

THE OSPREY



The official newsletter of Black Hall Club



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President's Message

Tony Stratidis, president@blackhallclub.com

The golf season is in full swing and I'm happy to share that Black Hall Club is thriving with financial strength and conditions are arguably as good as ever! Thanks to the dedication and talent of our staff, Board, and committee members, our operations are running seamlessly. Membership is at an all-time high, and we even have a growing waiting list for regular and associate memberships. It's truly a remarkable time for our club!

Big news: this year, three of our amazing Board of Governors members are wrapping up their impressive 9-year terms. As per our by-laws, we're setting up a nominating committee to scout out new Board members. Here's the situation: three of the committee members need to be former Board members, and the rest must be certificate holders.

Are you ready to step up and serve on the Board? If you've got the passion and dedication, and would like to help guide the organization, support its mission, and contribute to its success, reach out to Nancy Tiffany to schedule your interview. We'd love to have you on board (pun intended)!



President's message continued

In other exciting news, Black Hall Club recently hosted the CSGA's Bill Hermanson Invitational Tournament. It was heartening to hear all the compliments regarding the excellent condition of our course and the hospitality extended by our staff and members. A big thank you to everyone who made this event a success!

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to those members who have provided feedback on the ongoing improvements to our course and operations. Your insights are invaluable and greatly appreciated.



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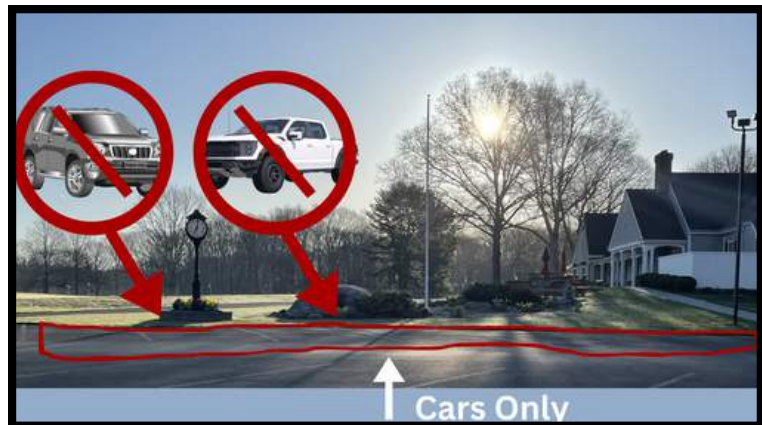
Tammy Sparrow, house@blackhallclub.com

Welcome to Our New Dining Room Team Members

We are delighted to introduce and welcome Jack Wedge to the Black Hall Club kitchen staff. Jack brings extensive experience as a Sous Chef and is enthusiastic about joining our team. We would also like to welcome new serving staff members, Paige McCarthy, Jane Campbell, Fiona Quilter, and Alex Pink.

Parking Reminder

In last month's Osprey, we reminded members that large pickup trucks and oversized SUVs should not park along the garden. These large vehicles make it difficult for delivery trucks to maneuver through our parking lot. There is also no parking in the Reserved parking spot, even on the weekend. This spot is reserved for staff. Additionally, please be mindful of how far you pull your car into the parking spots in front of the



garden and flagpole area. There have been several occasions where the front tires of the vehicles have encroached onto the grass. We kindly ask all members to adhere to these parking guidelines to maintain the beauty and functionality of our grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grab and Go

Need to grab a quick bite? Grab and Go premade sandwich options will be available for quick pickup in the dining room near the water station on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning June 1st. Please see your server to pick up your Grab and Go. [Click here](#) for sandwich options.

May Statement Reminder

Bag and cart storage charges will appear on your May statement. Fees: Bag storage: \$100.00, Pull cart storage: \$80.00, Motor Cart storage: \$120.00.

Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund

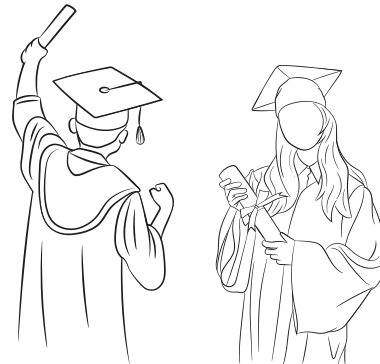


Randy Clegg, rclegg58mga@gmail.com

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships from the Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, active community involvement, and a strong commitment to golf at their respective high schools.

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners:

- Tyler Ruel - Valley Regional High School
- Morgan Dube - East Lyme High School
- Drew Kulmann - Old Saybrook High School
- Jack Campbell - Black Hall Club
- Hunter Rafala - Nathan Hale Ray High School
- Jacqueline Tran - Waterford High School



Since the Scholarship Trust Fund's inception in 2007, the Black Hall Club has awarded over \$70,000 to 70 high school seniors to help fund their college educations. A significant portion of the funding for the Gunnar Anderson Scholarship comes from Andrew's "108 Holes for Charity" golf marathon.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Andrew for his tireless efforts in raising funds for these scholarships. We encourage everyone to support his "108 Holes for Charity" event with a generous pledge this year. Your continued interest and support are greatly appreciated.

The Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, making your contributions fully tax-deductible.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting our future leaders.

"108 Holes For Charity"

The "108 Holes for Charity" marathon is being planned for Monday, June 24th. Andrew's fundraising efforts are in conjunction with the CT PGA's Junior Golf Foundation and our very own Gunnar Anderson Scholarship.

Andrew will be sending out a dedicated 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!!





Membership

Steph Brodeur, membership@blackhallclub.com

Friendly Reminder

As the summer kicks in and we're geared up for some fun in the sun, here's a quick heads-up regarding our membership playing and guest privileges:

 For Tier 2 Associate Members or Senior Members: You're not allowed to tee-off before 9:30 AM.

 For Associate Members on the "A List" or Regular Members on the "A List": You're allowed:

- (2) rounds of golf per month at no cost
- (2) rounds at 50% guest fees Rounds must be played:
- Mondays after 1:00 PM
- Tuesday through Sunday after 11:00 AM
- You're not allowed to invite guests.

Enjoy your summer playtime, and let's keep the good times rolling on the green!



INVITATION TO THE A-WAITLIST

- Colin Vallance

The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Paul Marchand KJ Park	Jeff Hiller Tony Stratidis	Jack Ready Jack Ready

All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com



REMINDERS

On Mondays, the golf course does not open until noon. That means nothing opens until noon, including the practice green, range and Short Game Practice Area. Please do not tee off before noon. We have a new clock, so it is easier than ever to know when noon arrives!

Mondays are a very important day for our crew. They try to utilize every minute to do work without the concern of having players on the course. They are timing their tasks depending on knowing that the course, including practice areas, are closed until noon.

The golf course will be closed entirely on the following dates:

July 8th

July 15th (CSSGA Golf Event)

August 5th

September 3rd (Tuesday after Labor Day)

We still have old sections of practice mats available for sale if members are interested. Let the golf shop know if you are interested or email me at greenchair@blackhall.com.

Golf Chairman

Rich Paterson, golfchair@blackhallclub.com

GOLF REPORT

There is only one topic this month. **HOW TO PROPERLY PRACTICE FROM THE GRASS ON OUR RANGE.** 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. Divots should be 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.



No regard for the growing pattern and best practice.

This player gouging out an area including the roots.

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





Golf Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com

Men's Golf

TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Begins June 12th, 5:15pm Shotgun

JUNE MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, June 14th, 1pm Shotgun, dinner to follow.

BLACK HALL CLASSIC

Friday, June 28th & Saturday, June 29th



July Member-Guest - July 12th , 1pm Shotgun
Summer Member - Member - Sat, July 20th & Sun, July 21st

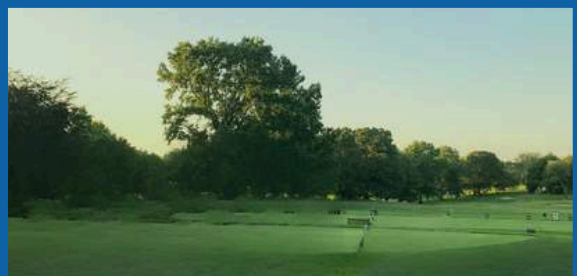
MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Spring Member-Member
Saturday, May 11th

Overall Net

- 1st-Peter Lewis & Rich Paterson-32
- 2nd-Mike Bjorkman & Andrew Hinckley - 30
- 3rd-Mike Halperin & Tyler Ruel - 28
- 3rd-Justin McCarthy & Tom Saltsman - 28

Overall Gross

- 1st-Bill Oldenkamp & Alex Jenkins - 20
- 1st-Tom Dolan & Todd Liebman - 18
- 2nd-Jon Lavigne & Adam Brown - 16



Twilight League

Starts on Wednesday

June 12th

5:15pm Shotgun

Front Nine Only



MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Member-Guest
Friday, May 17th, "Two of Four"

Best 2 of 4 Net

- 1st-Tony Stratidis, Tony Ponte, Gregory DeMichiel, Chris Gagne - 124
- 2nd-Brian Fox, Chris Carrera, Steve Borelli, Jim Bartolatta - 125
- 3rd-Jim O'Leary, Josh Murphy, Alex Romeo, Robert Struble - 134

Best 2 of 4 Gross

- 1st-Karl Ravech, Jim King, Max Ravech, Sam Ravech - 146
- 2nd-Mario DiLoreto, Dan Skoczylas, Rich Marino, Josh Pierson - 153



Women's Golf



WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

OPENING DAY
Wednesday, May 15th

1st - Betsy Lomas, Julie Leblanc, Susan Mcknight --4
2nd - Debra Miller, Jane Fox, Lee Ann Palladino --1

MULLIGAN TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, May 22nd

1st - Lee Ann Palladino, Joan Wright, Debra Miller --5
2nd - Jane Fox, Holli Dupuis, Pat Ermler --5

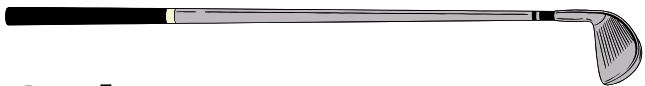
LADIES DAYS

- Wednesday, June 5th, "Random Draw"
- Wednesday, June 12th, "Member-Member Rd 1"
- Wednesday, June 19th, "Member-Member Rd 2"
- Wednesday, June 26th, "Skins Game & Handicap Tournament"

[Sign up](#)

Save the Date

BHWGA Guest Day
Wednesday, July 17th, 8:30am Shotgun



Other June Events

CT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
June 3rd & June 4th

Please note: Course and Range Closed
Until 12pm on these dates.

TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH, 5PM SHOTGUN
DINNER TO FOLLOW!

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Junior Golf

JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAM

There will be five sessions this summer.

1st & 2nd Sessions - June 18th-20th (3) days of 2-hour sessions: 9am or 11am

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

5th Session - August 13th-15th - (3) days of 2-hour session: 10am

[Click here to register!](#)

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

Every Thursday at 4pm starting on June 13th. 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; members can sign up now, non-members may sign up starting May 30th. Please call the Golf Shop with any questions. Please click here for more information. [Click here to register!](#)



In Memoriam

Our sincerest condolences
to Rich Bacci on the
passing of his wife.

 **Michele Dunaj**

"A great soul serves everyone all
the time. A great soul never dies.
It brings us together again and
again."

-Maya Angelou

 FOOTJOY

 PETER MILLAR

 TaylorMade

 Titleist

 ahead

GOLF SHOP NEWS

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Swing into Summer: Elevate Your Game with the Latest Gear!

Summer is here, and it's the perfect time to up your golf game. Swing by our pro shop to check out the latest equipment! Our knowledgeable staff is ready to walk you through the newest technologies and their benefits.

More Fitting Days Available!

Experience a personalized fitting with our expert staff and product specialists using radar technology and a wide array of options. Slots are filling up fast, so make sure to book your appointment by [clicking here](#) or stopping by the golf shop.

Titleist: Friday, June 7th - 10am - 2:30pm

Mizuno: Saturday, June 15th - 10am - 2pm


Taylor Made: June, 22nd - 10am- 2pm

Perfect Gifts for Father's Day!

Father's Day is just around the corner, and we have the perfect gifts for the golf-loving Dad! Explore our selection of Peter Millar, Foot Joy, and Under Armour apparel, plus glassware, golf clubs, shoes, and range finders. Be on the lookout for our special Father's Day deals!

Still not sure what to get? A golf shop gift certificate is always a hole-in-one choice!

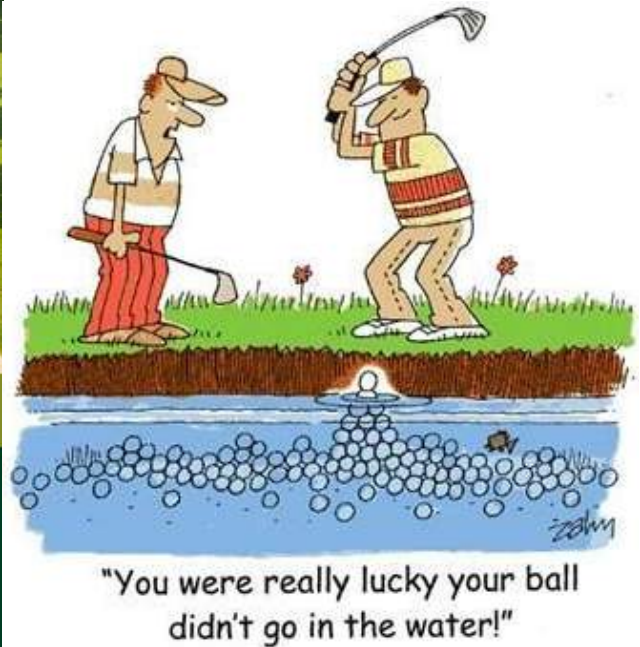
Visit us today and make this summer unforgettable on the greens!



PLAY WITH THE PRO

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SIGN UP NOW ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE GOLF SHOP.



JUNE AT A GLANCE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SPRING JUNIOR CLINICS 1:00P.M.—3:00P.M.
2 SPRING JUNIOR CLINICS 1:00P.M.—3:00P.M.	3 CT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP Course and Range Closed Until 12:00PM	4 CT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP Course and Range Closed Until 12:00PM	5 LADIES DAY RANDOM DRAW MOST NET PARS 8:30AM Shotgun	6	7 TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF NINE & DINE 5:00 P.M. SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	8
9	10 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	11	12 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 1, 8:00-10:00AM Starting Times TWILIGHT LEAGUE 5:15 P.M. SHOTGUN FRONT NINE ONLY	13 TEEN GOLF CLINIC 4:00 P.M.	14 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST 1:00P.M. SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	15
16  FATHER'S DAY	17 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM	18 JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.	19 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 2, 8:00-10:00AM Starting Times JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. TWILIGHT LEAGUE 5:15 P.M. SHOTGUN FRONT NINE ONLY	20 JUNIOR CLINIC 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. TEEN GOLF CLINIC 4:00 P.M.	21	22
23	24 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00PM LADIES DAY AFTERNOON GOLF 3:00PM- Nine Holes	25	26 LADIES DAY SKINS GAME & Handicap Tournament Round 1 8:00-10:00AM TWILIGHT LEAGUE 5:15 P.M. SHOTGUN FRONT NINE ONLY	27 TEEN GOLF CLINIC 4:00 P.M.	28 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT, 18 Holes 1:00PM Shotgun Player dinner to Follow.	29 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT, 27 Holes 8:00AM Shotgun Lunch & Awards to Follow.
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