



# The Osprey



February 2021



*Black Hall Club*  
*Old Lyme, Connecticut*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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Winter projects are going well. The 15th forward tee and the extended back tee have been completed. The expanded drainage system for the driving range has also been completed.

A revised employee handbook will be distributed to all employees in early February. A special thanks to Mike Spagnola for his guidance and recommendations.



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOLF CHAIR**

**RICH PATERSON**

The cool weather golfers have been very fortunate this winter with record breaking numbers of rounds completed since early December. Protecting this great facility is the responsibility of all that are enjoying it.

Golfers need to RESPECT the golf course at all times especially during the winter.

There are too many divots laying not replaced, too many ball marks not fixed and traps not raked. Hitting multiple practice shots is not allowed and it is especially destructive when divots from those are not replaced.

It shouldn't be necessary to remind players that yellow range balls belong to the golf shop and should never be removed from the practice range for use on the course.

Respecting the course makes golf more enjoyable for you, your partners and the rest of the membership.

## **ALL ABOUT THE GREENS**

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So far the winter has been pretty good for projects. The 15th tee box is being rebuilt to include a new forward tee and add distance and elevation to the back of the tee. The final grading is complete and the rough sod along the sides has been put down. The bent grass on the hitting surface will not be installed until May because turf farms don't cut bent grass until the warmer weather. We will be hitting off temporary tee boxes until the new turf gets established in June.

The material required to raise the tee box and widen it has come from the rebuilding of the bunkers on the 14th hole. The old sand has been removed, the sides have been edged, new liners have been installed and new sand has been added to the fairway and green side bunkers. Most of the tree work planned for the winter will be clean up from the summer storm and branch pruning around the course. No major tree cutting is planned for this winter.



## *In Memoriam*

ζ **Bob Pierce**

*"Be still. Close your eyes. Breathe. Listen for my footfall in your heart. I am not gone but merely walk within you." ~Nicholas Evans*

## HOUSE

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Please note that during January and February the hot water is turned off in the building.

We are going to be in preparation for next season shortly! The clubhouse will be thoroughly cleaned as well as locker rooms and lockers.



Lockers will be available March 1st, upon payment of the annual locker fee.

Fees for 2021 remain unchanged:

Half lockers - \$80

Shoe lockers - \$45



The dining room will open again on April 16th.

## MEMBERSHIP

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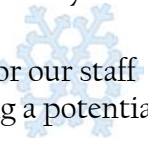


I'm sure that most of you can't wait for days with more sunlight and warmer temperatures!

A new golf season at Black Hall Club is just around the corner, and we have had several inquiries from prospective new members who are also looking forward to getting out and playing.

This is a prime time where we can engage family members, friends, neighbors and work associates that share the same passion for golf as we do! There is no greater venue or value in our area to enjoy a round of golf with the unfettered accessibility offered at Black Hall.

Please let the Membership Committee or our staff know if we can assist you in introducing a potential new member.



The  
19th  
Hole



Our thorough testing of clubs includes all of the possible ways it might be used during a normal round.

*"There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."*



## 2021 YEARBOOK INFO!

An email was recently distributed asking for your updated information for the 2021 Black Hall Club Yearbook.



The Black Hall Yearbook is the hard copy directory, available to be picked up in the golf shop at the beginning of a new season. *A full PDF of the Yearbook will also be available on our website* - **LOGIN** then go to the **MEMBER HOME** box, click on **MEMBER CENTER** and locate the link in the drop down menu.

Please supply any updates to Moira, either snail-mailing the update form (Black Hall Club, PO Box 278, Old Lyme, CT 06371) OR emailing the information to [membership@blackhallclub.com](mailto:membership@blackhallclub.com).



\* Remember you may also add your email address this year.

**Please send updated information by February 28th! Thank you!**

## LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN!

