



The Osprey



December 2020

Black Hall Club
Old Lyme, Connecticut



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!!!!

The golf shop has a wide selection of gifts at great prices. Please stop by and support your Pro.



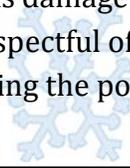
For our winter golfers, the greens will be open **only** when posted as such. As always, temporary greens are available, temporary tees are to be used. The driving range and short game practice area are closed for the season.

Absolutely NO guest play is allowed until the golf shop re-opens in the Spring

ALL ABOUT THE GREENS

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If this upcoming winter is anything like last winter, many of you will enjoy golf all winter. Please obey all posted signage on green and/or course closures. We ask our staff to err on the side of caution when deciding to keep our greens open. Winter weather can turn from good to bad quickly and our goal is to protect the course. Remember, this is "bonus" time for golf in New England and while most other courses are closed, we will remain open as long as damage is minimal and the golfers are respectful of protecting the course and following the posted rules. Enjoy.



REMINDERS

DECEMBER

GOLF SHOP HOURS (thru Dec 23rd)

Mondays: CLOSED

Tuesday - Sunday: 9am - 4pm



RANGE IS NOW CLOSED
Carts are available till further notice

ALL BELONGINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM BASEMENT STORAGE & FROM LOCKERS.

The
19th
Hole



MEMBERSHIP

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Although winter is not the best season for golfing, our membership initiative can still keep going strong. The best membership recruiters remain our current members who can testify to their love of the club and the course.



As always, the Membership Committee and Moira are there to assist in the new member process.

Have a wonderful holiday season & a Happy New Year!

The following have been proposed for Membership:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDEERS</u>
Jed & Linda Rhoads	Keith Bolles	Vincent Dowling Martin White
Jim Ezold	Martin Smith	Eric Moore Tony Stratidis

NEW MEMBERS!

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

- Alan Sheiness
- Gregory Berger & Phoebe Chiang
- Stephen & Alison Brinkmann



A MISSING PIECE

For those who are wondering why our new Black Hall Club sign is no longer at the corner of 156 & Buttonball, unfortunately someone, or multiple someones, had sticky fingers. There was no ransom requested so that someone is enjoying his/her acquisition or it is sadly in a dumpster. Any sightings, let us know! The club is looking into a replacement.



"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

~ Terri Marshall

HOUSE

RICH BACCI

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All who are using the indoor nets, please make sure you are leaving the space clean for the next reservation. Those who may take the last reservation of the day, please help in leaving the room free of trash and in good standing for the morning players. We have limited staff in the winter and we can all do our part to keep things clean, especially during the pandemic.

Please make sure your locker is empty and left unlocked by Dec. 31st. After that, lockers will be emptied and all personal items found will be placed in lost & found. Lockers will be cleaned in January & February and available for use on March 1st.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season!



BLACK HALL CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



**HAS BEEN CANCELLED
THIS YEAR**

IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR FOR A LOT OF FOLKS...

LOOKING TO DONATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

SOME IDEAS.....

- TOYS FOR TOTS
(toysfortots.org for local drop off)
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
(hartsprings.org, will p/u)
- VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
(vva.org, will p/u in most areas)
- SALVATION ARMY
- ANGEL TREES at local churches





GOLF PRO'S REPORT

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GOLF SHOP
Holiday Festivities

Due to COVID, we will be cancelling the golf shop party this year.

In lieu of a party, there will be "happy hour" Fridays & Saturdays 1-3pm until December 19th.

 Avoid the crowds & take advantage of great sales going on.

Complimentary gift wrapping! 

GOLF SHOP NEWS

2020 BLACK HALL GOLF SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

Avoid the hassle and frustration of holiday shopping! The Golf Shop has something for everyone!

PLUS
 ** one-on-one service ** free gift wrapping ** AND GREAT PRICES!

MEN'S CLOTHING & OUTERWEAR 20%-50% OFF	Golf Clubs & Shoes 30% OFF	WOMEN'S CLOTHING & OUTERWEAR 20%-50% OFF
LOTS OF STOCKING STUFFERS!	Golf Bags 10% OFF	Golf Towels \$10
		SOCKS BUY 2, GET ONE FREE!

Don't forget GREAT gift options like

- GLASSWARE & BHC TUMBLERS
- WINTER GLOVES & HATS
- HEADWEAR
- LUGGAGE
- RANGE FINDERS GPS/LASER

NEW ARRIVALS

- AHEAD CASUAL SWEATSHIRTS & TEES
- COOLERS

DECEMBER GOLF SHOP HOURS
 Open thru December 23rd

Tuesday - Sunday:
 9:00am to 4:00pm

CLOSED MONDAYS



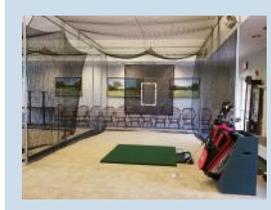

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY DONATIONS

Due to the generosity of Black Hall members, our appreciation day allowed for donations directly back to our surrounding area. One thousand dollar donations were given to Old Lyme, Lyme, East Lyme, Essex, and Old Saybrook as well as Middlesex and L & M Hospitals.

The money went to our local police & fire departments, ambulance associations and Old Saybrook Cares, a COVID-19 relief fund that gives money directly to town residents negatively

INDOOR NETS

- * GET OUT OF THE COLD!
- * LAUNCH MONITOR WITH EACH CAGE
- * LESSONS & CLUB FITTINGS AVAILABLE
- * MAKING RESERVATIONS IS EASY!



\$50 for single
\$75 for family

affected by COVID. At the hospitals, the donations will go directly into Emergency response and COVID relief development funds. In addition, Black Hall was able to donate another \$1,000 to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center, just in time to help for the holidays.

All towns and organizations express the utmost gratitude to Black Hall and its members for their thoughtfulness! Thank you!





HEARTWARMING HOLIDAY STORIES

....because we all need a little positivity this year.

- * The Salvation Army in Middletown, PA found a \$1,000 winning lottery ticket left by an anonymous donor in one of their kettles one year.
- * An anonymous angel visited three Walmarts at Christmastime, paying out thousands of dollars to clear strangers' layaway balances. In two weeks, the donor left \$74,000 in Harrisburg; \$46,000 in Lebanon County; and another \$46,000 in Everett, for a total of \$166,000 of erased debt.
- * Each Christmas for 8yrs, Jessie Tenyani, a cafeteria worker at Chicago's Advocate Trinity Hospital, has bought thousands of dollars worth of toys for all of the children at the hospital, the state's largest pediatric care facility. She sets aside part of her paycheck each month. One year she took Thanksgiving & Black Friday off, rented a U-Haul, and bought \$5000 worth of toys to distribute to the kids.
- * At 86 years old, Ed Moseley picked up a new hobby — and for a good cause, too. When he heard that his nursing home would be participating in a knitting contest to make caps for premature babies, he decided it was time to learn how to knit. With the help of his daughter, Moseley got a knitting kit and went to work. After getting the hang of it, he went on to knit 55 caps and inspired others to help the cause, leading to a donation of more than 300 caps for premature babies at the Northside Hospital in Atlanta.
- * At an elementary school in Pennsylvania, a generous secret Santa wrote the school a check for more than \$900 to clear the overdue lunch balances of 44 children. The only thing the do-gooder asked for in return was to remain anonymous.
- * Military.com: The men of the Maryville University Lacrosse put team spirit into action. Every year they "Remember Everyone Deployed" with their "Saints for Soldiers" package drive. Despite this year's challenges, 2020 will be no different! In 2019, they were able to send 48 boxes overseas and this year they have already exceeded their modest \$10,000 goal. This year-end holiday package program does more than help those deployed. The Saints of Maryville also support local Veterans Affairs Hospitals, donating time and effort to vets in the St. Louis area. To learn more about the Maryville University Lacrosse team, visit Maryville's athletics page. To help send a \$100 care package to a deployed troop this holiday season, check out the "Saints for Soldiers" crowdfunding page.

ANOTHER COVID HOLIDAY - WELL, AT LEAST WE'LL HAVE QUALITY FAMILY TIME TO WATCH SOME HOLIDAY CINEMA!

Being a Christmas movie junkie, here are a few ideas from my library.....

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
(George C. Scott-1984)

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET
(Original, 1947)

THE SANTA CLAUSE (1, 2 & 3)

SCROOGED

NATIONAL LAMPOONS CHRISTMAS VACATION

WHITE CHRISTMAS

DIE HARD
(totally a Christmas movie) 😊

LOVE ACTUALLY



SMALL CHILDREN OR GRANDKIDS?

(Of course mine are 15 & 16 and we just watched these.....)

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS
(Original, 1966)

POLAR EXPRESS

FROSTY (Rankin/Bass, 1969)

RUDOLPH (Rankin/Bass, 1964)

PREP & LANDING

MICKEY'S ONCE (& TWICE) UPON A CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah

From all of us here at Black Hall, we wish you a Happy, Healthy Holiday season. May your days be filled with happiness and wonderful memories.

And a BIG CHEERS to 2021!!

(Please let it be nothing like 2020!!)

