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President's Message

Dr. Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

Just One Time: Please

At long last—after hundreds of hours of research and drafting, multiple revisions following discussions with the Board of Governors, and legal review by a corporate attorney who is also a past golf club president—the current draft of the Bylaws is ready for review and comment by the membership.

The Bylaws are the rules under which you, the Members, operate and under which your Governors manage the Club. Any changes must be approved by the Members (Certificate Holders). Your review and input are therefore essential.

If only this one time, please review the Bylaws by which your leadership operates our Club for the enjoyment of our sport and fellowship.

I recognize that some Members may wish to study the detailed revisions, while others may prefer a general overview. To accommodate all levels of interest, I am providing three levels of explanation: Lite, Medium, and Full.

President's Message Continued

I present the Lite version below. Click on the document names to view summary and explanation of changes.

- A "[Key Bylaw Changes](#)" summary document; and
- A [marked-up version of the Bylaws](#) showing deletions (blue strike-through) and additions (red text), with explanations of changes in a red box preceding each section.

You may choose how deeply you wish to review the draft.

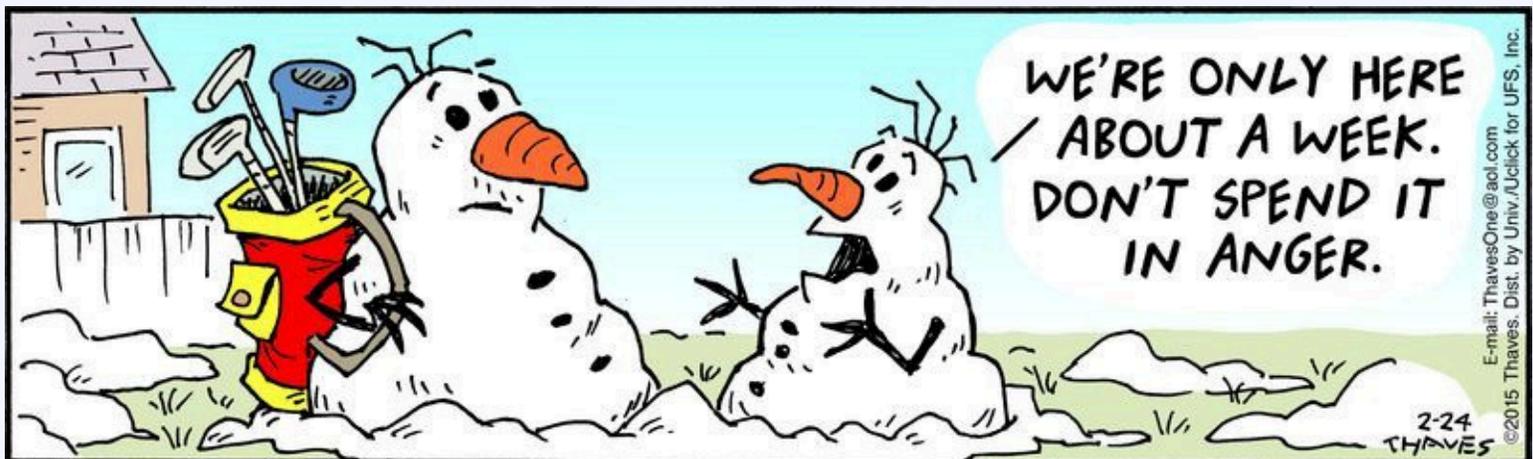
LITE Version (If approved)

- The term "Member" (Certificate Holder) is used consistently throughout the document.
- The rights and privileges of "Members" versus other persons with playing privileges are clarified.
- Only Members may serve as Governors and Officers.
- The Vice President and President would be elected by the Members, rather than selected by the Board.
- Procedures for the removal of Officers, Governors, and Members are updated to provide for a hearing and specified process.
- Eligibility under the Special Family Privilege is clarified.
- The process for approval of a Special Assessment is more fully defined.
- The composition of Standing Committees is defined. Committee members must be Members to vote, although others with playing privileges may participate.
- The membership and responsibilities of the Executive Committee are defined.
- The composition and function of the Nominating Committee are clarified.
- The approval process for capital expenditures, including dollar thresholds, is defined.

The Bylaws Committee will be collecting input from the Members over the next few weeks. Please send them to president@blackhallclub.com. The committee will assemble the comments and use them as a basis for an online Zoom meeting to explain and further discuss the draft. Further modifications will be made to the draft as needed.

The Board will then consider calling a membership meeting to amend the Bylaws by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present in-person or by proxy at such meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts on behalf of Black Hall Club



House Report

Tammy Sparrow, housechair@blackhallclub.com

The House Committee is excited to welcome another great golf season at Black Hall Club. The dining room will officially open for the season on Saturday, April 11.

Please note that current locker rentals will automatically renew and be billed on your March statement. Your March statement will also reflect handicap and tournament (Men's and Women's) fees.

If you would like to rent a locker for the upcoming season or cancel your current rental, please contact Nancy. Locker fees for 2026 remain unchanged: Half Lockers - \$80 and Shoe Lockers - \$45.

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to the House Committee at housechair@blackhall.com.



2026 Member Yearbook

Member Yearbook Update - Action Required

As we prepare the 2026 Member Yearbook, we kindly ask all members to log into the [Member Portal](#) and review their contact information. Please take a moment to confirm that your email address, mailing address, and phone number are accurate and up to date.

In previous years, we collected updates through a Google Form or paper submission. This year, we will be pulling directory information directly from the Member Portal, so it is important that each member updates their own profile to ensure accuracy.

If you have any trouble accessing the Member Portal or need assistance updating your information, please contact Lacey in the office and we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to review your details and help us keep our records current!



In Memoriam



Honoring the Legacy of
Our Member



Mark Brostowski

*"What you leave behind is not
what is engraved in stone
monuments, but what is woven
into the lives of others."*

—Pericles

All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com

Tough Winter

Last month I shared a photo showing the large oak near the green on Hole 1 being trimmed. The plan was to head from 1 to Holes 4, 5 and 8 to do similar pruning. This is work that requires a bucket truck and is being done by our outside contractor. Unfortunately, over a foot of snow hit on January 27. On February 23, we received another 22 inches of snow. By the time this new snow melts, the ground is likely to start thawing and we will be entering mud season. Operating heavy equipment when the ground is soft and wet isn't feasible, so work by our outside contractor is pretty much finished for this winter.

The heavy snow is delaying our clean-up operations, and we haven't started our normal pre-Spring preparation of the course. Since January 27 the fairways have been covered by snow. By comparison, this time last year aeration had started, stumps were being ground, sand was added to bunkers, and course cleanup was underway.

We are running about a month behind schedule in terms of doing all the course preparation we had planned to have completed by Opening Day. The renovated bunkers on Holes 6, 7 and 8 need to be re-filled, and stump grinding may still be taking place in April.

We know the membership will be anxious to play after this long winter. Our crew is anxious to have the course ready. I ask for your cooperation and patience as the time approaches for golf to re-start.

On a positive note, our in-house crew has done an amazing job implementing the USGA Tree Program. A tremendous amount of work was done, especially given the weather. We are fortunate to have such a hard-working and skilled team.



Membership Report

Robb Linde, membership@blackhallclub.com

Member Portal Update

Last month, we shared that we were preparing to launch the new Jonas Synergy Member Portal – and we are now officially up and running!

First and foremost, thank you to our members for your patience during this transition. As with any new software launch, there have been a few bumps along the way. We truly appreciate your understanding as we work through questions and fine-tune the system to ensure it runs smoothly for everyone.

To make things easier, we have created a helpful FAQ document addressing common questions and providing step-by-step guidance. You can access it by [clicking here](#).

If you have not yet logged into the new Member Portal, we encourage you to do so. It is very important that all members review and update their contact information, as this will now serve as the primary source for:

- 2026 Yearbook details
- Club communications
- Statements and payment information
- Upcoming events and more!

We are excited about the improvements this system will bring – and there are more enhancements coming soon!

As always, Lacey is happy to assist with any questions or login issues. Please don't hesitate to reach out.



New Members!

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

- *Alexander Muir (AM)
- *Ryan Szozdowski (AM)

Invite to A-Waitlist

- *Will Powers (AM)
- *William H. Stanley (AM)



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Robert Trent Jones Society News....

Our Club is a member of the Robert Trent Jones Society and you are cordially invited to join other Society Member Clubs for two + days of golf and comradery on the renown RTJ-designed North & South Courses at Firestone CC, September 11-13 th in Akron, Ohio.

This is the first time in the Society's history where you can play both a major championship venue (PGA '60, '66, '75) and another RTJ-designed course. RTJ Society members will get to play at a significant discount. This will be the 22 nd annual gathering of the Robert Trent Jones Society. Take a deep dive into Society happenings while enjoying two days of friendly golf competition and networking with fellow RTJ Society Member Clubs across the country. Registration information can be found with the link below...

<https://roberttrentjonessociety.com/annual-meeting-2026-make-plans-to-attend/>



Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com

March 2026

Although there is still a chill in the air, preparations for the 2026 golf season are well underway behind the scenes. We are planning to open the Golf Shop on Tuesday, March 17th, and guest play will once again be available at that time.

The **Practice Range** is scheduled to open on **Friday, April 4th**, weather permitting. If you need anything before then or have any questions as we get closer to the season, please feel free to reach out to me by email.

The 2026 Club Calendar is now available on our website <https://blackhallclub.com/upcoming-events/> and can be accessed without logging in. Be sure to take a look and mark your calendars – it's shaping up to be a wonderful season.

Opening Days

The Men's Club will kick off the season with the always popular **"Scrambled Egg" Tournament** on **Saturday, April 25th**. A buffet breakfast begins at 8:00am, followed by a 9:00am shotgun start. The day concludes with awards and a luncheon. Breakfast, prizes, and lunch are all included in the Men's Club annual fee.

On the Women's side, **Opening Day** will take place on **Wednesday, May 13th**. This fun nine-hole event features an 8:45am shotgun start, followed by an 11:00am meeting and luncheon.

Leading up to Opening Day, BHWGA will host three Wednesdays of **"Spring Golf" on April 22nd and 29th, and May 6th**, offering organized play opportunities to get everyone back into the swing of the season.

Also returning this March – in a separate email – will be the Titleist Pro V1 Loyalty Promotion. Stay tuned for details!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at the Club very soon. Spring is just around the corner!