one match going two extra holes. Week two was played on two separate nights with two electrifying matches going to the last hole.

The team of John and Tom Yavorka and Matt Maleri were the first team to lock their place in the final after beating Paul Seperack and Rich Best. Paul Bortnick and Sean Sutherlan put up a good fight against Brigid and Louis DiRenzo, but it was not enough to take them down as Brigid and Louis joined the Yavorkas and Maleri in the final. John and Tom teed it up first last night in the back-and-forth match. After the match was brought back to even on 7, Brigid made a beautiful up and down to go 1up with 1 to play on the 8th. John and Tom put as much pressure as possible on Brigid on the 9th green, but her 5 net 4 was enough to seal the win.

Congratulations to John, Thomas and Matt on winning the East Division.
Massive Congratulations to Brigid and Louis DiRenzo for winning the West Division and taking the title of 2023 Twilight League Champions.





END OF SUMMER SALE!!

AUGUST 20TH -
SEPT 4TH

EXTRA SAVINGS ON TAX FREE WEEK!
August 20 - 26th



MEMBER SALE
SPEND:

\$1-\$99 20% OFF
\$99-\$199 25% OFF
\$199-\$299 30% OFF
\$299-\$399 35% OFF
\$399-\$499 40% OFF

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GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB

Board & Brush Craft Night



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

6:00 PM

292 ELM ST #2, MONROE, CT 06468

PLEASE RSVP VIA CLUBSTER BY SEPTEMBER 3RD

\$73-\$78 Per Person

(Depending on projected selected.)



GREENS & GROUNDS

As we begin to approach some of the best golfing months of the year, we are set to have a great fall golf season. As daytime temperatures begin to get into the 70's and nights drop down into the 50's, these are perfect growing conditions for turfgrass, which help produce excellent fall conditions. These temperatures allow us to push the conditions on the course while keeping turf health strong.

With summer almost behind us, the Greens and Grounds team will begin to do some small projects, including aerification to greens, tees and fairways. We are scheduled to do a light greens aerification on Tuesday, September 5th and also verti-cutting of fairways beginning the same week. Our goal with aerification this fall is to remove as much organic material in the top few inches of playing surface while keeping course playability high. We plan to achieve this on greens with micro coring tines, which is a one-day process, and healing time is very quick. By continuing to remove organic material, we can maintain and increase our course playability year after year. Decreasing this OM in the soil, we will increase firmness and overall plant health. Continuing to maintain plant health allows us to mow greens more frequently, mow lower mowing heights and increase our rolling

The ins and outs of AERATION
 Aeration: An essential practice that improves the long-term health and playability of golf courses

Size, Spacing & Depth

- Tine Size:** 1/4 to 3/8 inch diameter (smaller for greens, up to 3/8 inch for fairways)
- Tine Spacing:** 1 to 2 ft apart, 1 to 2 ft apart in a row
- Depth:** 1 to 2 inches

Hollow Tines vs **Solid Tines**

- Hollow Tines:** Extract soil and organic matter
- Solid Tines:** Remove organic matter, improve soil aeration

Healthy Putting Greens

Aeration:

- Improves water infiltration (surface drainage)
- Reduces thatch (core aeration only)
- Stimulates microbial activity (soil health)
- Facilitates root and rhizome development
- Depresses the soil
- Encourages root growth
- Allows compaction
- Increases recovery from stress

Ideal Timing

- Creeping bentgrass and annual bluegrass (Poa annua):** Spring, late summer, early fall (April-May and August-September)
- Warm-season turfgrass (e.g., bermudagrass):** Summer (June to August)

Soil Temp: 50-60°F (Ideal), 40-50°F (Creeping bentgrass), 60-70°F (Warm-season turfgrass)

10% (Soil Temp)

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With our main focus on fall course conditions and aerification, we will be busy with a few other small projects. Mowing of our native grass areas, we will start by cutting these areas and blowing and or cleaning up heavy debris. Once these areas are cleaned, we will spray these areas to help lower our weed populations. As we continue this process year after year, these areas will become more uniform and playable.

As many of you have seen, the construction of our new lightning shelter around the bathrooms at #2 tee is underway. This is a big facelift for the restroom facilities and will now provide shelter during storms. We plan to complete this project around mid to late September. Once this is completed, we will begin a similar structure at the restrooms at #14 green. During these projects we will also be doing some minor asphalt repairs around the course to enhance and maintain our cart paths and curbing.



As I look forward to the cooler weather and the grass to recover from the summer stresses, I hope you all get out and enjoy the course over the next few months. While you do so, please remember to fix your ball marks and one additional while you are on a green, along with being sure to fill your divots with the sand that is provided on your cart. I look forward to seeing many of you on the course over the coming months.

Best Regards,
Curtis Harder
Golf Course Superintendent



EVENT PLANNER CORNER

Hello!

We are so excited for fall weather and fall weddings! We finished summer with several bridal showers and two beautiful wedding celebrations in August - congratulations to Rachel & Anthony and Becca & Kevin. We are honored to have been the host location of your big days!

Looking ahead, fall is going to be busy with many weddings and other events in September and October. After fall, it'll be holiday party season - we would love to plan your group's seasonal gathering! Reach out to us today to hear about our offerings and availability.

All the Best,

Karin Attolino, Sales Director

Chelsea Jones, Banquet Sales Manager

Caitlin Wardlow, Communications & Events Manager



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