

THE OSPREY

The official newsletter of Black Hall Club



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President's Message

Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

Men's Opening Day at Black Hall April 19, 2025

The dawn breaks bright, the sky painted gold,
A canvas of green in the morning's soft hold.
The breeze hums gently, excitement runs high,
As the first swing of the season takes to the sky.

The clubhouse is lively, a welcoming sight,
Old friends reunite, their laughter alight.
New faces arrive, eager to see
The charm of Black Hall in its grand majesty.

The sun climbs higher, the air crisp and clear,
The scent of fresh turf—spring's promise sincere.
Opening Day, where the past meets the new,
A tradition of sport and friendships that grew.

The Opening Day Scramble—one not to be missed,
Yet as a Snowbird, I long for this bliss.
Enjoy the fellowship, the breakfast, the cheer,
Share stories, some laughs, and a cold midday beer.

President's message continued

The course lies ahead, with beauty untold,
A challenge for the timid, the daring, the bold.
At Black Hall, the season begins with a cheer—
A celebration of golf, year after year.

See you in May,
Henry

House

Tammy Sparrow, housechair@blackhallclub.com

Season Opening & Updates



Welcome back for another exciting season! Progress on the bathroom is moving along well, and we anticipate completion this spring.

The Dining Room will officially open on Sat.,

April 12th, with initial hours of Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Beginning Memorial Day, hours will expand to 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On rainy days, we recommend calling the kitchen or golf shop in advance to confirm availability. This season, we will continue offering Grab-N-Go options and call-in food orders. To place an order, please call (860) 213-9024.

Billing Reminder

Your March statements include locker rentals, handicap fees, and Men's/Women's golf charges. Club Storage fees will appear on your May statement. For any billing questions, please reach out to Nancy Tiffany.

We're looking forward to a fantastic season ahead—see you on the course!

**BLACK HALL CLUB
DINING ROOM**




APRIL 12TH

**MONDAYS
CLOSED**


**TUESDAY - SUNDAY
11:30AM - 2:30PM**

(860) 434-5171
To Go Orders - (860) 213-9024

*Hours listed are from April 12th-May 25th




In Memoriam



Honoring the Legacy of
Our Members

Rino Vitale



*"A life well-lived is a legacy of joy,
pride, and pleasure, a living,
lasting memory our grateful
hearts will treasure."
- Unknown"*



All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com

New Season & Highlights

Our maintenance team is working at full capacity, getting ready to open the new season. Here are some highlights:

- After the major tree removal operation over the winter, the stump grinding operation has been completed and loam, seed and sod are being added to affected areas.
- Sand is being added to all bunkers, and the greenside bunkers on 11 and the fairway bunkers on 16 have been relined. The bunkers on 16 also had new drainage installed. Bunker work is expected to be completed by Opening Day.
- Aeration of both the fairways and greens has been completed. By comparison, this work had been completed around April 13-14 last season. The earlier completion will allow greens and fairways to recover sooner, resulting in better playing conditions earlier in the season.
- Tees should be open the first week of April, weather permitting.
- On April 7, a major drainage project will be initiated on the 17th green. The green will be closed for 2 to 3 days. This project, coupled with the increased sunlight and air flow from the tree removal project, should result in much better long-term health of the green.
- The winter damage on the 14th green is being repaired. It has been partially covered to help facilitate its recovery. By mid-April the cover should no longer be necessary and normal use will resume.



- The Short Game Practice Area will be open earlier this year. Weather permitting, it will open when the Practice Range (mats) open on April 5. We ask members to refrain from practicing pitch shots that generate divots for the first few weeks until the grass really starts to grow and the divots can heal.

Membership

Steph Brodeur, membership@blackhallclub.com

Membership Application Process

Are you interested in sponsoring a candidate for membership at Black Hall? Here's a quick overview of the admissions process:

1. Sponsorship & Application Submission

- A proposer (and a seconder) must obtain and complete the Membership Application packet, which includes confidential questionnaires and a "Round of Golf" evaluation.
- The candidate plays a round with a past or present Board or Committee member.
- Submit the completed application, required documents, and a \$500 (Equity Membership) and \$250 (Associate Membership) non-refundable deposit to the Membership Committee.


2. Posting & Review

- The candidate's name is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board, on the website, and in the Osprey newsletter for 30 days.
- If no objections arise, the Board reviews the application for approval.

3. Approval & Membership Invitation

- Upon approval, the candidate will either secure their spot on the waitlist, or if no waitlist exists they will submit the initiation fee, bond, and dues to activate playing privileges. Payment plans are available.

As we currently have waitlists, we encourage you to "act fast" in assisting a referral to complete their membership application. We anticipate many new membership applications as the weather turns warmer, and thoughts turn to golf. New members will be added to the waitlists in the order their completed applications are received, so the "sooner the better"! For more details or to start the process, please contact Lacey in membership services.




New Members!


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

*Mark and Maribeth Brostowski (RF)

Invite to A-Waitlist

- *William Meo (RS)
- *Matthew Amaro (RS)
- *Zack Wertheim (AM)
- *Michael Samek (AM)





The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Holly Garrett	Henry Amdur	Colin Dowling
Marc Pare	Norm Yester	Frank Antonacci
Kenneth Donovan	Henry Amdur	Marty White

[Click here for the online bulletin board.](#)



Golf Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com

Spring Golf Season is Here!

April has arrived! We hope you're all excited to get back out on the course and enjoy another great season of golf.

We're happy to have Brian and Andrew returning to join Lacey and me for another season. We're so fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated team!

As we transition into normal operations, here's what to expect:

- The practice range and short game practice area will open on Saturday, April 5th, along with the tee boxes and single cups on the greens.
- To start the season, we'll be using artificial turf on the range tee until the grass begins actively growing.
- Golf cart availability will be determined based on conditions, and we'll send out a notification when they're ready for use.

We look forward to seeing you on the course soon!

MEN'S GOLF

OPENING DAY "SCRAMBLED EGG"

Saturday, April 19th

Buffet Breakfast and Lunch after golf are both included

8:00am Breakfast, 9:00am Shotgun Start, Scramble format; FUN!!

SPRING MEMBER-MEMBER

Saturday, May 17th

8:30am Shotgun

Best Ball Stableford - Gross & Net

MAY MEMBER-GUEST

THURSDAY, May 22ND, 1:00pm shotgun

Our first Member-Guest of the year, invite 1 or 3 guests for a great day!

REGISTER NOW

WOMEN'S GOLF



BHWGA OPENING DAY

Wednesday, May 14th - 8:45am Shotgun Start Luncheon & meeting will follow golf

There are 2 "Spring Golf" events on April 30th & May 7th

LADIES CLINICS

Our clinics will be on **Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning on April 29th and ending on May 15th**. The clinics will begin at 9:00am. At the end of the hour, we will pair up whomever wants to play some golf. No matter your level of experience, we'll make you feel at home with either group.

The cost of the clinics will be **\$20.00 per session**. Get ready for the season and take advantage of this great opportunity for golfers of ALL skill levels!!

Golf Shop News

TITLEIST FITTING & DEMO DAY

Friday, April 11th 10:00-4:00

An early opportunity to get fit for the newest offerings from Titleist! The newest GT line of drivers, fairways and hybrids. Irons and wedge fittings are also available!

An appointment is strongly encouraged, call the golf shop or [click here to sign up!](#)

SPRING APPAREL

We have received some very nice NEW performance apparel for the Spring weather: jackets, mid layers, rain wear and more. Men's & women's selections and more merchandise arriving daily! Capitalize on clothing that works for you!

GOLF EQUIPMENT

Golf equipment is arriving daily in the Golf Shop. Featured lines will include Ping, Titleist, Callaway, Taylor Made and XXIO. Our job is to make sure that you purchase the right clubs for YOU. Custom fitting your equipment is the best way to ensure this and we now have a new launch monitor to help us. Custom fitting is FREE, does not require a purchase, and comes with an educational experience and often times some swing instruction. Please don't hesitate to ask questions you may have.

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 reduce the cost of your new equipment!!



GOLF SHOP HOURS
Hours through Oct. 31st

MON	11 AM - 6 PM
TUES	8 AM - 6 PM
WED	8 AM - 6 PM
THURS	8 AM - 6 PM
FRI	8 AM - 6 PM
SAT/SUN	7 AM - 6 PM
HOLIDAY	7 AM - 6 PM

April Promotions

Spring Clearance Sale:

Look for some deep discounts off 50% off while inventory and space last!





Member Spotlights

Our members are more than just passionate golfers—they're making a difference in the community and achieving incredible milestones! We're proud to highlight our members and celebrate the remarkable individuals who make our club so special!



Laura Pirruccello

Congratulations to Chief Petty Officer Laura K. Pirruccello on being named the 2024 Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year! Her dedication, perseverance, and outstanding achievements set an inspiring example for all.

Read more about her journey and accomplishments here: [Chief Petty Officer Laura K. Pirruccello Named 2024 Coast Guard Elite Female Athlete of the Year](#)



Michael Nevins

We're shining the spotlight on Michael Nevins, who contributed his incredible photography to the newly released book, *The Golf Courses of New England*. This stunning collection showcases the beauty and history of some of the region's most iconic courses, including Black Hall Club. You can get your copy of this book now at the golf shop!

[Click here](#) to view some of Michael's wonderful photography of Black Hall Club!



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 PRACTICE RANGE OPEN FOR THE SEASON
6	7 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	8	9	10	11	12 DINING ROOM & BAG ROOM OPEN FOR SEASON
13	14 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 MEN'S OPENING DAY SCRAMBLED EGG TOURNAMENT 9:00AM SHOTGUN BREAKFAST & LUNCH BUFFET
20 EASTER	21 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT 12PM	29 WOMEN'S CLINIC 9:00AM	30 LADIES DAY SPRING GOLF	1	2	3

