



# The Osprey

January 2022

*Black Hall Club*  
*Old Lyme, Connecticut*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**TONY STRATIDIS**    [president@blackhallclub.com](mailto:president@blackhallclub.com)

The 2022 golf season planning process is well underway with several course improvement projects, and facility upgrades being developed, reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors. Please see the respective committee reports explaining these activities in more detail over the next several months in the Osprey.



The Board has approved the calendar for this year's golf season which will be posted on the BHC website.

Starting on Friday, December 24th, guest play will not be permitted until the golf shop opens back up in March. If you are planning on playing the golf course this winter, please abide by the signs posted about greens being closed or temporary. All tee boxes are closed.

Having our course open through the winter season has been a privilege for over 50 years at BHC and the envy of members at other local and regional courses who do not have a place to play given that their courses are closed for the season. The board has supported keeping the course open for winter play but unfortunately increasing evidence that some members are not abiding by

proper playing practices i.e., using range balls on the course, divots not being repaired, playing from closed tee boxes, pitch marks on greens not being repaired, bunkers not raked, etc., may very well lead to the Board considering closing BHC to winter play. Please..... JUST DO THE RIGHT THING and take care of YOUR course!

On a more positive note – Daylight is lingering later every day and Spring is just around the corner!

Wishing you and your families a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

## **ALL ABOUT THE GREENS**

**TOM DEGNAN**    [greenchair@blackhallclub.com](mailto:greenchair@blackhallclub.com)

For you durable winter golfers please continue to repair divots and ball marks and do not hit off the tee boxes. We have noticed an increase in unrepaired spots and play on the tee boxes. On the board level, this has been discussed along with the potential solutions. Closing the course in the winter is not the option we want to consider, so please self-police your groups and help us keep the course in the best condition possible.

Thank you and enjoy those nice winter days.



## MEMBERSHIP

**STEPH BRODEUR** [membership@blackhallclub.com](mailto:membership@blackhallclub.com)

Are you contemplating canceling your membership at Black Hall due to age, health, job change, life change, economics, etc.? If so, during this holiday season, consider "gifting" your membership certificate to a family member.

Serendipitously, effective 1/1/22, the IRS has increased the annual gift exclusion to \$16,000 from \$15,000. Therefore, the gift of a membership certificate worth \$15,500 is completely "Gift Tax Free"! Please contact our Membership Liaison, Moira Sager, for more details.

The following have been proposed for Membership:

CANDIDATE	PROPOSER	SECONDRERS
Carl Spadola	Wayne Harms	Steph Brodeur TBD
Michael Nevins	Tony Stratidis	TBD TBD

## NEW MEMBERS!

Black Hall would like to extend a sincere welcome to the following new members:

- o Nathaniel Stone      o Brad Lipkvich
- o Wayne & Melissa Lipkvich

## In Memoriam ζ Jim Wells

"A great soul serves everyone all the time.  
A great soul never dies. It brings us together  
again and again." ~Maya Angelou

**WINTER @ BLACK HALL**  
golfing with 9 new friends!



## Black Hall Members Your Opinion Matters!

A membership survey will be coming out in the next couple months.



Be on the lookout for it in your email sometime in February. We hope to receive full membership participation!

If your email address has changed, please let Moira know:

[membership@blackhallclub.com](mailto:membership@blackhallclub.com)

THANK YOU!

## \$ JOB OPPORTUNITIES \$

### BLACK HALL DINING ROOM

\* SERVERS \* COOKS \*



### WEEKEND DISHWASHER

(Your HS or College Student need to make some summer \$\$??)

Kathy is hiring! Positions would run May/June through September.

If interested, please contact Kathy:

[krlane59@icloud.com](mailto:krlane59@icloud.com)

## THINGS TO DO NEW YEAR'S DAY 2022

(yup, it rhymed)

1. **DO SOMETHING OUTDOORSY!** Ice skating rink (there are plenty to be found,) hiking, skiing, snow tubing
2. **CLEAN, ORGANIZE & DONATE.** There's plenty in your house. You know there is.
3. **GO SEE THE LIGHTS.** They'll be gone soon! i.e. Roger Williams Zoo, Forest Park, Rentschler Field @ Pratt & Whitney
4. **GET CRACKIN' ON THE NEW YEARS RESOLUTION**
5. **ORGANIZE A RE-GIFT SWAP/WHITE ELEPHANT.** (Someone may like the armadillo door stop.)
6. **CHEER FOR YOU FAVORITE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM**