The Osprey

May 2021

Black Hall Club

Old Lyme, Connecticut

President's Message

Curt Clemens president@blackhallclub.com

The 2021 golf season is off to a great start! The course is in excellent condition. The Men's Opening Day event was very successful with 103 golfers, excellent weather and food (as always).

The Tournament Committee has put together a list of great member and member/guest events. Check the bulletin board located in the hallway and sign-up early!. We will have these events posted online as the season progresses.

As always, Andrew has the golf shop well stocked with clubs, other golf equipment, and clothing. You cannot beat his prices!!!!

All about the Greens

Tom Degnan greenchair@blackhallclub.com

The Green Committee has been working with the USGA to evaluate ways to develop drier, firmer playing conditions at Black Hall. We recently had a one day review that will generate a report outlining their recommendations. We are currently waiting on that report and I look forward to passing on the recommendations to the club for feedback.

Recent stump grinding areas, if not marked, should be treated as "ground under repair". Please stay out of them and give them a chance to grow in.

Report from the Treasurer

Mike Sheehan treasurer@blackhallclub.com

Believe it or not, we are now halfway through fiscal year 2021. Our financial condition remains strong with our current assets, including the PPP funds, at $1,832,778 which is a $466K increase over last year. In addition, our year to date surplus from operations is also very strong. Due to the wonderful weather last October and November, as well as increases in new members this spring, we are currently realizing year over year increases in dues, initiation fees, green fees, cart rental fees, food, and locker rental income. Also, our expenses have remained largely within budget.

Finally, it should be noted that the board has approved three non-budgeted project expenditures so far this year: the driving range drainage project at $25,080; preliminary expenses for the proposed 17th hole project at $3,450; and the driveway chip seal project at $46,224. As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER, EARN A VOUCHER!!

Introduce a new face to Black Hall and, when he or she accepts membership, you earn a voucher.

This pass good for
3 guests, 18 holes & 2 Carts

MEMBERSHIP

STEPH BRODEUR membership@blackhallclub.com

The following individuals have been proposed for Membership:

CANDIDATE	PROPOSER	SECONDERS
Tom Gilman	Tom Lesnik	Greg Lesnik TBD
Ernie Annibale	John Wohler	Andrew Guignard Bill Christopher

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

- *Peter Leblanc*
- *Scott Chasse*
- *Nicholas Paradis*
- *Alicia Pierson*
- *Matthew Newton*
- *Christopher Aroh*
- *Frank Leone*
- *Dalton Smart*
- *Zheng Li & Hong Wan*

REMINDERS

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, MAY 31st

Dining Room will be OPEN

Tuesday, JUNE 1st

Dining Room will be CLOSED

Starting MEMORIAL DAY....

- *Golf Course & Range will open at 7:00AM on weekends*
- ***Dining room hours change** to 11:00AM - 3:00PM*

Please DO NOT tee off before the course opens!!

HOUSE

RICH BACCI

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Operations are approaching normal at Black Hall Club. Please note that masks are still required in the clubhouse at all times and while dining if not eating.

We are optimistic that the governor will be able to implement his plan to lift all business restrictions, aside from masks, on May 19th. If this goes forward, the showers will be reopened. Stay tuned!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER....

When heading out to play the course this season, a few tips on golf course fashion....

MEN:

Let's NOT....

- BE THIS GUY

Instead.....

Be this golfing stud

- Slacks or Shorts that do not exceed 3" above the knee
- Golf shirts with full or mock collars with sleeves
- Shirts tucked in at all times
- Hats & visors forward & removed in the dining room.

WOMEN:

Let's NOT...

- BE THIS LADY

Instead.....

- Skorts, shorts & skirts should be golf appropriate in style, length & fit.
- Golf shirts, any, with collar or without a collar but with sleeves
- Shirts with finished hem need not be tucked in
- Hats & visors forward & removed in the dining room

GOLF PRO'S REPORT

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MEN'S GOLF

Opening Day "Scrambled Egg" Results

1st	Greg Benoit, Arnie Benak, Jim Devine & Bill Christopher	65
1st	Jeff Riley, Rick Neely, Mark Nickerson & Charlie Park	65
3rd	Scott Farrell, Ken Sunshine, Mike Montanaro & Mike Perl	66
3rd	Jim Ezold, Zach Back, Bill Christensen & Bill Attridge	66

Coming Events

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH
Spring Member-Member Qualifying
Golf shop makes pairings & times
8 qualifying for each flight, matches will follow

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST
Men's MAY Member-Guest
Invite 1 or 3 guests
1:00PM golf; Dinner & prizes to follow

MAY 29TH, 30TH & 31ST
Mile Creek Match Play Qualifying
Tee off prior to 10:00am
32 qualify for each flight, matches will follow

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH
Men's JUNE Member-Guest
Invite 1 or 3 guests
1:00PM golf; Dinner & prizes to follow

PLAN AHEAD

JUNE 28TH, 29TH & 30TH
Black Hall Classic: Member-Member

AUGUST 6TH, 7TH & 8TH
Men's Black Hall Invitational

WOMEN'S GOLF

LADIES CLINICS

Clinics for each Tuesday and Thursday have been well attended thus far and will continue until Thursday, May 13th. Next week's clinics; the 4th and 6th will take place at the Short Game Practice Area. At the end of the hour, we will pair up who ever wants to play some golf to try out your new and improved swings! Call ahead or just show up.

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH
2020 BHWGA Opening Day
8:45AM Shotgun Start -9 holes
Luncheon & meeting to follow

PLAN AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH
BHWGA GUEST DAY
8:30AM Shotgun; Luncheon & prizes to follow

MIXED GOLF

Good friends, Good food, Good fun
Makes a great night!!

The Nine & Dine Crew is busy planning some very special evenings for this season!

Three NINE & DINE events planned….

- Friday, June 11th - "Food Truck Night"
- Friday, July 23rd
- Friday, August 27th

4:30PM or 5:00PM Shotgun with Dinner to follow!
Mark these dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more details!!

ALSO…

THE FOUNDERS CUP
"Celebrating our Past, Present & Future"
This summer's Founders Cup is going to be an ALL-INCLUSIVE event for ALL members followed by a Cocktail Party and celebration!

The Golf will be a "Member-Member."
Men, women or mixed teams with a 12:30pm start.
Festivities for the golfers and guests will follow golf.

GOLF PRO'S REPORT, CONT.

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JUNIOR GOLF

DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT

The Road to Augusta National

Do you know a Junior Golfer who wants to qualify for the Drive, Chip & Putt??
For more information visit
www.drivechipandputt.com
for local qualifying information.

SPRING JUNIOR CLINIC

Our Spring Clinic will be devoted to preparing Juniors for the upcoming Drive, Chip & Putt qualifying rounds later in June. We will teach & coach the kids on the specific shots needed for the competition.
All children are welcome!
June 2nd & June 3rd - 1:00-3:00pm

JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAM

Back to our normal schedule!
There will be five sessions this summer.

1st & 2nd SESSIONS	3rd & 4th SESSIONS
June 22, 23, 24	*July 13, 14, 15*

(3) days of 2-hour sessions; 9:00am **OR** 11:00am

5th SESSION

August 10, 11 & 12

(3) days, 2-hour sessions at 10:00am

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

Every Thursday at 4:00pm starting on June 17th and running until August 19th.
The clinics will last one hour and will be followed by optional golf with the other Teen golfers and typically a member from our staff.
Space is limited; members can sign up now, non-members may sign up starting May 30th
Please call the Golf Shop with any questions or to sign up.

If you or any friends would like additional information on our Junior Golf programming, it can be found on the "public side" of our website under the "Golf" tab.

GOLF SHOP NEWS

The golf shop is loaded with new merchandise. As you know, all the "Black Hall Prices" on clothing and accessories are discounted, always. Our Equipment is priced the same as off-course superstores and we want to provide you with all the demos, service and information possible. Club fitting sessions are free and easy, just give us a call to schedule a time. We want to you feel comfortable shopping for your golfing needs.

GOLF EQUIPMENT

Every day is a DEMO DAY! Let us help you in the golf shop with countless combinations of Demos to hit and try while you are here at the club.
Don't wait…try it today!!

We do have some **FITTING days** scheduled where you can take advantage of our staff and a product specialist with an experience using radar and extensive options.
These sessions are *by appointment only*, please see us in the golf shop to make to sign up (**see calendar**).

XXIO	*PING*	*CALLAWAY*
Friday, May 14th	***Saturday, May 15th***	***Sunday, May 16th***
1:00-4:00pm	*11:00am-3:00pm*	*11:00am-3:00pm*

TAYLOR MADE	*TITLEIST*
Saturday, May 22nd	***Sunday, May 23rd***
10:00am-2:00pm	*11:00am-3:00pm*

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 un-clutter your home and reduce the cost of your new equipment!!

MISCELLANEOUS

The annual Black Hall Pro-Member Event sign-up sheet is now up in the golf shop. This fun event is a 2 BB of 4 format, gross and net.

For the Ladies, we have a "female only" event; the sign-up sheet for this is also up on the "main" board. This is a chance to play in a unique and relaxed competition and spend a day with one of our Pros.

GOLF CHAIRMAN – RICH PATERSON

CART USAGE RULES TO REMEMBER. This season we are emphasizing cart rules that were seriously abused in the recent past. These rules apply to all unless there is an infirmity that does not allow walking 30 yards. Carts should be kept 30 yards from the green. There is a cart path adjacent to the green on most holes. The cart should be directed toward that cart path when approaching the green area and carts should not be driven around the opposite side of those greens. Par 3 holes all have cart paths and are cart path only holes. The cart starts on the path by the tee and proceeds directly across the rough toward the continuation of the path by the green.

Carts are not allowed on grass in the Practice Areas between 1 and 10 cart paths. Carts are not allowed on grass in rear of clubhouse near patio or locker room access. Don't be offended if a member of the Golf Committee or the Board decides to remind you of these rules when they see a misuse on the course.

MEMBER NFORMATION

2021 YEARBOOK & BHC WEBSITE!

The 2021 Black Hall Yearbook is now available in the golf shop.

Not into paper?? A PDF of the Yearbook is available on our website.

Log in with your member # & password
(temp password: blackhall2020)

OTHER INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE?

- Dining Room Menu & To-Go #
- Junior/Teen Golf Registration
- Online & PDF BHC Calendar
- The Osprey (present & past)
- Men's/Women's Golf Information

HINT: Create a shortcut on your phone to the BHC website & have your phone remember your login info!

THANK YOU!

A special thanks goes to Paul Lipp, a former member of Black Hall, who most generously donated one of his treasured works depicting the golf swing of Ben Hogan.

Paul was a longtime member that not only displayed great talent with a golf club but also was the commissioner of the Wing Ding group of Black Hall golfers for many years. He welcomed any golfers looking for a game to join his group on a daily basis and, with his organizational skills, all found the play to be competitive and enjoyable.

He is an artist of great renown having taught art for many years while also pursuing his own paintings and illustrations. His work was commissioned by many publications, most notably to Black Hall members were Golf Digest and PGA magazine. He often used his Black Hall friends as subjects in the golf lesson articles in Golf Digest and many of his works featured the top PGA professionals of the day. Check out the Ben Hogan work above the golf shop door.

The 19th Hole

For those truly agonizing rounds, Titleist introduces its new edible golf bag.

"Your financial cost can be best figured out when you realize that if you were to devote the same time and energy to business instead of golf, you'd be a millionaire in approximately six weeks."

~Buddy Hackett

MAY AT A GLANCE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Golf Course Closed Until 12:00pm	4 **Women's Clinic** 9:00am	5 **Ladies Day** Spring Golf	6 **Women's Clinic** 9:00am	7 Swing Oil Clinic 4:30pm - Range	8 **Spring Mem-Mem Qualifying** Starting Times 7:30-10:00am
9 **Mother's Day**	10 Golf Course & Range Closed Until 12:00pm	11 **Women's Clinic** 9:00am	12 **Ladies Opening Day** 8:45am Shotgun (Front 9 only) 11:00am Mtg	13 **Women's Clinic** 9:00am	14 XXIO Fitting Day 1:00-4:00pm	15 **Spring Mem-Mem Rnd 1 Matches** Starting Times 9:00-10:00am Ping Fitting Day 11:00am-3:00pm
16 Callaway Fitting Day 11:00am-3:00pm	17 Golf Course & Range Closed Until 12:00pm	18	19 **Ladies Day** Sweet Sixteen 8:00-10:00am Starting Times	20	21 **Men's Member-Guest** 1:00pm Shotgun Dinner to Follow	22 Taylor Made Fitting Day 10:00am-2:00pm
23 Titleist Fitting Day 11:00am-3:00pm	24 Golf Course & Range Closed Until 12:00pm	25	26 **Ladies Day** 8 of 9 - F & B 8:00-10:00am Starting Times	27	28	29 ***Mile Creek Qualifying*** *First Tee now Opens at 7:00am on Weekends & Holidays thru Labor Day*
30 ***Mile Creek Qualifying***	31 ***Mile Creek Qualifying*** **Golf Course & range Open at 7am** ***Dining Room Open*** **Memorial Day**					

"Swing hard in case you actually hit the ball"
~Dan Marino