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President's Message

Dr. Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

The Board of Governors is, by design, a forward-looking group. Together, we assess the Club's future direction, setting priorities for the months, years, and even decades ahead—and develop the financial plans necessary to achieve those goals.

While our focus is typically on what lies ahead, this time of year also invites reflection. Looking back over the past twelve months, we can take pride in how far we've come. With the assessments now in place, we've finished the 13th tee bathroom project and made significant progress in our tree removal and course improvement program. The playing conditions at Black Hall have never been better.

This past season, thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers, we hosted the Connecticut Open to outstanding reviews, along with our full calendar of Men's and Women's Club events.

President's message continued:

Membership remains strong, with a full roster and a Regular waitlist of 48. Financially, the Club stands on solid ground—with no debt and healthy reserves to support future initiatives.

As most of our members take a winter break from Black Hall, please know that together, your Board of Governors will continue its work—planning, improving, and enhancing the Black Hall experience for all who call this club home.



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OFFICERS

Henry Amdur.....President
Tammy Sparrow.....Vice President
Richard Bacci.....Treasurer
Lee Ann Palladino.....Asst. Treasurer
Robb Linde.....Secretary
Nancy Tiffany.....Asst. Secretary

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Henry Amdur	Robb Linde
Richard Bacci	Richard Paterson
Steph Brodeur	Martin Smith
Tom Dolan	Tammp Sparrow
Scott Farrell	Kel Tyler
Jack Johnson	Jon Winikur

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Executive Committee.....Henry Amdur
Finance Committee.....Richard Bacci
Green Committee.....Martin Smith
Golf Committee.....Scott Farrell
Men's Golf Committee.....Mike Montanaro
Women's Golf Committee.....Lee Ann Palladino
Membership Committee.....Steph Brodeur
House Committee.....Tammy Sparrow
Long Range Committee.....Kel Tyler
Memorial Committee.....Tony Stratidis
Carl G. Anderson.....Randy Clegg

Report From the Treasurer

Rich Bacci,
treasurer@blackhallclub.com

I'm pleased to report that we finished the last fiscal year with strong finances that enabled the club to make significant investment in the club's equipment and facilities.

The highlights of the last fiscal year include: Income generated more than the budgeted amount of \$60 thousand as a result of having full membership and receiving higher than anticipated green fees, and cart fees. Operating expenses were less than budgeted by \$136 thousand due lower healthcare costs and lower liability insurance costs. In addition, the Board of Governors approved \$60 thousand in capital investment, for a second Workman not included in the 2026 Budget. Therefore, the total capital spent last fiscal year was \$358 thousand which includes equipment arriving in October.

At the end of the fiscal year, Black Hall Club posted a \$77 thousand increase to our reserves. The cash position at the club is at \$561 thousand over our recommended threshold of \$500 thousand. Turning to the fiscal year that we have just entered, the Board of Governors reviewed and approved this fiscal year's budget. Last year's Budget included a budget using no reserves. This year the budget is also based on using no reserves. Therefore, the Board determined that in order to meet our budgetary expenses, dues will be increased by 8.9%. During budget deliberations the focus was on sufficiently funding operations to smoothly run the club, fulfilling ongoing capital needs, remaining debt free, and maintaining a healthy cash reserve for larger projects and emergency needs. All of these goals were met with the new fiscal year budget, and I look forward to keeping you apprised as the new year unfolds

House Report

Tammy Sparrow,
housechair@blackhallclub.com

The dining room is now closed for the season. Once again, many THANKS to Kathy Lane and her staff! I'd also like to extend a special thanks to Nancy Tiffany and Ron Furr for all the work they do to support the House Committee.

The Back Nine Bathroom will be closed for the season in the first week in November and will reopen on April 1st (weather dependent).

Reminder: All lockers must be emptied no later than December 31st to allow for our annual cleaning. Lockers will be available for next season on March 1, 2025, upon payment of the annual locker fee (shoe locker - \$45; half locker - \$80).

Looking Ahead: Clubhouse Improvements and Long-Range Planning

As mentioned over the past year, we've been working with *edm studio*, an architectural firm, to help create a long-range plan for repairing and modernizing our clubhouse. As part of this process, *edm* reviewed the building, met with staff, and held discussions with both the House Committee and the Board of Governors. The information gathered from these meetings has been compiled into a preliminary report that has been shared with both the House and BOG. In the coming months, we'll be sharing the full findings, discussing priorities and options with the entire membership.

One of the most pressing issues identified during the review is the clubhouse basement. During the peak summer weeks, humidity levels have been a recurring problem that



must be addressed. The report also noted the need for better storage space for golf bags, carts, and food and beverage supplies. Several options are being explored, and immediate steps are already underway to improve the situation. The House Committee unanimously agreed that this is our top priority and funds have been allocated in this year's budget to tackle these issues. We look forward to sharing updates as the work progresses and for you to see the improvements when you return in the spring!

Head Chef Replacement

We have started the difficult job of looking for Kathy Lane's replacement. Our 1st choice is to replace Kathy with a new chef. The position has been posted on Indeed and we have received a few resumes. We will be conducting interviews in November. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying, please reach out to me or Lacey Arndt. [Click here](#) to view position.

"Confidence in golf is being able to concentrate on the problem at hand with no outside interference."

~ Tom Watson

All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com

Bunker renovations

Bunker restoration work will start in November on the fairway and greenside bunkers on 6 and 7, and the fairway bunker on 8. Drainage is being installed as needed along with new liners and sand. This work is part of our annual bunker restoration program, and it is also timed to support the tree removal planned for these holes this winter. Material removed from these bunkers will be used to improve the rough between the fairway bunkers and the green on 6.

Annual report

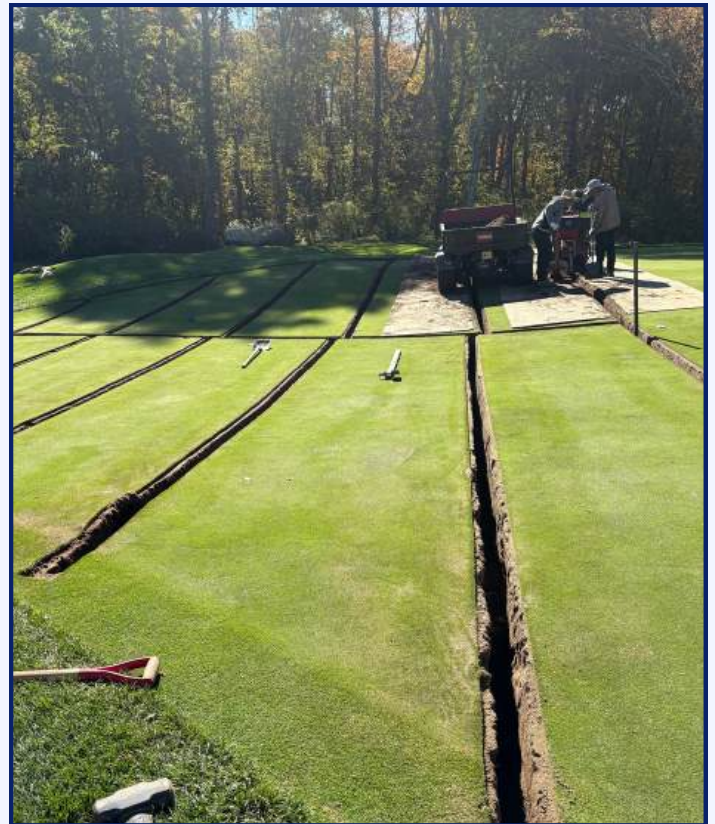
I am including links to my handout and comments from the Annual Meeting that was held on October 11. [Click here](#) for my report and [click here](#) for meeting remarks. They contain a lot of information about what was done last year and some thoughts on the challenges and issues we face for next year.

Green Committee Thank You

I'd like to thank the members of the Green Committee for their work and commitment to maintaining and improving course conditions at Black Hall. Our members last year were Betsy Lomas, Scott Farrell, Ian

Featherstone, Scott Jenkins, Robb Linde, John Wohler, Dave Sparrow, Tony Stratidis and Henry Amdur, ex officio.

A special thank you to Ian, as he has "retired" as a long-term member of the BOG and the Committee. He has been a valuable and active member of the BOG and the Green Committee, and I am grateful for his contributions.



8th Green Drainage Work

★ ★ thank you ★ ★
VETERANS
"WE TRULY VALUE YOU."
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Membership Report

Steph Brodeur,
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A Year In Review

This past year, 13 new members joined Black Hall Club (9 Regular, 4 Associate). We currently have active waitlists for both Regular and Associate memberships. Member referrals continue to be our strongest source of growth—86% of new and waitlist candidates were introduced by current members.

Our membership inquiries totaled 139, a 14% decrease from last year, but interest remains steady throughout the season.

Resignations: 24 members left during the year, including 7 Regular Members, 1 Associate Member, 5 Senior Members who switched to Osprey and 10 Ospreys (4 of whom passed away).

Communications & Engagement:

We continue to stay connected through club emails, the Osprey newsletter, text alerts, and our members-only Facebook group. The club website remains a useful hub—over 55% of visits now come from mobile devices.

Overall, Black Hall remains strong and engaged, with a growing community and continued interest from new prospects. It's also interesting to observe that the average age of our membership currently stands at 62 years old.

New Members!

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

- *Gregory Van Tongeren (AM)
- *Chase Livingston (AM)
- *Jonathan Holly (AM)



Invite to A-Waitlist

- *David Harlow (RS)
- *Rennie Westcott (AM)
- *Ian Kelsey (RS)



The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

Candidate

Peter Harned
Jeremy Soine
Raphael Steege

Proposer

Chisholm Chandler
Henry Amdur
Marty Smith

Second

Mike Fullam
Mike Fullam
Greg Benoit

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 2nd





Golf Pro's Report

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MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN'S CLOSING DAY

Saturday, October 4th

2 of 4 Shamble

- 1st - Tom Kelly, Jack Squillacote, Mike Halperin, Steve Kinney - 121
T2nd - Mike Sheehan, Deane Antoniou, Mke McCarthy, Ron Furr - 123
T2nd - Tony Stratidis, George Lee, Jeff Scull, Will Rodgers - 123
4th - Neil Dehm, Nick Paradis, Greg Hack, Dennis Sindel - 125



PLAY WITH THE PRO SEASON LONG TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Women's Results

- 1st - Lee Ann Palladino, Leslie Anderson, Tammy Sparrow,
Andre Ferrucci - 124
2nd - Betsy Lomas, Debra Miller, Beth Rodgers, Brian Quilter - 132

Men's Results

Net

- 1st - Eric Moore, Marty Smith, Will Conrad, Andrew Ferrucci - 128
2nd - Jeff Mehler, Jeff Freeman, Keith Kriet, Brian Quilter - 133

Gross

- 1st - Jonathan Pope, Robert Tyler, Patrick Donnelly,
Brian Quilter - 146



Superintendent's Revenge

Saturday, November 1st

Two Person Teams,
Male, Female, or Mixed
Tee off before noon for this fun event!



Golf Shop News

Get a Head Start on Holiday Shopping!

The Golf Shop is stocked and ready to help you find the perfect gifts this season! Shop top brands like Holderness & Bourne, Peter Millar, FootJoy, Ahead, and more.



Looking for something special for the golf lover in your life? Explore our collection of must-have golf accessories that are sure to impress. Plus, enjoy complimentary gift wrapping to make holiday giving effortless.

We're also happy to offer personalized services, including special orders and convenient shipping options to surprise loved ones near or far.

Stop by early and get ahead on your holiday shopping — we'll help make it easy, enjoyable, and full of holiday cheer!



NOVEMBER GOLF REMINDERS

**** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th ****

Practice Range Closes

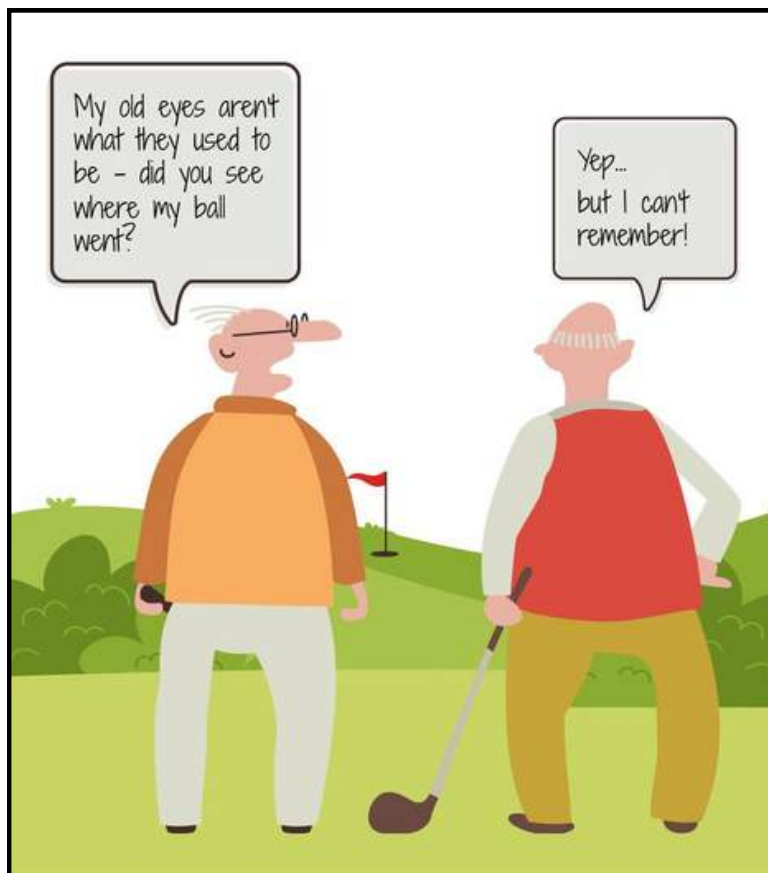
Please note: We are now operating on limited staff & the bag groom is closed.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Golf Shop Hours: 8AM - 4PM

Closed Mondays in starting in December.

If you use the putting or chipping green, please retrieve your own balls.



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REVENGE OPEN TO ALL FOOD DRIVE TEE OFF BEFORE 12PM
2	3 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13	14	15
16 PRACTICE RANGE CLOSES FOR THE SEASON	17 COURSE OPEN AT 12PM	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 COURSE OPEN AT 12PM	25	26	27  THANKSGIVING	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6