



Great River Golf Club **Member Handbook**

2024 Season



Great River Golf Club – Milford, CT

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Club Hours

Golf Course

Tuesday-Thursday: 2 hours after sunrise – dusk

Friday-Sunday: 90 minutes after sunrise – dusk

Monday: Closed

Check tee sheet for course availability

Practice Facility

Tuesday-Sunday: 1 hour before first tee time of the day – dusk

Monday: Closed

Pro Shop & Snack Bar

Tuesday-Sunday:

Opens 1 hour before first tee time of the day

Closes 30 minutes after last tee time of the day

Monday: Closed

Monty's River Grille

Tuesday-Thursday: 11am-8pm

Friday-Saturday: 11am-9pm

Sunday: 11am-6pm

Monday: Closed

Administrative Office

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

All hours are subject to change

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Membership Amenities

Bag Storage

We are happy to offer bag storage to all of our members. This year almost every membership will come with bag storage in hopes of making your time coming to and from the course as smooth as possible. The golf staff will pull out your bag prior to your arrival, and upon finishing your round they will give your clubs a wipe down and store them in our temperature-controlled bag storage area.

Pushcart Storage

Great River is happy to offer the ability to store your pushcart during the season. Pushcart storage is an additional service fee of \$500 and space is limited. Like bag storage, the golf staff will have your cart and bag ready to go upon your arrival and will clean your clubs and pushcart when you are finished for the day.

Pushcart Rental

If getting a little exercise is on the agenda for your round, lighten the load with one of our pushcarts. We have multiple varieties of pushcart styles, even electronic options for your enjoyment. Pushcarts are on a first come, first serve basis and are \$12 for 18 holes.

Golf Carts

Our golf carts are fully loaded with a GPS system, large high-crowned leather seats, USB chargers, and light weight lithium batteries. Carts can be rented for \$25 per person and are included in guest fees, but not when using guest passes.

Tempo Walk Robotic Golf Caddies

Tempo Walk combines the best that both walking and riding have to offer by using technology to bring back the simplicity of the game. Tempo Walks can be rented for \$25 per person.

Handicap

All members will receive a GHIN handicap number and be linked to Great River for score posting purposes. All golfers are required to post their score after every 9- or 18-hole round unless it was a non-traditional format (shamble, scramble, alt-shot, modified course). The easiest way to post scores is through the GHIN app on your phone. Feel free to ask any member of the professional staff to help you get started with your handicap.

Please note that an official handicap is required to play in member tournaments, players without GHIN handicap are only eligible for Gross Divisions

Locker Room

Great River has three locker rooms on property for members and their guests to use. The ladies' locker room and men's guest locker room are located inside the Pro Shop. The men's member locker room is located downstairs next to the members' grill room. Most memberships come with a locker for your use; please contact Karin Attolino to get your locker information or to purchase a locker if you do not have one.

Pro Shop Discounts

As a member of Great River, you receive a 20% discount on all apparel (Polos, Outwear, Bottoms, Headwear, and Footwear). Don't see something in the shop you like or that fits? Just ask the Pro Shop staff to order it for you, discounts still apply! Discounts cannot be combined with other sale items in the shop, unless otherwise noted.

Communication Resources

Clubster

Clubster is an app that will give you the opportunity to do status posts, comments, private messaging, group messaging and stay up to date on club events. In addition, Clubster provides unique and exclusive features such as Club News, Member Tournament Registration, Alerts and Events. This app provides the opportunity for our members to join club groups according to their specific interest (i.e. Wednesday Golf Group, Friday Game). Essentially, this is your one-stop-shop for all things Great River!

Weekly River News

Check your email every Sunday throughout the season for our weekly River News. The weekly River Golf News is the best way to keep up to date on all golf-related items and events happening at the club. Learn about upcoming tournaments, course availability, member spotlights, and golf instruction tips, and specials in Monty's.

Reservation Policies

All members are given 15-day advance booking privileges starting at 7:00 am.

Member-Only Tee Times

- Friday 11:00 am – 2:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
- In this window, tee times are set at 10-minute intervals rather than our normal 12-minute intervals.
- All weekend tee times must be confirmed 48 hours in advance.
- To maintain a balanced field and facilitate pace of play, singles and twosomes will be paired with other similarly sized groups. The professional staff reserves the right to move member groups to more effectively manage the consolidation of these weekend/holiday tee times. All players affected by these changes will be notified prior to their tee time.
- Only one foursome per day may be booked under each member's name. Please contact the Pro Shop if you need assistance multiple times during member-only booking windows.

How to Book

Members may use our online reservation system, or you can call the Pro Shop for assistance.

To book online:

- Visit GreatRiverGolfClub.com
- Click on the “Members” tab at the top of the page in the right-hand corner
- Select “Member Reservations” on the left side of the page
- Sign in with your username and password
- Select the date you wish to play and the number of players
- Click “Reserve” to confirm your Tee Time

Weekend Tee Times

- The Professional Staff will assign weekend tee times from our Opening Day Tournament until our Closing Day Tournament. On the shoulder season, members can book their own weekend tee times starting the Monday the week of.
- Members submit their weekend tee time requests via a Google Form (link on Clubster in Club Resources) on or before 12:00pm Monday the week of play. For example, to request a tee times the weekend of April 27th & 28th, the form must be submitted by noon on Monday, April 22nd.
- Members must provide the names of all players in their group.
- Members are asked to provide a two-hour window (i.e. 8:00 – 10:00 am)
- One guest per foursome before 11:00 am

The golf staff will publish weekend tee times no later than 5:00 pm that Monday.

***Please be advised that the golf staff will not always be able to meet all members' requests. Any member request that is outside their desired window will have priority the next weekend they play. ***

Weekend Pace of Play Guidelines (May-September)

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Under 4 hours
8:00 am – 11:00 am	4 hours
After 11:00 am	4 hours, 15 minutes

Review Your Booked Tee Times

After logging into the online reservation system, click “My Reservations”. From there, you will have the ability to edit or cancel times.

Buddy List

Do you usually play with the same people? Create a Buddy List to make booking easier!

- Log in through the “Member Reservations” page
- Go to Profile on top RH corner.
- Scroll down & Click “Buddy Management.”
- Search for your Buddy’s last name and select the correct person to add to your list

Cancellation and No-Show Policy

If a member needs to cancel their reservation or edit the number of players in their group, they may do so online up to 24 hours in advance. Any changes inside the 24-hour window must be made through the Pro Shop.

If a player needs to cancel their reservation the day of play, they must contact the Pro Shop to avoid a \$25 no show fee. If a member has more than three no shows in a season, they will lose their online booking privileges and will have to call the Pro Shop to make any future reservations.

Player Registration

All members and their guests are asked to check in at the Pro Shop prior to their round.

Players who are late for their starting time may lose their tee time and will be slotted at the discretion of the starter or golf professional. Anyone running late is advised to contact the Pro Shop as soon as possible so we can best serve you and other golfers.

Member registration is also important when hosting guests. Members must provide their guests’ first and last names. Guests have the availability to pay for their own green fees using cash or credit card. Guest green fees may also be taken care of with guest passes if the member wishes.

Guest Rates and Guest Passes

Many of our memberships include, or offer the ability to purchase, a set number of guest passes for the season. These passes are applied to your member account and tracked in the point-of-sale system.

Anytime you wish to use a pass to pay for a guest, you must notify the Pro Shop staff when booking your tee time or upon checking in for your round. When using a guest, it is mandatory to check-in at the Pro Shop prior to playing. Members that do not notify the Pro Shop prior to their round will be charged the daily green fee.

When using guest passes, members must provide their guests' first and last names prior to their round. The same guest is permitted to play four times per season when using guest passes. The member must be present for the pass to be redeemed.

Cart fees are not included in the guest pass and can be paid for by the member or their guest.

Guest passes cannot be used on other members or transferred to other members.

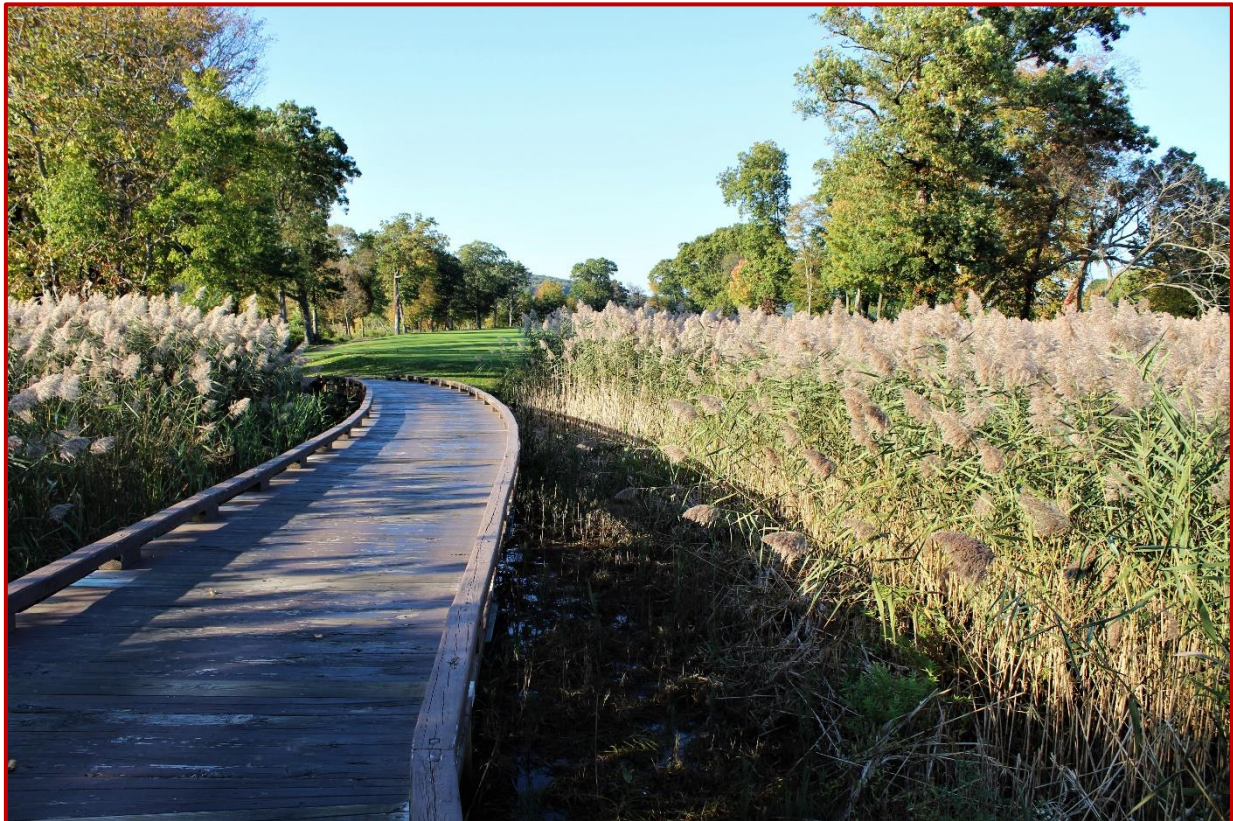
Seasonal Guest Passes, Packages, & Guest Fees

Accompanied Guest fees for the 2024 season are \$150, includes cart.

Unaccompanied Guest Fees are \$200, includes cart, mandatory forecaddie.

2024 Guest packages are available for purchase:

5-pass package \$500 | 10-pass package \$900



Billing

Online billing offers the convenience of accessing your account, whenever and wherever you want, from any computer with internet access. Online billing offers the following features:

- View current charges in real time
- View and print current and past monthly statements
- Get up-to-date monthly food minimum balances
- Pay bills faster with a credit card

To get started with online billing:

- Visit GreatRiverGolfClub.com
- Click on the “Members” at the top of the page in the right-hand corner
- Click on “Member Billing”
- To access your account, use the same login information that you use to access online tee-times

Member account balances are due at the end of each month. Any member whose account balance is over 10 days past due will incur a \$25.00 late fee. Any account balance that is over 15 days past due will have their playing and charging privileges suspended and the Pro Shop will be notified. Once the account is brought current, privileges will resume.

If you have questions or need help logging in, please contact Tracy Levine, Office Manager at (203) 876-8051 x102 or via email at tracy@rgolfclub.com

Pro Shop Credit

Members that participate in tournaments and weekend games can win Pro Shop credit. Credit can be used to purchase any merchandise or equipment in the Pro Shop. The staff will always use your credit towards purchases unless otherwise noted. Pro Shop credit does not expire as long as you remain a member. All credit for non-members expires at the end of each season.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure a safe, friendly, and respectful place for all. Members, visitors and staff gather in the spirit of cooperation, relaxation, goodwill, fun and friendly competition. The Code of Conduct differs from rules in that it addresses acceptable and/or unacceptable behavior.

Members, visitors, and staff of Great River are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that:

- creates an environment and culture that is reflective of personal integrity and respect. It is taught in the standards of golf that we are capable of enforcing rules upon ourselves with honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship. This same integrity, honesty and goodwill are expected whether on the golf course or in the Clubhouse.
- is free of discrimination or any form of harassing behavior, including sexual harassment.
- acknowledges Great River as a family friendly environment and, therefore, refrains from using obscenities and loud boisterous behavior inappropriate for children and respectable taste.
- observes proper etiquette on and off the course and in the Clubhouse.
- is reflective of being an ambassador for Great River when out in the community and visiting other clubs.
- shows the utmost respect and dignity to fellow members, staff, and visitors.
- is reflective of an adherence to ALL club rules and course etiquette.
- demonstrates an understanding that members and visitors have no authority to instruct staff in job performance and duties.
- is vigilant in reporting real or perceived safety hazards to staff and/or Club Management.
- understands that the membership may make suggestions to the Club Management regarding the operation of Great River for the betterment of the club.
- does not denigrate, talk down to or scream at staff, fellow members and/or guests and does not create unnecessary strife and divisiveness.
- does not misrepresent their position and/or authority to others.

Any Member of Great River Golf Club found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct will:

- be warned verbally upon First Offense.
- be issued written warning upon Second Offense.
- be automatically issued a suspension upon Third Offense.
- face membership termination for further offenses.
- not be due any reimbursed fees already paid.

Great River reserves the right to move straight to suspension or membership termination if a member or their guest's actions are egregious enough to warrant such action.

Golf Course & Practice Facility Policies

Dress Code

Members and their guests are asked to abide by Great River's dress code while on the course and using the practice facility.

Men's Attire

A collared shirt with shirttail tucked in is required

Golf shorts or pants

Golf or athletic shoes

Hats or visors with brim facing forward

Women's Attire

Collared shirts with or without sleeves is required, but tucked in is optional

Skirts, shorts or golf dresses are permitted

Golf or athletic shoes

Hats or visors with brim facing forward

****The dress code for children visiting the club to play or participate in clinics is the same as listed above****

Unacceptable Attire on the Golf Course or Practice Areas

Any form of denim clothing

Athletic shorts, athletic pants, or sweatpants

T-shirts or tank tops

Play Policy

To ensure that we can offer the best golf experience possible, we have a few rules that we ask all golfers to follow when playing for the day:

- All players must start on the hole directed by the golf staff.
- Adhere to course or cart restrictions when implemented by the Superintendent.
- Groups of five or more are not permitted.
- Cutting in is not permitted at any time without permission of the starter.
- For the safety of you and others, non-golfing activities such as jogging, bicycling, fishing or any other recreational activities of any kind are not permitted on the golf course or paths.
- No more than two golf carts should be used per group.
- Golf is a game that is meant to be fun. Even though we all have less than desirable days, the use of loud profanity or club throwing will not be tolerated by anyone or at any time.
- Practicing on the course or replaying shots is not permitted.

Golf Cart Rules & Regulations

We are happy to offer our members and guests the option to use one of our electric golf carts to enjoy their round of golf. While golf carts are a great amenity, it is important for everyone's safety that we ask all players to abide by the following rules and requirements:

- Golf cart operators must have a valid driver's license.
- Only two players and two sets of clubs are permitted per cart.
- Please obey all golf cart traffic signs.
- Golf carts are never to be driven through a hazard, roped off area, or fescue.
- Please do not drive golf carts within 30 feet of greens, tees, and bunkers except on the cart path.
- Golf carts are to stay on the path on all par 3's.
- When cart path only rules are in effect, they will be strictly enforced.
- Please use the 90° rule, drive at a 90° angle from the cart path to your ball.
- Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator.
- Anyone who is or appears to be intoxicated may not operate a golf cart.
- The cost to repair a golf cart damaged by either a member or their guest will be charged to the member's account. Each member accepts and assumes all responsibility connected with operating a golf cart. The member also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the indemnified parties from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the member's, his or her family members' or guests' use and operation of the golf cart.
- All damage or malfunction of carts should be reported immediately to the golf professional or the manager on duty.
- Privately owned golf carts are not permitted on the course.
- No riders (non-golfers) are allowed on the course during normal operations.

Cart Path Only

In some instances of bad weather and/or course damage or repair, it is necessary to restrict all cart traffic from the course. No golf carts, including those of a handicap player, will be allowed to drive a cart on the course during these conditions. Please look for a Clubster post and email regarding cart restrictions or call the Pro Shop before arriving at the club.

Please address any questions or concerns to the professional staff. Please understand that this golf cart traffic is likely to adversely affect turf and soil, as well as playability. We appreciate your cooperation in using care and exercising good judgment.

Handicap Cart Policy

Handicap flags are given to Great River members and guests who have an injury or physical condition that the normal use of a golf cart does not fully alleviate. Handicap flags can be received from the outside operations manager on duty by presenting a state handicap parking permit. Medical notes from a licensed physician will be given consideration on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by management before a handicap flag is given. Players using a handicap flag may proceed no closer than 10 yards of the green, greenside bunkers or tees. At no time shall a handicap flag player drive on the green, between green and greenside bunker, or on a teeing area.

Restricted Areas

From time to time, parts of a golf hole will be roped off for maintenance to protect the grass from cart damage. Handicap carts should avoid these areas to protect the course and for their own safety.

Inclement Weather

The Golf Course Superintendent reserves the right to determine if the golf course is fit for play and all decisions shall be final. In the absence of the Superintendent, the Head Golf Professional will make the decision. Great River Golf Club is equipped with a lightning detection system and players need to come off the course immediately when the siren blows. If lightning and/or bad weather is present, players are asked to come off the course immediately regardless of if the siren sounds.

Golf Course Etiquette

Mobile Devices

Cell phones have become an important part of our lives, but their use can result in disruptions to others. We kindly ask that members and their guests refrain from talking on their phone while on the course, using the practice facility, in the Pro Shop, or dining in Monty's. We also ask that while on property, all cell phones are turned to 'silent mode'. Texting is permitted as long as it does not hold up play. Phone calls can be made in the cart staging area, locker rooms, or parking lot.

Care of the Course

We are all proud to call Great River home, but just like our own homes, we all have to do our part to keep the club in great shape. Below are a few tips that we all can use to ensure we leave the course better than we found it and help make a pleasant experience for everyone at the club:

- Replace or fill all divots with mix and tap down. Remember to take sand with you when cart path only rules are in effect. Feel free to be liberal with the mix as we provide many opportunities to grab a full bottle throughout the course.
- Please repair your ball mark on the greens and any others you might see.
- Please enter and leave bunkers at their lowest point. Please smooth over all affected areas with rake upon leaving and knock sand off spikes in the rough before walking onto the putting green. We ask players to leave rakes outside of bunkers on the low side of entry, pointing parallel with the direction of incoming play.

Pace of Play

Playing golf at a reasonable pace is consistent with etiquette of the game, traditions of the club and demonstrates the proper respect for other members and guests on the course. In the interest of all, players should complete their round within the following guidelines:

Tuesday - Friday: 4 hours 15 minutes or better

Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays: 7:00 am – 10:30 am 4 hours or better, 10:30 am & beyond 4 hours, 15 minutes

***Please note, the first few tee times on weekends are typically reserved for groups that can play in 3 hours, 45 minutes or better.**

****Players in violation of pace of play guidelines will be moved to later starting times on weekends.**

*****All players are responsible for the pace of the group. If one player is holding the group up, politely try and educate them on faster play or call the Pro Shop for assistance.**

Twosomes and threesomes will not dictate the pace of play when following a foursome. It is the responsibility of each group to keep pace with the group ahead of them. All players regardless of skill, age, walking versus riding, etc. will be governed by the same guidelines. Great River Golf Staff will constantly monitor the pace of play and make sure that everyone has the best experience possible.

Below are a few paces of play recommendations to help make sure you meet the requirements:

- Be prepared to play when it is your turn
- Repair ball marks and read your putt while others are playing.
- Play ready golf, if you are ready and others in your group are not, please hit your next shot
- Always carry an extra ball.
- Move directly to your ball, avoid traveling shot to shot with your cart partner.
- If you have reached net double bogey, pick up as it is the maximum score allowed for posting.
- Invite faster groups to play through.
- Mark your scorecard at the next tee, not by the previous green.

Tipping Policy

Great River Golf Club strives to always provide its members and their guests with first-class service. To achieve this level of professionalism, we have motivated, enthusiastic employees in all areas of the golf operation. Any gratuities to thank the staff for their hard work is welcome and greatly appreciated, but not required.



Course Care Policy

New Course Care Policy

During the town hall meeting, new superintendent Curtis Harder explained some of the new course care policies that will be enforced next season to match his course care system. The most notable change will be the divot repair program. Starting in 2024, all members will be asked not to replace their divots but use the mix provided. We have purchased more sand bottles for the golfers that like to walk, bottles that are designed specifically for push carts, and more refill stations on the course.

"Please utilize the supplied mix for all divots rather than replacing the grass pelt. Many theories on divot recovery exist, and our main reason for not replacing the grass pelt is due to the blowing of playing surfaces daily. Our powerful blowers will typically blow many of the replaced divots out of the ground and then be left with a void. The supplied divot sand will have a seed mixture of chewing fescue. This seed will germinate rapidly and then be outcompeted as the bentgrass grows back in."
- Curtis Harder

It is required for every golfer that steps on to the course to have a sand bottle.



Repair Ball Marks

Repairing ball marks is something we should always be doing. Unfortunately, maintenance staff often spend a significant amount of time each year fixing unrepaired ball marks, so they don't negatively impact playability and aesthetics for weeks to come. This year, the last thing maintenance teams need to be doing is a job we can easily do ourselves. If you repair your ball mark and a couple of others with the proper technique, you'll be doing everyone a favor.

Repair Your Divots

Repairing our divots correctly is another easy way to make a difference this year. Maintenance teams may not have the resources to fix unrepaired divots, and the scars can be lasting. Improperly repaired divots can take months to heal – if they ever fully heal at all. This leaves the risk of a bad lie in the fairway for our fellow golfers. Repairing our divots correctly, along with a few others for good measure, will go a long way toward keeping fairways smooth this year.

Follow Cart Rules

We all know that golf carts can damage a course if they aren't used properly, if traffic gets heavy, or if weather conditions aren't conducive to cart traffic. This year there is added pressure with the single-rider cart policies enacted at many courses. Don't be surprised to see more cart restrictions this season as courses try to limit the damage. Following the rules and keeping carts on paths as much as possible will make a difference. If you're able to walk more often this year, that certainly won't hurt either.

Smooth the Sand

Bunker conditions may be a little rougher than what many of us have become accustomed to. Many courses have removed rakes to reduce touchpoints and maintenance teams may not have the same amount of time to spend on bunkers as they have in the past. A bad lie in a bunker is not the end of the world, but if we can do our best to smooth footprints and other disturbances with a club or our feet it will reduce the number of tough spots out there this year.



Scoring

As of April 1st, the golf season for Connecticut is officially in-season. That means players are required to start posting their scores again upon completion of their round. As a member of Great River, you are required to post your scores after each eligible round if you would like to participate in club events. Members they do not keep an up-to-date handicap will not be eligible for most club events or will only be eligible for Gross Divisions.

How to Post?

The best and most recommended way to post your score is with the mobile GHIN app. Download the free app and you can start posting hole-by-hole scores as you play, track your stats, or just post your 9 or 18-hole score. This is also recommended for posting rounds where holes were not finished.

What Rounds to Post?

- You should post all your rounds where you played your own ball.
- Do not post rounds in formats like scrambles, shambles, or alternate shot.
- Rounds played by yourself are not acceptable for posting.
- Rounds with a limited number of clubs, training equipment, or an instructor guiding you are not acceptable for posting.
- To post a 9-hole round you must play all 9-holes.

Holes Not Completed

If you played 10-17 you will need to post an 18-holes round. For holes not played, leave them blank in your hole-by-hole scoring on the GHIN app and it will automatically create your 18-hole score.

In match play or a better ball or partners stroke play format, players are to record the most likely score they would have received that hole, not exceeding net double bogey.

Max Score Per Hole

The max score a player can take on a hole for posting purposes is Net Double Bogey. A simple way to remember this is (Par for the hole + 2 + Any Handicap Strokes) If you were an 18-course handicap, you would receive a stroke on every hole. If you were playing the first hole at Great River the par is 4, so your max score for Hole 1 would be 7 (par 4 + 2 strokes + 1 handicap stroke).

Handicap Help

If you have any questions regarding score posting, or if you do not have a handicap established yet, please contact the professional staff for assistance.

Member Tournaments & Events Schedule

In-Season Member Events Player of the Year Points Breakdown

Each of our own In-Season Member Events (excl. Memorial Day and Closing Day Tournaments) will offer the same amount of POY points in every event. 1st place will earn you 20 points, 17 points for 2nd, 14 points for 3rd, 11 points for 4th, 8 points for 5th, and 5 points for 6th and below.

Great River Open: Season Long

Format: *Individual Match Play*

The field will be flighted by handicap into four divisions. Inside each division, members will play an Individual Match Play Bracket. The four division winners will then face each other in a single elimination match play to determine the 2023 champion.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 65

St. Patrick's Day Tournament: Sunday, March 17th

Opening Day ABCD Shamble: Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 am Shotgun

Format: *Two Best Balls of Four Shamble*

Teams will be created using an ABCD pairing method. All players will tee off, the team will select the best drive and everyone will play their own ball in from that location.

Spring One Day Member-Guest: Thursday, May 23rd, 1:00 Shotgun

Format: *Better Ball of Partners*

Members may invite up to three guests and compete as three different teams.

Memorial Day Flag Tournament: Monday, May 27th

The White Squirrel: June 7th, 8th & 9th

Format: *Member-Member Four Ball Match Tournament*

Partners will play five 9-hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Father's Day Tournament: Sunday, June 18th

Format: *Better Ball of Partners*

Members may invite up to three family members using any combination of father-son, father-daughter, or grandfather-grandchild. Teams will compete in Father-Son, Father-Daughter and Grandfather-Grandchildren flights and have the option of playing in either a 9 or 18-hole competition.

Red, White and Blue: Thursday, July 4th

Format: *Two Person Shamble*

Players will tee off, pick the best tee shot and then will play their own ball in from that location. The team will then use the best score between them as their team score. Teams will play from the tournament tees which will be a mix of red, white, and blue.

Summer One Day Member-Guest: Thursday, July 25th, 1:00 Shotgun

Format: *Two Best Balls of Four*

Members and their guests will compete in a two best balls of four competition with a Gross Division, Net Division and Best Gross/Net Combined Division.

Men's and Women's Senior Club Championship: August 3rd & 4th

Format: *18-hole Individual Stroke Play*

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Junior Club Championship (17 and under): Sunday, August 4th

Format: *Individual Stroke Play*

Juniors will be divided into age divisions with separate prizes for each division.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Women's Invitational: Saturday, August 10th

Format: *Better Ball of Partner and Shamble Best Ball*

Those playing in the 9-hole tournament will be playing better ball of partner and those in the 18-hole tournament will be playing a shamble best ball format.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Men's Club Championship: August 31st - September 2nd

Format: *Flighted Single Elimination Match Play Bracket*

Championship Flight will be determined by low 7 qualifiers and the reigning 2023 champion.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Women's Club Championship: Saturday & Sunday September 1st & 2nd

Format: *Individual Stroke Play*

A 36-hole competition where players are placed into flights based on participation and will have gross and net divisions.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 50

Great River Invitational: September 20th - 22nd

Format: *Round Robin, Four Ball Match Play*

Members and their guests will play five 9-hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

Total Player of the Year Points Available: 65

Oktoberfest Member-Member Tournament: Saturday & Sunday October 12th & 13th

Fall One Day Member-Guest: Thursday, October 17th, 1:00 Shotgun

Format: *Better Ball of Partners*

Members may invite up to three guests and compete as three different teams.

Closing Day ABCD Tournament & Awards Banquet: Friday, October 25th, 1:00 Shotgun

Format: ABCD - 1,2,3 Shamble

Teams will be paired using an ABCD system and will play a Shamble in which all team members will tee off, select the best drive and all players will play their own ball in from that location. The team will record one best ball on the par 3's, two best balls on the par 4's and three best balls on the par 5's.

Ryder Cup: Saturday & Sunday November 2nd & 3rd (Invitation Only)

Superintendent's Revenge: Sunday, November 17th

Format: Scramble

18-hole two-person scramble on some of the toughest pins on the course.

Black Friday Turkey Trot: Friday, November 29th, 10:00 Shotgun

Format: 18-hole, True Alternate Shot Competition

Cross Country Turkey Shoot: Sunday, December 1st, 10:00 Shotgun

Format: Scramble

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, impossible par 4's and 5's and even a par 6 to manage.

Arctic Open: Saturday, December 21st



Mixed Golf Events

****Total Player of the Year Points Available for Mixers - 20 points per event****

Margarita Mixer: Sunday, May 26th, 5:00 Shotgun

Format: *Four Player Scramble* | Margaritas and Dinner following play

The first of our Mixed-Golf events of the season, pair up with a couple of your choice and compete in a four-person scramble tournament. If you need help getting paired up, the golf staff can assist. Enjoy margaritas during play and join us for dinner after and celebrate the winners!

All-American Mixer: Saturday, July 6th, 5:00 Shotgun

Format: *Four Player Scramble* | Cocktails and Dinner following play

Another four-player scramble, couples are encouraged to invite a couple from outside Great River to join you to compete as a team of four. After play concludes, we will have cocktails and a lobster bake for everyone to enjoy!

Couples Championship Mixer: Saturday, September 7th, 4:30 Shotgun

Format: *Two Player Scramble* | Cocktails and Dinner following play

Our championship event for the mixers, this time, you and your partner are on your own in a two-person scramble. Play well and you might bring home the 2024 championship title! Dinner and cocktails to follow where we will crown our 2024 champions!



Ladies Golf Programs

Thursday Night Clinics

Every Thursday, starting in early spring and running through late fall, join Amanda and other members of the Pro Staff to work on your game! It could be your first time holding a club or you could be an accomplished player just looking to improve your game, all skill levels are welcome!

Nine & Dine Events

5:00 Shotgun, Dinner Following Play

Thursday, May 16th
Thursday, June 20th
Thursday, July 18th
Thursday, September 26th
Thursday, October 10th



Course Closure Days & Policies

2024 Course Closure Days

All Mondays (excluding holiday weekends)

Friday, June 2nd: Fairfield Prep Golf Outing

Tuesday, July 11th - Monday, July 17th: LPGA Epsom Tour Event

Friday, September 8th: Turner Construction Golf Outing

Sunday, October 15th - Tuesday, October 17th: SHU Golf Tournament

Outside Tournaments & Course Closures Policy

Great River Golf Club may close or limit the availability of the course for outside golf events. With our members satisfaction in mind, Great River will limit these outside events to Mondays except for the following reasons:

- Rain date for an outing that cannot be rescheduled to a future Monday
- Any golf outing that is contracted over \$75,000 may be allowed to host on other days besides Monday, but no weekends.
- NCAA or Sacred Heart University collegiate events
- Local Amateur & Professional events (maximum 3 days, not to include weekends)
- Professional golf tours such as the LPGA, PGA, LIV and other reputable tours. (7 days maximum)



Weekly Member Games

The Saturday Game

The Saturday Game will be a Team Stableford and Individual Skins. In a stableford, points are rewarded for the score of each hole. The team will count everyone's points per hole for their score.

Stableford Point System:

Net Par = 1pt

Net Birdie = 3pts

Net Eagle = 5 points

Net Double Eagle = 8 points

Individual Skins – Players will try and post the best score on every hole. Every time a player has the lowest score on a hole over the field, they earn a skin. Post-round, the money is divided up by the number of skins earned. Teams and tee times will be created by the golf staff each week. Requests may be made for pairings, but the idea of the game is to play with other members of the club than your normal group. Members can invite a guest if they wish. The game will cost \$10 per player, billed to your account.

Ladies Golf Clinics & 4-Hole Golfers

Thursdays for our Great River ladies just got a little more exciting. Each Thursday, the professional staff will provide a half-hour clinic starting at 5:30pm. After the clinic, we will pair ladies up into groups and send them out on the course for a four-hole challenge. The mission of this program is to introduce new golfers to the game, get former golfers back into the sport 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!



Golf Academy

The Great River Golf Academy is proud to offer a wide variety of services that are guaranteed to help any level of golfer improve their game. Services offered include private lessons, group clinics and golf schools. In the Golf Academy we offer the latest technology and player assessments from Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) certified instructors, including:

Trackman BodiTrak V1 Video K-Vest TPI Evaluation SAM Putt Lab

Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) Assessment

A TPI assessment is a golf-specific physical screening to identify physical limitations that may be contributing to swing flaws, injuries, and higher scores. We will evaluate upper and lower body flexibility, posture, core stability, balance, and golf specific mobility. Based on the results of the TPI screening, we can develop an individualized exercise program to address each physical limitation that may be affecting the golf swing and/or risk for injury.

Lesson Rates

Tom Rosati, Director of Golf Instruction

Individual	Hour — \$140	Half Hour — \$75
Junior	Hour — \$100	Half Hour — \$50

Peter Pulaski, Head Golf Professional

Individual	Hour — \$100	Half Hour — \$70
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Pete Allen, First Assistant Professional

Individual	Hour — \$100	Half Hour — \$60
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Amanda Barone, Director of Women's Golf

Individual	Hour — \$100	Half Hour — \$60
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Lesson Sign-Up and Registration

To sign up for a lesson with one of our instructors, please email the golf pros directly. Instruction fees can be paid to the Pro Shop on a member account, credit card, or with cash.

Club Fitting

Schedule an hour to be fit for a new driver or set of irons. You can also schedule 2.5 hours for a full set fitting. In the fitting, we will use launch monitor technology to optimize your clubs so you can maximize efficiency and useful yardage gaps. Members that purchase clubs from their fitting will receive 50% of the fitting costs off their purchase.

Demo Clubs

We are happy to offer a wide selection of the newest golf clubs on the market. Members are welcome to demo these clubs on the range or for their round. All demos can be found and signed out with the Pro Staff. Headcovers must be used when taking the clubs on the course. To ensure we always have demo clubs available, they must be returned the same day and may not leave the club to play at other courses.

Club Repair

The 2024 season is here and now is a great time to get your clubs ready for the year. The professional staff at Great River is equipped with the tools and skills needed to handle all club repair services. We stock a variety of grips in house but can order any grips you have in mind. Once we have the products you would like, the re-gripping process can be done in one day.



House Rules & Regulations

Food & Beverage Policy

No liquor, beverage or food will be permitted to be brought on the Club property. Liquor or beverages will not be permitted in the locker room for storage or any other use. Any violators will be asked to leave the property.

All food and beverages must be purchased from Great River. In accordance with Connecticut State Law and Great River's alcohol awareness policy, no alcohol may be purchased by or served to anyone under the age of 21. No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto or be removed from the premises. Great River Staff & Management reserves the right to refuse to serve anyone believed to be intoxicated. Great River adheres to a "No Shot" policy.

Injury Policy

Any member that has incurred an injury or medical hardship that prevents him or her from active participation at the golf course will be able to discuss their status with the management of the Club. Each of these situations will be dealt with on an individual, case-by-case basis by management.

Loss or Destruction of Property or Instances of Personal Injury

Each member as a condition of membership and each guest as a condition of invitation to the Club Facilities shall be liable for any property damage or personal injury at Great River Golf Club. The Club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any personal property used or stored at Great River, whether in lockers or elsewhere.



Monty's River Grille

Reservations

To make reservations for Monty's, call (203) 701-0051 or find us on [OpenTable](#).

Food & Beverage Minimum Policy

The food & beverage minimum varies based on membership type and is to be utilized from March – November.

The food & beverage minimum may be applied to regular Great River and Monty's River Grille events, such as Weekly A la Carte Sunday Brunch, specialty nights, member events, our fabulous Easter and Mother's Day Brunches and Brunch with Santa. Additional events will be designated as eligible when announced.

All food and beverages (spirits, wine, beer, and soft drinks) purchased in Monty's River Grille, the snack bar and beverage carts or at eligible events can be used toward the minimum. Exclusions include gratuities, service charge and sales tax.

For purchases to count toward the minimum, they must be charged to your membership account. Individual members are required to have a valid credit card on file. The unused monthly minimum amount will be charged to your account on the last day of each month.



Social Events Calendar

MARCH

Sunday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Specials in Monty's
Sunday, March 31st – Easter Brunch

APRIL

Thursday, April 18th – Wine Club
Sunday, April 21st – Yoga & Smoothies

MAY

Saturday, May 4th – Kentucky Derby Drink Specials in Monty's
Sunday, May 5th – Cinco de Mayo Specials in Monty's
Sunday, May 12th – Mother's Day Brunch
Thursday, May 16th – Ladies 9 & Dine
Friday, May 17th – Bourbon, BBQ, & Blues Night in Monty's
Sunday, May 26th – Margarita Mixer

JUNE

Tuesday, June 11th – Pottery Class
Sunday, June 16th – Father's Day Golf & Grill
Thursday, June 2nd – Ladies 9 & Dine
Friday, June 21st – Caribbean Night with Steel Drums in Monty's
Thursday, June 27th – Wine Club

JULY

Saturday, July 6th – Mixed Member Guest & Lobster Bake
Thursday, July 18th – Ladies 9 & Dine
Tuesday, July 23rd – Sushi Making Class
Friday, July 26th – Rita's & Fajitas Night in Monty's

AUGUST

Thursday, August 8th – Wine Club

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7th – Couples Championship Mixer
Thursday, September 12th – Pizza Making Class
Thursday, September 26th – Ladies 9 & Dine

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 10th – Ladies 9 & Dine
Thursday, October 24th – Wine Club
Friday, October 25th – Closing Day Tournament & Awards Dinner
Sunday, October 27th – Halloween Luncheon & Pumpkin Painting

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 15th – Passport Night
Wednesday, November 20th – Holiday Wreath Workshop
Friday, November 22nd – Asian Fusion Night in Monty's

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 5th – Holiday Wine Club
Sunday, December 15th – Santa's Brunch





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