

The Osprey

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

Do hereby declare Independence, United States of America

JULY 2020

Still
COVID-19



Black Hall Club

Old Lyme, Connecticut

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, That all men are created equal,
That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,
that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CURT CLEMENS president@blackhallclub.com

With the start of Summer, we are continuing to restore services to our members and scheduling additional golf events - always keeping in mind the importance of Covid-19 safety protocols. **A reminder to please maintain social distancing at all times, wear masks in the clubhouse and continue to wear them while dining both indoors and out when not eating.** These protocols are for everyone's safety and are dictated by the State of CT DECD.

I am pleased to announce that Rich Paterson has been appointed to the Board of Governors to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Brian Abely. Rich has been an active and valuable member of Black Hall since 1975. We welcome his experience and enthusiasm! We also thank Brian for his service.

As mentioned in a previous edition of the Osprey, I have appointed a nominating committee to interview members who are interested in serving on the Board. There will be an upcoming vacancy for next fiscal year. If you are a certificate holder and are interested in serving, please submit your name to Nancy Tiffany no later than July 17th. The nominating committee will interview prospective board members no later than August 12th and submit their recommended candidate to the Board prior to the August board meeting.

I am also pleased to announce that Lee Ann Palladino has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Club. She brings much experience to this important position.

We are beginning budget preparations for fiscal year 2020-2021 which will commence on October 1, 2020.

ALL ABOUT THE GREENS

TOM DEGNAN greenchair@blackhallclub.com

I would like to thank the members that have been complimentary to me, the Board, and our staff on the conditions of the course this year. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff, so be sure to thank Phil and the rest of our team when you see them. Our greens are in great shape and the fairways are firm and rolling out well.

The biggest concern from the membership has been the wetter conditions on the fairways. While some members have commented to me that they are happy we are watering less, I would like to point out that we are not watering less. We are watering more strategically. With the addition of a new second assistant this year, we have the expertise and man-power to get better at putting the water where it is needed to avoid overwatering areas where more water is not needed by doing A LOT of hand watering. We have also added some better technology and chemicals to our irrigation process that helps improve the watering process. Seeing this success, we will continue to "dial in" our water usage to avoid over watering portions of the course. New technology options will be added and more attention to the watering process will needed to keep to approach successful.



"Hit the shot you know you can hit, not the one you think you should." ~Dr. Bob Rotella

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to

HOUSE

LEE ANN PALLADINO

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As restrictions continue to ease, we are slowly heading back to normal operations at Black Hall. However, please continue to abide by all safety precautions in place!

We are happy to announce that lockers & bag storage are open, but please maintain social distancing and remember that masks must be worn at all times in the clubhouse.

The indoor dining room is also open, adhering to social distancing protocols & at 50% capacity. Masks must be worn when dining both inside & outside when not eating.

When heading out to the golf course, a gentle reminder about your golf attire.....

MEN:

DON'T...



- BE THIS GUY

DO ...



Rock this

- 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:

DON'T...



- BE THIS LADY

DO ...



Be Queen of the Green

- Skorts, shorts & skirts should be golf appropriate in style & length
- Golf shirts with collar or without collar but with sleeves
- Shirts with finished hem need not be tucked in

"108 HOLES FOR CHARITY"



ANDREW CAMPBELL

On **MONDAY, JULY 27TH**, I will play "108 Holes for Charity!" My fundraising efforts are in conjunction with the CT PGA's Junior Golf Foundation and our very own **GUNNAR ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP**. I will be playing 54 holes at Clinton with their pro, Sean Busca and then we will be heading to Black Hall for 54 more holes before the sun sets!

In the days prior to our marathon, I will be sending out an email asking for pledges from all of you to raise money for these important causes. Thank you very much in advance for your continued support!!



CARL G. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

RANDY CLEGG

The Black Hall Club has recently awarded their scholarships from the Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund.

Scholarships were awarded to two students with excellent scholastic records, community involvement and a strong commitment to golf at their respective high schools.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jason Kenniston

Jack LeBeau

Waterford High School East Lyme High School

Since the inception of the Scholarship Trust Fund in 2007, Black Hall Club has awarded over \$40,000 to 54 high school seniors to help them fund their college educations.

The **GUNNAR ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP** receives a majority of funding from Andrew's "108 Holes for Charity" golf marathon. The Trustees are grateful for Andrew's efforts to raise funds for the scholarships. We hope that you will consider supporting his "108 Holes for Charity" with your generous pledge this year. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it." Thomas Jefferson

MEMBERSHIP

TONY STRATIDIS membership@blackhallclub.com

Overall interest in golf has definitely increased during the past few months. Due to our members' initiative and our new marketing efforts, Black Hall Club has seen increased interest in membership.

We have numerous new members who have joined recently; please reach out and introduce yourselves to the new faces you see!



We are accepting membership applications and have no waiting list at this time. Moira & members of the Membership Committee are happy to assist you if you have a friend, coworker or associate that would like to join. Please reach out at any time if you have questions.

The following have been proposed for Membership:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDRERS</u>
Patrick Donnelly	Jon Pope	Rob Tyler Edward Freeman
Seth Weinstein	Tony Stratidis	Andrew Campbell TBD
David Coletti	Greg Lesnik	Mike Halperin Tom Cherry
Jim Wade	Rich Patterson	Rick Neely Frank Gilhool
Audrey Charlson	Henry Amdur	William Rifkin Jack Enders
Dave Ferrucci	Tom Dolan	Palmer Whitney Scott Jenkins

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

- Brian Rifkin
- Tony Karosis
- David Nolan

Welcome!



- ◆ Golf is the most popular way of beating around the bush
- ◆ You can judge a man by the golf score he keeps
- ◆ Whoever said golf was fun either has never played golf or has never had any fun



REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

MIKE SHEEHAN treasurer@blackhallclub.com

As the Club slowly opens to more normal operations, our revenues and expenses are both trending higher. This is to be expected and is a good thing.

Due to the shutdown and continued uncertainty heading forward, it is difficult to predict our financial position at the end of this budget year, but I am optimistic that we will be able to maintain our usual financial strength with no debt and a healthy reserve. The Committee chairs and Finance Committee will be working over the next few months to review and prepare the 2021 budget. I will keep you posted as that process proceeds forward.

SHORT GAME PRACTICE AREA



MARTIN SMITH

Great to see the use the Short Game Practice Area (SGPA) is receiving since it opened on June 1! For the most part, operationally it has gone well with members replacing their divots and bringing their own balls. As a reminder, please practice the following when using the SGPA:

- Please REPLACE your divots.
- Please don't take large divots close to the green - that isn't the place where you should be taking those types of divots.
- Consider how many balls you need for effective practice - 10 balls work well but not more than 20 at a time.
- Please use a LINEAR divot pattern. It allows the grass to grow back quicker. See the illustration below.

We expect to continue the present plan of BYOB (Bring Your Own Balls) and will reevaluate at the end of the season.

Thanks for your continued cooperation.





GOLF PRO'S REPORT

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MEN'S GOLF

Month-long "COVID-style" JUNE Member-Guest Results

BEST 2 OF 4 NET

1st	Andrew Storton, Matt Kobyluck, Lee Elliott & David Waddington	123
2nd	Rich Bacci, Pete Smyth, Will Rodgers & Bruce Lowe	128

BEST 2 OF 4 GROSS

1st	Scott Farrell, Charles Bellingworth John Emra & Will Sutherland	143
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Black Hall Classic Results

June 27th & 28th

36-Hole Net Ringers

1st	Jim O'Leary & Lee Elliott	55
2nd	Bill DiBella & Robb Linde	56
T3rd	Randy Clegg & John Horn	57
T3rd	Joe Feeney & Rich Bacci	57
T5th	Pete Lewis & Tom Cherry	59
T5th	Michael Cummins & Bill Attridge	59
T5th	Zach Back & Andy Balosie	59

Sunday's Event

1st	Dave Sparrow & Henry Amdur	64
2nd	Rob Graham & Jeff Scull	65

Coming Events

SAT & SUN, JULY 11TH & 12TH

Senior & Super Senior Club Championship

11TH: Qualifying, tee off prior to 10AM

12TH: Round 1 Matches 9-9:30AM



3-DAY INVITATIONAL
Cancelled due to COVID

MEMBER-GUESTS

We are looking to add more Guest play opportunities - stay tuned!



WOMEN'S GOLF



MEMBER-MEMBER

Wednesday, June 10th & 17th

BEST BALL NET

18 Holers

1st	Joan Wright & Jane Fox	139
2nd	Betsy Lomas & Debra Miller	141
T3rd	Joan Flynn & Lee Ann Palladino	147
T3rd	Liz Merrick & Linda Holt	147

Coming Events

Handicap Tournament

Season Long Match Play

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 8TH & 15TH

Senior & Super Senior Championship

Ringers Rnd 1 & Rnd 2

Tee times - sign up on the main board

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ARE LADIES' DAYS!

**You do not need to participate in the BHWGA weekly tournaments in order to play!
Come for Open Play around 9:00am!

DROP-IN & PLAY!

There will be two "Drop-in Golf" gatherings every week!

- Friday at 8:30am
- Sunday at 9:30am

There are no promises as to who will show up but come out and enjoy a nice casual round with friends!

PLAN AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Starts 1st Rnd Club Championship & 9-hole Championship

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

THE PATRIOT OPEN

A Flag Tournament

OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN

Play in your own groups
Tee off prior to 12:00PM.





GOLF PRO'S REPORT, CONT.

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MIXED GOLF

Coming Events

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

Pars & A Patio Party

5:00PM Shotgun; Dinner to follow



FRIDAY, AUG 28TH

Keep on Truckin!

5:00PM Shotgun; Dinner to follow

Luigi's Wood-fired pizza!



GOLF SHOP NEWS

With COVID 19, even buying general merchandise in the golf shop has been more difficult than normal. Manufacturers, suppliers, shipping companies, embroiderers and printers; all re-booting and trying to catch up on a compressed and already short season. Your patience in getting in some of our orders is greatly appreciated! Things are getting better, shipments of men's and women's apparel have recently arrived and we are working to make them available to you. Stop by the Golf Shop and see what's new!

FITTING DAYS!

Our Golf Club manufacturers have re-vamped their Fitting Day experience for you to be safe and well informed. Cleaning, separation and appointments are a few ways this is being accomplished. We are fortunate enough to be able to schedule new dates for our best companies. There is no charge and NO OBLIGATION but an appointment is necessary. If you are interested in signing up, call the golf shop.

- XXIO:** FRIDAY, JULY 3RD 11AM-3PM
- CALLAWAY:** SATURDAY, JULY 4TH 11AM-3PM
- TAYLOR MADE:** SUNDAY, JULY 5TH 10AM-2PM
- TITLEIST:** THURSDAY, JULY 9TH 2PM-6PM
- PING:** SUNDAY, JULY 12TH 11AM-3PM

JUNIOR GOLF

SUMMER PROGRAM

\$130 per junior/per session.
(3) days, 2-hour sessions



SESSIONS

With COVID restrictions limiting class size, sessions filled up fast and we are looking to add additional clinics. We will keep you posted!

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

\$150/members * \$250/non-members

Every Thursday at 4:00pm, running until August 22nd. 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. Children, grandchildren, friends & neighbors are welcome with limited capacity!

THE FUTURE MEMBERS OF BLACK HALL!



Despite COVID, our first Junior Clinics were quite a success!

GOLFER: I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake

CADDIE: Think you can keep your head down that long?



JULY AT A GLANCE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 LADIES DAY 8:00-10:00AM STARTING TIMES	2 TEEN GOLF @ 4:00PM	3	4TH OF JULY Course opens @ 7AM PATRIOT OPEN Flag Tournament Open Play: Tee off before 12PM Open to Men & Women
5	6 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	7 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM 1:00-3:00PM	8 LADIES DAY SNR & SPR SNR CHAMPIONSHIP & RINGERS 1 & 2 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM 1:00-3:00PM	9 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM 1:00-3:00PM TEEN GOLF @ 4:00PM	10 MEN'S MINI MEMBER-GUEST 1:00PM Shotgun Dinner to follow	11 SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING Tee off prior to 10:00AM
12 SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RND 1 MATCHES 9:00-9:30AM	13 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	14 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM	15 LADIES DAY SNR & SPR SNR CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM	16 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM TEEN GOLF @ 4:00PM	17 MIXED GOLF NINE & DINE 5:00PM Shotgun Dinner to follow	18
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26 SUMMER MEMBER-MEMBER	27 GOLF COURSE & RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM "108 HOLES FOR CHARITY"	28 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM	29 LADIES DAY 8:00-10:00AM STARTING TIMES JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM	30 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00-11:00AM TEEN GOLF @ 4:00PM		

"Golf camaraderie, like that of astronauts and Antarctic explorers, is based on a common experience of transcendence; fat or thin, scratch or duffer, we have been somewhere together where non-golfers never go."

-John Updike

Black Hall Sightings



COURTESY OF STEVE KINNEY
ENJOYING HIS CLASSIC GIFT



GOLFING COVID STYLE
THE CHESTNUTS



CLASSIC WINNERS
LEE ELLIOTT & JIM O'LEARY