

THE OSPREY

The official newsletter of Black Hall Club



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President's Message

Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

It's great to be back in Connecticut. It's fantastic to experience the course in such great conditions. While the pictures of the tree project published this winter were informative, the impact of the changes in person are even more striking. I could hardly believe how dramatic the change of the 18th hole once the trees on the right were removed allowing the bunkers to frame the faraway; Awesome. Also notable is the lushness of the rough. This was helped by allowing more sun exposure as well as the relentless rain. There is no doubt in my mind that the removal of the trees has not made Black Hall Club any easier to play. The Spring Member-Member was a great success. The weather cooperated bringing out lots of participants and very few scores under net par.

The Club's finances remain strong and membership is full. As of last count 42 applicants are on the Regular Member waiting list and 22 on the Associate waiting list. Advise your friends, neighbors and family to get their applications in ASAP as delays could result in additional years before admission.

President's message continued

Please remember to exit bunkers from the backside and leave the rakes in an area outside the traps and out of play.

The Nominating Committee will be reviewing applications for future Board members. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our team. The committees and especially their chairpersons provide a tremendous service to our golf community. I am truly grateful for all the hard work they donate to advance our enjoyment of the facilities. And a special thank you to all our staff, who's passion for the club are foundational to providing the Black Hall Experience.

The Wheel of Golf

Golf lies at the heart of a four-spoked wheel,
Where skill turns steady — practice made real.
One spoke's the mind, that noise in the head,
Another, the elements — wind, rain, and tread.
Each part plays a role; the fourth is the game,
All working in concert, no two quite the same.
In balance they turn, each spoke supports all,
With practice, the ball cuts clean through the squall.
Calm thoughts bring focus, execution is pure,
But don't miss the birdsong — nature's own cure.
When rhythm dissolves and dark thoughts invade,
Let nature return you — your balance remade.
Across the world we walk ancient trails,
Forged by wise hands through valleys and dales:
Old Tom, D. Ross, and T. Jones designed
Courses to challenge both body and mind.
Each hole a test that may bend or may break
The wheel's sacred rhythm with each shot you take on the road centuries old



House

Tammy Sparrow, housechair@blackhallclub.com

Facility Update: 13th Hole Bathroom

We're happy to announce that the new bathroom at the 13th hole will be open for use on Friday, June 6th. To unlock or lock the door, simply enter the passcode 1965 and turn the deadbolt knob. Landscaping enhancements around the area will be coming soon, and we're pleased to be working with Old Lyme Landscaping on the project.

Welcome Back to Our Returning and New Dining Room Team Members

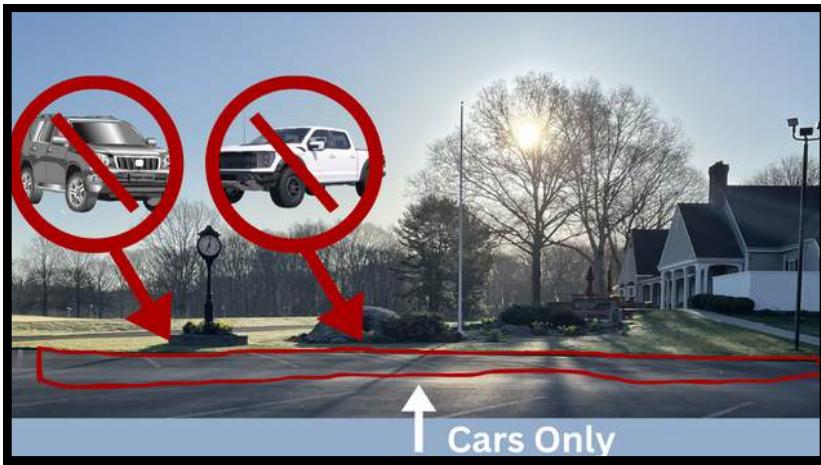
Please join us in warmly welcoming our returning staff and several new additions to the Black Hall Club dining team! We're pleased to welcome new staff members: Ryan Mahoney and Kaitlyn Graham. We look forward to the energy and talent they'll bring to the clubhouse experience.

House continued

Parking Reminder

As a reminder from last month's Osprey, please help us maintain safe and efficient parking conditions:

- Large pickup trucks and oversized SUVs should not park along the garden, as this impedes delivery truck access.
- The Reserved parking spot is for staff use only – even on weekends.
- Please be mindful when parking near the garden and flagpole. Vehicles should not extend onto the rass, as this damages the landscaping.



We appreciate your attention to these guidelines and your help in keeping our grounds looking their best.

Grab & Go Launches June 1st

Need a quick bite between rounds? Starting Sunday, June 1st, our Grab and Go premade sandwich station will be available near the water station in the dining room.

This service will be offered on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please ask your server for assistance with pickup. [Click here](#) to view sandwich options.

May Statement Reminder

Bag and cart storage fees will appear on your May statement as follows:

- Bag Storage - \$100
- Pull Cart Storage - \$80
- Motor Cart Storage - \$120

Please reach out to the office if you have any questions about your charges. For any house-related questions, please contact Tammy Sparrow at house@blackhallclub.com.



Membership

Steph Brodeur, membership@blackhallclub.com

A-List Waitlister Privileges (for both Regular & Associate Membership)

The A-List is a special tier within our membership waitlists and offers limited access to club amenities.

- General Equity A-List: The top 20 candidates on the General Equity waitlist are eligible.
- Associate A-List: The top 15 candidates on the Associate waitlist are eligible.

A-List members enjoy the following privileges:

- Two rounds of golf per month at no cost (Mon after 1 PM, Tues–Sun after 11 AM)
- Two additional rounds per month at 50% guest fees
- Dining room access
- Handicap registration
- Monthly Osprey newsletter

Please note: A-List members do not have guest privileges and must pay a non-refundable deposit to activate these benefits.

Anyone beyond the top 20 (General Equity) or top 15 (Associate) remains in standard waitlist status until space opens.

If you have questions about the A-List or your position we're happy to help! Please reach out to Lacey at membership@blackhallclub.com.



New Members!

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

- *Bob Loughran (RS)
- *Luke Anderson (AM)

Invite to A-Waitlist

- *William Grant (AM)
- *Bruce Freeman (RS)



The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
William H. Stanley	Henry Amdur	Mark Powers
Paul Ferrucci	Tom Dolan	Scott Shea
Ian Kaswan	Norm Yester	Matt Guanci
Andrew LeSueur	Mark Galiotte	Ethan Galiotte
Bob Marcinek	Keith Bolles	Craig McKnight

All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com



A Paws-itively Great Addition to the Team

Chris is very excited to introduce the newest member of the maintenance team, Ace. Ace is 5 months old and learning how to behave on the golf course. Please do not give Ace treats until Chris has fully trained him.

Reminders:

The golf course, including ALL practice facilities, is closed until noon on Mondays and Tuesdays after a holiday. This is an important time for our crew to work efficiently and unimpeded by players on the course.

Please fix your ball marks on the greens. I should not have to say this but on the Memorial Day weekend there were too many unrepainted ball marks.

Please follow correct range practices: I am re-printing the column Rich Paterson wrote last year when we instituted new range procedures. These practices coupled with meticulous agronomic management allowed us to use the grass range through most of the season. Please remember the grass range will be closed when it is too wet, on Mondays and one more weekday. Weekend use of the grass may also be staggered. Call ahead if you want to be sure it is open.

HOW TO PROPERLY PRACTICE FROM THE GRASS ON OUR RANGE

Article by Rich Paterson from June 2024

We can't expect to have a usable grass surface throughout the season unless all members are aware of the best practices for conserving the surface during use. To this effort the Green Committee provided new signs on all of the ball boxes that describe the proper method of displacing the turf in order to minimize the damage and allow for timely regeneration. The signs have little effect if players are oblivious to what they convey.



While there is near 100% grass coverage at the start of the season, once the grass is removed it is a real struggle to get multiple regenerations of that grass throughout the season. Unless we all pay attention to the proper use, the grass surface becomes unusable too soon and that leaves us with more days spent hitting from the artificial mats. The middle of the sign reads GOOD relating to the pattern that divots should be taken during practice.

All About the Greens continued

Divots should in narrow straight rows leaving an inch of undisturbed grass in between. This practice promotes the growth of grass to fill in the divots from the side in addition to whatever growth may come from existing roots. The sign also indicates how divots should not be taken. BAD is hacking them out in big ovals or random patterns. If you are practicing shots with your sand wedge or similar clubs and you tend to gouge out big divots PLEASE LIMIT the number of shots you take so the grass in that area is not destroyed for the rest of the season.



So the bottom line is FOLLOW THESE PRACTICES AND WE WILL BE SPENDING MORE TIME ON THE GRASS AND LESS ON THE MATS.

Please Don't Spray Bug Repellent on the Grass



On Thursday, May 29th, someone had bug spray on their shoes and damaged the practice putting green. It took ten man hours to repair the damage.

Bug repellent sprays may keep the bugs away, but they're extremely harmful to our turf. Many sprays contain chemicals that can burn or kill the grass, leading to unsightly damage and costly repairs. Please apply repellent to your skin or clothing while standing in the parking lot or on a hard surface — never on the grass. Help us keep the greens healthy and beautiful for everyone!



Carl G. Andersen Scholarship Trust Fund

Randy Clegg, rclegg58mga@gmail.com



Cheers to This Year's Scholarship Superstars!

We're absolutely delighted to share some exciting news—this year's Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund recipients have been selected, and they are nothing short of amazing! These talented students have shown exceptional academic excellence, strong community spirit, and a deep passion for golf. Let's give them a big Black Hall Club round of applause!

Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients:

- Amelia Martinez - Valley Regional High School / American University
- Ben Frazier - Black Hall Club / Auburn University
- Micah Bass - Black Hall Club / University of Connecticut
- Jane Campbell - Black Hall Club / University of Delaware
- Chris Anderson - Black Hall Club / University of New Hampshire

Since launching the scholarship program in 2007, Black Hall Club has proudly awarded over \$80,000 to 75 outstanding seniors—helping them tee off on their college journeys in style!

A huge shoutout goes to Andrew, whose incredible “108 Holes for Charity” golf marathon continues to drive this effort forward. His dedication, energy, and sore muscles make all of this possible—thank you, Andrew!

Want to make a difference? You can help support the next generation of student golfers and leaders by making a generous pledge to this year's “108 Holes for Charity” event. Every dollar counts, and because the Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, your donations are fully tax-deductible.

Let's keep this amazing tradition going. Together, we can continue to make college dreams come true—one swing at a time. Thank you for being part of this incredible community!

“108 holes for charity”

Get ready to cheer on Andrew as he gears up (and stretches out!) for his annual “108 Holes for Charity” golf marathon—coming your way June 30th.

This all-day swing-a-thon supports two fantastic causes: the CT PGA Junior Golf Foundation and our very own Gunnar Anderson Scholarship Fund—helping young golfers chase their dreams on and off the course.

Andrew will be sending out a special email soon with details on how you can make a pledge and be part of the magic. Whether it's \$1 per hole or a flat donation, every bit helps—and your support truly makes a difference.

So dig deep, rally your fellow members, and let's make this year's fundraiser the best one yet! Thank you in advance for always stepping up and showing your love for the game—and our future golfers!



Golf Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com



Connecticut Open Championship - Update

July 28th-30th (Monday-Wednesday)

The Championship Committee will be meeting in early June to finalize hosting duties for the State Open. We will then distribute details on opportunities to volunteer during the tournament. For those of you who are considering playing, amateurs with a handicap index of 6.5 or less can sign up to play in one of the qualifying events leading up to the Championship. The entry deadline is June 4th and can be done on www.csgalinks.org. If you play in a qualifier and don't make it, you can have another chance. We will host a small "second chance" qualifier for our members who tried and failed to advance.

Stay tuned for our call to serve in Mid-June!

MEN'S GOLF

JUNE MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, June 13th, 1:00pm shotgun
Invite 1 or 3 guests for a great day!

REGISTER NOW

BLACK HALL CLASSIC

Friday, June 27th & Saturday, June 28th,
Round Robin Format

SAVE THE DATE

JULY MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, July 11th, 1:00pm shotgun

FOUNDERS CUP CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 20th, 12:30pm shotgun



Golf Pro's Report continued

MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SPRING MEMBER-MEMBER

Saturday, May 17th

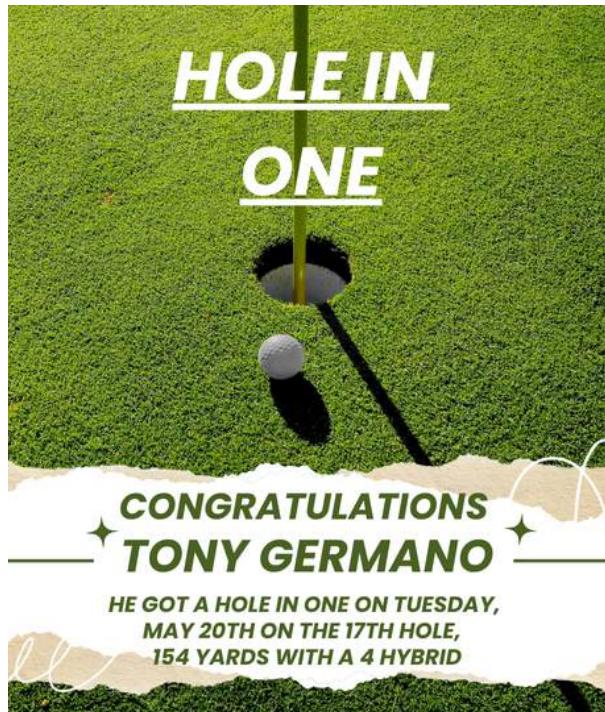
Overall Net

1 st - Keith Bolles & Keith Bolles, Jr.	38
2 nd - Rich Bacci & Ron Furr	30
3 rd - Chris Courtright & Tom Degnan	28
3 rd - John Bauman & Keegan Bauman	28



Overall Gross

1 st - Bill Oldenkamp & Patrick Sharp	20
1 st - Tony Stratidis & Alex Jenkins	20
2 nd - Geoff DeVille & Marty Smith	12



WOMEN'S GOLF

LADIES DAYS

- Wednesday, June 4th, "Random Draw"
- Wednesday, June, 11th, "Member-Member Rd. 1"
- Wednesday, June 18th, "Member-Member Rd. 2"
- Wednesday, June 25th, "Skins Game & Handicap Tournament"

REGISTER NOW



BHWGA Guest Day

Wednesday, July 16th
8:30am Shotgun

Golf Pro's report continued

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

LADIES OPENING DAY

Wednesday, May 14th

1 st - Tammy Sparrow, Holli Dupuis, Lesile Anderson	42
2 nd - Ellen Fox, Melissa Lipkovich, Debra Miller	48
3 rd - Debra Miller, Lee Ann Palladino, Susan McKnight	50

SWEET SIXTEEN

Wednesday, May 21st

1 st - Jane Bolles, Susan McKnight, Phoebe Chiang	-11
2 nd - Holli Dupuis, Pat Ermler, Betsy Lomas	-8

CROSSOVER

Wednesday, May 28th

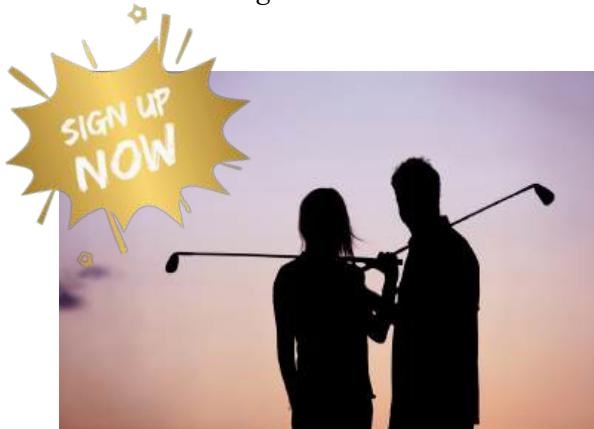
1 st - Lissa Kapust, Dede DeRosa, Holli Dupuis	-4
2 nd - Tammy Sparrow, Betsy Lomas, Phoebe Chiang	-3



MIXED GOLF

NINE & DINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH!

Enjoy fun evenings with great food and
good friends!



5PM Shotgun with Dinner to follow!



REGISTER NOW

JUNIOR GOLF

JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAM

There will be five sessions this summer.

1st & 2nd Sessions - June 17th-19th (3) days of 2-hour sessions: 9am or 11am

3rd & 4th Sessions - July 8th-10th (3) days of 2-hour sessions: 9am or 11am

5th Session - August 5th & 6th - (2) days of 3-hour session: 9am

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

Every Thursday at 4pm starting on June 12th. The clinics will last one hour and will be followed by optional golf with other Teen golfers and typically a member from our staff. Space is limited; Please call the Golf Shop with any questions.



REGISTER NOW

Golf Pro's report continued



The Sun Never Sets on the
Robert Trent Jones Empire

Make Plans to Attend

20th Annual Robert Trent Jones Society Meeting

September 10th – 12th, 2025

Hosted by the prestigious Army-Navy Club in Arlington, VA



Our Club is a member of the Robert Trent Jones Society! You are invited to join with golfers from other Member Clubs for two + days of golfing, comradery, history and fun!

Visit the "RTJ News" section of the Robert Trent Jones Society website at RTJSociety.com

Any questions? Please reach out to Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com,
or Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com.

Golf Shop News

Upcoming Fitting Days – By Appointment Only

Join us for expert-led fitting days with brand reps and top-tier tech like radar fitting and exclusive equipment options.

Titleist - Thursday, June 5th - 10am-4pm

Taylor Made - Saturday, June 7th - 12pm-4pm

Mizuno - Saturday, June 14th - 10am-2pm

XXIO - Wednesday, July 23rd - 1pm-4pm

Call the golf shop or [click here to sign up!](#)



Father's Day Gift Guide – Shop the Pro Shop for the Perfect Gift!

Looking for the perfect gift for Dad this Father's Day? Skip the guesswork and stop by the Pro Shop for golf gifts he'll truly appreciate – whether he's out on the course every weekend or just loves the game. Here's a roundup of great ideas, all available right here:

Equipment He'll Love

- New Clubs: Treat Dad to a fresh driver, fairway wood, or wedge – it might just become his new favorite.
- Golf Shoes: We carry great options to match his style and swing.
- Golf Balls: You can never go wrong with this gift!

Golf Shop News continued

- Rangefinders & GPS Units: Help Dad take the guesswork out of distance and shot planning.
- Electric Push Carts: Make walking the course easier and more enjoyable.

Accessories & Apparel

- Golf Towels
- Divot Tools & Ball Markers: Small, practical, and always appreciated.
- Hats, Caps & Visors: Keep Dad cool and shaded in style.
- Golf Bags & Travel Luggage: Upgrade his gear with something sturdy and sharp-looking.
- Golf-Themed Clothing – something for every type of golf dad.
- Ceramic Golf Mugs: Great for morning coffee or office conversation starters.

Give the Gift of Experience

- Golf Lessons: Want to really impress him? Book a lesson with one of our pros – a gift that keeps on giving.

Stop by the Pro Shop today and we'll help you find just the right gift – from top-of-the-line gear to little surprises that show how much you care.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	3	4 LADIES DAY RANDOM DRAW 1 BB OF 3 8:30AM SHOTGUN	5	6 TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF NINE & DINE 5:00PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	7 SPRING JUNIOR CLINIC 1:00PM-3:00PM
8 SPRING JUNIOR CLINIC 1:00PM-3:00PM	9 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM LADIES DAY AFTERNOON GOLF 3:00PM - NINE HOLES	10	11 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 1 8:00AM-10:00AM STARTING TIMES	12 TEEN GOLF 4:00PM	13 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST 1:00PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	14
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	17 JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00AM-1:00PM	18 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 2 8:00AM-10:00AM STARTING TIMES JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00AM-1:00PM	19 TEEN GOLF 4:00PM JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00AM-1:00PM	20 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!!	21
22	23 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	24	25 LADIES DAY SKINS GAME & HANDICAP TOURNAMENT ROUND 1 8:00AM-10:00AM	26 TEEN GOLF 4:00PM	27 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT 18 HOLES 1:00PM SHOTGUN PLAYER DINNER TO FOLLOW	28 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT 27 HOLES 8:00AM SHOTGUN LUNCH & AWARDS TO FOLLOW
29	30 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	1	2	3	4	5