



# The Osprey

APRIL 2022



*Black Hall Club*  
*Old Lyme, Connecticut*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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

There is no better indication that we are about to begin a new golf season like the Masters Tournament!

Men's Opening Day is Saturday, April 23rd. To all our members and especially our newer members, I encourage you to participate in our annual kickoff event - "The Scrambled Egg". This scramble format is great event and way for us to meet each other, while renewing old friendships and make new ones. Please stay tuned for information on our new event registration process.

Ladies Opening Day is Wednesday, May 18th; another great event to renew old friendships and make new ones. Again, information will be coming soon about our new online registration process.

The winter projects have been wrapped up with some additional trees having been removed, several bunkers reworked, and the 14<sup>th</sup> tee project is awaiting its new turf. Initial capital improvements on the back of the clubhouse have been completed and it looks so nice that we are now obtaining additional quotes for the front and kitchen side as well. I wish to personally thank Ron Furr and Rich Bacci for their great work and ongoing support of these capital improvement projects. Work on the Assistance Pro's house is scheduled for late April

through May.

The Green's Superintendent and their staff, Green's Committee members and the Board are focused on providing our membership with the continued and improving playing conditions that a "Championship" golf course deserves!

A special thanks to all the committee members, chairpersons, and our staff for all their hard work in make Black Hall Club so special!

## **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER**

**LEE ANN PALLADINO**

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



As of February 2022, Black Hall Club is five months into its fiscal year, and I am pleased to report that we continue to be in strong financial shape. Dues and initiation fee revenues have exceeded budget as 26 new members have joined Black Hall since October. Expenses remain in line with expectations, and monies have been set aside for capital improvements for the clubhouse exterior and repairs at the assistant pros' house. I will continue to keep you informed as we move forward.



## MEMBERSHIP

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

We have had a large group of new members coming into Black Hall the last few months. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself.

We are happy to announce that membership at Black Hall is full! We have started a waitlist for both Regular and Associate Membership. At the beginning stages, the "A" waitlists for Regular (#1-20) and Associate (#1-15) are still open. While on the "A" list, membership candidates are awarded limited playing privileges.

If you have any questions about membership, please reach out to a member of the Membership Committee or Moira ([membership@blackhallclub.com](mailto:membership@blackhallclub.com))



*The following individuals have been proposed for Membership:*

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Tom Rose	TBD	TBD
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Erik Anderson	Tom Lesnik	Bill Wainright
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Todd Lake	Scott Farrell	Rich Paterson
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Tyler Berry	Tom Cherry	TBD
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Chris Bray	John DeMarsilis	Clint Reid Mike Halperin
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Thor Magnussen	Brian Zito	Tim Yester

**NEW MEMBERS!** Black Hall would like to extend a sincere welcome to the following new members:



- David Watkins
- Justin Brisson
- Michael Thompson
- Martha Everett
- Robert Ferreira



## HOUSE

**RICH BACCI**  
[housechair@blackhallclub.com](mailto:housechair@blackhallclub.com)



The showers are not available at this time.

The dining room will open on Friday, April 15th. The phone number to call for food orders will be available again this year. The phone number is (860) 213-9024.

Please note: as the water fountain on the third hole is permanently shut off, there is water available in the dining room if you want any water prior to the sixth hole.

**DINING ROOM & KITCHEN POSITIONS AVAILABLE!**

SEASONAL: MAY - OCTOBER

- ◆ lunches & occasional evening events
- ◆ good pay \$\$\$
- ◆ willing to train

*a small, fun, local place to work!*

Contact | 860.434.5171, ext. 3  
Kathy | [chef@blackhallclub.com](mailto:chef@blackhallclub.com)

## APRIL GOLF INFORMATION

### GOLF SHOP HOURS (till Oct 31st)

Mondays: 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 7:00am - 6:00pm

SAT, APRIL 9TH                      SAT, APRIL 23RD  
**RANGE & BAG ROOM will open**      **SGPA will open**



**GOLF...**  
*the classy way to avoid responsibility.*



# GOLF PRO'S REPORT

ANDREW CAMPBELL pro@blackhallclub.com

April has arrived, I hope you are all excited about coming out and playing some golf! We are happy to have Moira, Brian & Carter returning to Black Hall for another season; bringing their smiles, wealth of knowledge and familiarity with the club and our membership. We are so fortunate to have such a great team!

The golf course will now transition to normal mode with the opening of the tee boxes and single cups in the greens. Guests are also permissible now that the golf shop is open.

The practice range will open and bag room services will begin on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. As for the range, we will begin the year using the artificial turf until the grass starts to actively grow.

The use of golf carts will be determined when conditions permit and a notification will be sent when that happens.

## EVENT OPERATIONS AT BLACK HALL

The Golf Committee along with our golf staff has embarked on a new adventure this Spring that we think you will all enjoy; Golf Genius Club Premium Software!

Our tournaments (big & small) will look and feel much different including; registration, scoring, results and even communications.

This new, more modern approach will take some training for both the staff and you, the golfers. Our staff is currently working on the "LAUNCH" of this system in coming days. You will receive an email devoted to this, please take a moment to read thoroughly, it will be rather lengthy but will be worthwhile in learning our new methods.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

## Coming Events

WEDNESDAYS, APR 27TH, MAY 4TH & 11TH

### SPRING GOLF

Prior to Women's Opening Day.

Sign-ups & information coming soon!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH

### BHWGA OPENING DAY

8:45am Shotgun

Luncheon & meeting to follow golf

Stay tuned for info on a NEW registration process!

### LADIES CLINICS

Our clinics will be on Tuesday & Thursday beginning on April 26<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The clinics will begin at 9:00am.

At the end of the hour, we will pair up whomever wants to play some golf. No matter your level of experience, we'll make you feel at home with either group. The cost of the clinics will be \$20.00 per session. Get ready for the season and take advantage of this great opportunity for golfers of ALL skill levels!!



### MEN'S GOLF

## Coming Events

Stay tuned for info on a NEW registration process!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

### OPENING DAY "SCRAMBLED EGG"

Buffet breakfast & lunch after golf included.

9:00am Shotgun, Scramble Format - FUN!

SATURDAY MAY 14TH & SUNDAY MAY 15TH

### SPRING MEMBER-MEMBER

May 14th: Qualifying; tee-times

May 15th: 1st RND. Match

\* 2nd & 3rd RND. Matches are played by a deadline

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH

### MAY MEMBER-GUEST

FIRST MEMBER-GUEST OF THE YEAR!

Invite 1 or 3 Guests

1:00pm Shotgun; Dinner & prizes to follow

### MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE

The league will begin in June but **now** is the time to start forming your teams. If you are generally around on Wednesday nights, this is a great time! Nine holes of golf and a social hour following golf. If you don't have a team, we can help!





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## GOLF SHOP NEWS

### TITLEIST PROVI LOYALTY PROMOTION

This has become a tradition for many of you... Unfortunately, due to supply issues, Titleist is not running this promotion in 2022. Instead, WE are going to run a promotion of our own...

Buy four dozen ProVIs with the same personalization options as before and receive a gift of \$40 in golf shop credit. Prices and details were sent in a separate email and can be found in the golf shop. **Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup> to participate.**

### SPRING APPAREL

We have received some very nice NEW performance apparel for the Spring weather: jackets, mid layers, rain wear and more. Men's & women's selections and more merchandise arriving daily! Capitalize on clothing that works for you, you won't be sorry!



### SPRING CLEARANCE SALE

*Look for some deep discounts while inventory and space last!*

### GOLF EQUIPMENT

Golf equipment is arriving daily in the Golf Shop. Featured lines will include Ping, Titleist, Callaway, Taylor Made and XXIO. Our job is to make sure that you purchase the *right clubs for YOU*. Custom fitting your equipment is the best way to ensure this and we now have a new launch monitor to help us. Custom fitting is FREE, does not require a purchase, and comes with an educational experience and often times some swing instruction. Please don't hesitate to ask questions you may have.



### TRADE IN & TRADE UP...

Do you want to upgrade but don't know what to do with your current or old clubs? Let us know what you have and we can tell you how much you can trade them in for towards a new club or a new set of clubs!

Help to reduce the cost of your new equipment!!

### GOLF CHAIRMAN - RICH PATERSON

The 2022 Golf Season is upon us, welcome back! A few Spring reminders...

It is important that all golfers check-in with the golf shop prior to playing. The club tracks who is out on the course for several reasons and the most important one is if there are any emergency phone calls that come into the golf shop, they need to know who is out there and when they teed off. Please have at least one representative from a group check in with the golf shop.

ALL rounds of golf should start on our First Hole. Starting on the 10th tee or any other tee is not allowed unless granted permission from the Professional staff.





Historically the CSGA will start allowing scores to be posted on April 1. Although based on course conditions at this time of the year many groups opt for playing winter rules. You should take this into account when deciding whether to post your score.

Men's & Ladies Opening Days are listed in Andrew's report These are great ways to kick off the season by renewing old friendships and making new ones. Signing up for these events will be different than in the past. Stay tuned for information on our new Tournament Operations Software, we think you are going to love it!





# APRIL AT A GLANCE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 GOLF COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	5	6	7	8	9  <b><u>PRACTICE</u></b> <b><u>RANGE &amp; BAG</u></b> <b><u>ROOM OPEN</u></b> <b><u>FOR THE</u></b> <b><u>SEASON</u></b>
10	11 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	12	13	14	15  <b><u>DINING ROOM</u></b> <b><u>OPEN FOR</u></b> <b><u>THE SEASON</u></b>  SWING OIL CLINIC 4:30PM - RANGE	16
17 	18 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	19	20	21	22  SWING OIL CLINIC 4:30PM - RANGE	23 <b>MEN'S</b> <b>OPENING DAY</b> <b>SCRAMBLED EGG</b> 9:00AM SHOTGUN <i>Breakfast Buffet</i> <i>Before; Lunch After</i> <b>SGPA Opening!</b>
24	25 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	26 WOMEN'S CLINIC 9:00AM	27 LADIES DAY SPRING GOLF	28 WOMEN'S CLINIC 9:00AM	29  SWING OIL CLINIC 4:30PM - RANGE	30 

## The 19th Hole



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JEFF KEANE

"Golf's pretty easy. You just hit the ball, then lean to the side and say 'FORE!'"



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"Did you win?"

