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The official newsletter of Black Hall Club



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President's Message

Dr. Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

Black Hall Club has never been better.

That is not just my opinion. Recently, I overheard a long-time member and multiple Club Champion say exactly that – and it is a sentiment increasingly shared across the membership. The golf course is thriving, the facilities are improving, and the club feels vibrant again.

But none of this happened by accident.

What we are enjoying today is the result of years of recovery from deferred maintenance, declining membership, and financial strain. During the “Dark Years” from 2016 through March 2023, our regular membership fell below 300 and at one point reached as low as 260 members. The club lost roughly \$225,000 annually in dues revenue alone. Buildings deteriorated, equipment aged, and important projects were delayed simply because the resources were not there. Many of us remember those years clearly. None of us should want to repeat them.

Fortunately, the resurgence of golf during and after COVID helped

President's Message Continued

refill our membership roster and create a waitlist. Increased dues revenue, combined with PPP assistance and strong financial markets, gave Black Hall Club the opportunity to reinvest in itself. We purchased equipment, continued drainage improvements, repaired aging structures, and addressed long-deferred needs.

Today, we are benefiting from those investments every time we step onto the property.

Now comes the important question: what do we do next?

We can either enjoy today's success and hope it somehow sustains itself – or we can make the disciplined decisions necessary to protect and preserve what we have rebuilt.

I believe strongly that we must choose the second path.

The club needs to become more financially resilient so that future economic downturns do not again threaten the quality of our course and facilities. At a minimum, our dues structure must fully support maintaining Black Hall Club at its current "Best Ever" standard while also building reserves capable of sustaining that standard through inevitable economic cycles.

We must also confront a reality that cannot be postponed: our 25-year-old irrigation system is approaching the end of its useful life. Replacing it will likely cost approximately \$4 million. Without that system, the golf course simply cannot function at the level we expect and cherish. Waiting until failure forces emergency action would be irresponsible and financially damaging.

That is why I support beginning now to build a segregated capital reserve fund dedicated to this future obligation. If we plan responsibly today, we can avoid crisis decisions tomorrow.

Our Green and House Committees have already done important work by evaluating the condition of our course, buildings, and infrastructure. Those documents give us a roadmap. What we need now is the collective commitment to act on it.

Black Hall Club is stronger today than it has been in decades. The decisions we make over the next several years will determine whether we simply enjoy this moment – or secure it for the next generation of members.

I believe we owe it to this club, and to one another, to ensure that Black Hall Club never moves backward again.



House Report

Tammy Sparrow,
housechair@blackhallclub.com

Updates

Repairs to the basement to reduce summer humidity, along with reconstruction of the food storage closet, are now complete. A new walk-in refrigerator has also been installed. These upgrades are expected to help reduce the mold and rodent issues that have affected storage areas and golf equipment in the past.

Parking Lot Reminders

As many of you have experienced, delivery trucks and school buses often have difficulty maneuvering through our parking lot, especially during busy times when parking is limited. To help improve traffic flow and maneuverability, we have hired a surveyor to develop a proposal for redrawing the parking lot lines.

In the meantime, we kindly ask everyone to help us maintain safe and efficient parking conditions:

- Large pickup trucks and oversized SUVs should not park along the garden area, as this restricts access for delivery vehicles.
- The Reserved parking space is designated for staff use only – including weekends.
- Please be mindful when parking near the garden and flagpole. Vehicles should not extend onto the grass, as this damages the landscaping.

We appreciate your cooperation and your help in keeping our grounds safe, accessible, and looking their best.

Grab & Go Launches June 1st

Need a quick bite between rounds? Beginning Sunday, June 1st, our new Grab & Go pre-made 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.

May Statement Reminder

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

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

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

Back Nine Restroom Open for the Season

The back nine restroom at the 13th tee is now open for the season.

As a reminder, the restroom is winterized and closed during the off-season. This past winter, the restroom was unlocked and used after it had been winterized, despite signage indicating that the facility was closed for the season. As a result, a toilet cracked due to freezing temperatures and required replacement.

To help prevent future damage and unnecessary repair costs, please respect all seasonal closures and refrain from using the restroom until it has been officially reopened for the season.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain our club facilities.

All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com

USGA-Green Committee Presentation Regarding Future Course Improvements

On May 20 approximately 80 members participated in person or by Zoom for a Green Committee presentation by Elliott Dowling, East Region Director of the USGA and Superintendent Chris Konow Committee about potential course improvements.

Unfortunately, the Zoom recording wasn't great, [click here](#) to view. The unintelligible sections have been edited out. You won't be able to hear the questions, but you can hear the answers.

The meeting lasted about two hours.

We will be sharing additional information with the membership soon.

Thanks to all the members that participated

Membership Report

Robb Linde, membership@blackhallclub.com

Member Guide: Billing, Access & Club Resources

This is a helpful refresher of key member tools and platforms that have been introduced over time. We've gathered everything in one place for easy reference.

For a complete list of frequently asked questions, visit: [Member FAQ Sheet](#)

Billing & Payments

Monthly statements are issued on the last day of each month and emailed shortly thereafter.

Accepted payment methods: ACH Auto Draft (recommended), check, cash, or wire transfer. Credit cards are accepted in the Golf Shop only.

Member Portal

Your central hub for account activity, including balances, payment history, dining minimum tracking, and member tools.

Access: bhc.jonassynergy.com (use email on file)

Website Member Area

blackhallclub.com → Member Area - Password: 1965

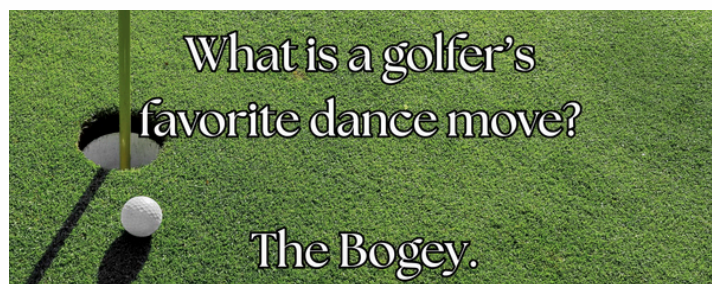


Invite to A-Waitlist

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The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Carroll Skoglund	Jay Malcynsky	TBD
Luke Martin	Wayne Harms	Paul Tracey



Mobile App

Download the Black Hall Club app from the App Store or Google Play. Register using your email on file to access club information and updates.

Mobile App Dining Orders (Important Reminder)

When placing dining orders through the mobile app, members will see an option to add a tip at checkout. However, a gratuity of 18% is already included in the price charged to member accounts. We kindly ask that members do not add an additional tip when placing mobile orders, as this can result in unintended duplicate gratuity charges.

Tournament Platform: Unknown Golf

We now use Unknown Golf for event registration, scoring, and results. Create an account at league.unknowngolf.com and download the app to get started.

Questions? Contact the Lacey at membership@blackhallclub.com or by phone at (860) 434-2038.

Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund

Randy Clegg, rclegg58mga@gmail.com

Honoring a Legacy, Supporting Students

The Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund was established in memory of one of Black Hall Club's original members, Carl "Gunnar" Anderson—a passionate golfer, mentor, and strong advocate for education.



Gunnar and his wife Marie made Old Lyme their permanent home in 1946, where they raised their family. He remained closely connected to the Club, mentoring young golfers and encouraging junior players and "bag boys" to pursue education and a love of the game.

Following his passing in 1997, the Scholarship Fund was created to support students in southeastern Connecticut who demonstrate academic achievement, character, and an interest in golf. Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$86,000 in scholarships to 78 students.

2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Committee is proud to award \$2,000 scholarships to each of the following students:

- **Owen Gallagher** – Valley Regional High School / East Carolina University
- **Ryan Brodeur** – Old Saybrook High School / University of Connecticut
- **Jackson Pannier** – Old Lyme High School / Eastern Connecticut State University

We are proud to continue Gunnar Anderson's legacy of education and mentorship, and to support the next generation of students as they pursue their goals.

Each year, this program is made possible through the generosity and involvement of our membership community—and that support continues in a very special way each season.

Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Trust Fund Continued:

Looking ahead, we are excited to once again host Andrew and his annual “108 Holes for Charity” golf marathon in support of both the CT PGA Junior Golf Foundation and the Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Fund. This signature event plays an important role in helping sustain and grow the scholarship program.

The date for this year’s event is Monday, June 22nd. Every contribution directly supports young golfers and student-athletes pursuing their education and their game.

We hope you will join us in cheering Andrew on and supporting this meaningful tradition when details are announced.

“108 holes for charity”

A Golf-a-thon with Purpose

Get ready to cheer on Andrew as he gears up (and stretches out!) for his annual “108 Holes for Charity” golf marathon, one of the most anticipated traditions of the season at Black Hall Club. This year’s event is happening on Monday, June 22nd.

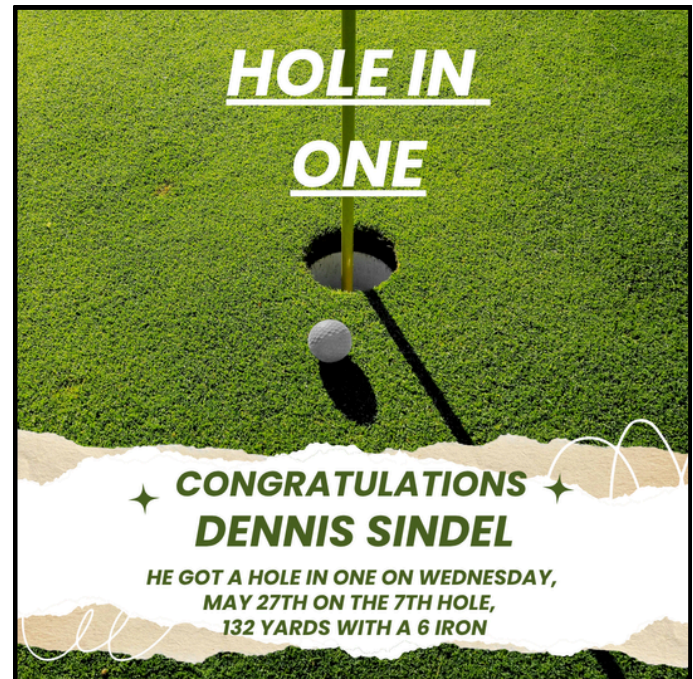
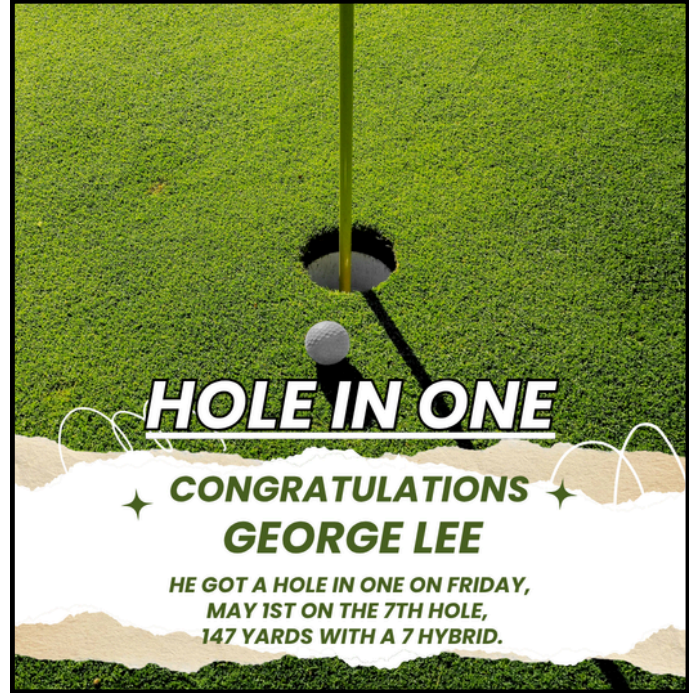


This all-day golf-a-thon is equal parts endurance test, good fun, and meaningful impact. Andrew will be walking (and swinging) his way through 108 holes in support of two important causes: the CT PGA Junior Golf Foundation and the Carl G. Anderson Scholarship Fund, which helps support local students as they pursue their college education.

Each year, this event plays a vital role in sustaining the scholarship program and expanding opportunities for young golfers and student-athletes in our community.

So rally your fellow members, follow along throughout the day, and help us support Andrew as he takes on 108 holes for a great cause. Your energy, encouragement, and generosity are what make this tradition such a success year after year.

If you are interested in supporting Andrew, please look out for an email with details to make a pledge. Thank you in advance for your support, and for being part of something truly special at Black Hall Club.





Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com

MEN'S GOLF

Men's Tournament Results

MAY MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, May 15th

Best 2 of 4 Net

1st - Matt Guanci, David Soule, Nat Stone, and Ted Schaaf (126)

2nd - Tony Stratidis, Chris Gagne, Gregory DeMichiel, and Michael Satton (129)

3rd - Jack Ready, Jeff Moore, Bob Nixon, and Steve Bettencourt (132)

Best 2 of 4 Gross

1st - Mario DiLoreto, Rich DeRosa, Scott Venditto, and Ronald Cole (144)

2nd - Mike Epright, Stuart Munro, Alan Maziarz, and Mike Crowley (144)

SPRING MEMBER-MEMBER

Saturday, May 16th

Overall Net

1st - Bruce Dupuis & Tom Zipp (34)

2nd - Steve Merrick & Andy Balosie (28)

T3 - Tony Stratidis & Mike Sheehan (26)

T3 - John O'Keefe & Fred Fitchman (26)

T3 - Carl DeJuliis & Dennis Sindel (26)

T3 - Mike Anderson & Lance Anderson (26)

Overall Gross

1st - Alex Jenkins & Scott Jenkins (18)

2nd - Keith Bolles & Keith Bolles, Jr. (12)

3rd - Pete Lewis & Rich Paterson (2)



Upcoming Events

JUNE MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, June 12th, 1:00pm shotgun
Invite 1 or 3 guests for a great day!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

BLACK HALL CLASSIC

Friday & Saturday, June 26th & 27th
Round Robin Format

[REGISTER NOW](#)



SAVE THE DATE

JULY MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, July 10th, 1:00pm shotgun

SUMMER MEMBER-MEMBER

Saturday, July 25th & Sunday, July 26th

HOLE IN ONE

CONGRATULATIONS
GRAHAM MACADAM

HE GOT A HOLE IN ONE ON FRIDAY,
MAY 29TH ON THE 9TH HOLE,
WHILE PLAYING WITH HIS BROTHER PETER

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's Tournament Results



BHWGA OPENING DAY

Wednesday, May 13th

1st - Betsy Lomas, Ellen Fox, and Patricia Kurlansky (-3)

2nd - Debra Miller, Kim Spano, and Leslie Anderson (-2)

3rd - Beth Rodgers, Lee Ann Palladino, and Susan McKnight (-1)

Upcoming Events

LADIES DAY

Wednesday, June 3rd, **Random Draw**

Monday, June 8th, **Afternoon Golf**

Wednesday, June 10th, **Member-Member Rd. 1**

Wednesday, June 17th, **Member-Member Rd. 2**

Wednesday, June 24th, **Skins Game & Handicap Tournament**

 REGISTER NOW



BHWGA Guest Day

Wednesday, July 15th
8:30am Shotgun

TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF

Enjoy fun nine & dine evening event!



Mark your calendars!

*Friday, June 19th

“Take Your Pick” - A Night of Choices! The golf is a modified Scramble.

*Friday, July 17th

“Pizza Truck Night” - The golf is a good old fashioned Shamble.

*Friday, August 14th

“Beach Party” - The golf is a modified Best Ball - with a wrinkle or tow along the way.
Friday, September 18th

“La Fiesta” - The golf is a Shamble with some Spice!

 REGISTER NOW

JUNIOR GOLF



There will be three sessions this summer.

1st Session - June 23rd-25th (3) days of 3-hour sessions: 9am to 12pm

2nd Session - July 14th-16th (3) days of 3-hour sessions: 9am to 12pm

3rd Session - August 11th-13th - (3) days of 3-hour session: 9am to 12pm

 REGISTER NOW

Golf Shop News

FITLAB



EXPERIENCE A TOUR-QUALITY
GOLF SHOE FITTING

Back by Popular Demand - FJ FitLAB Coming to Black Hall Club

Join us on Saturday, June 20, for the FJ FitLAB Experience and discover the difference a properly fitted golf shoe can make.

Using advanced 3D scanning technology, FootJoy fitting experts will analyze your feet and recommend the ideal shoe size and style for your game. Studies show that more than 70% of golfers wear the wrong size shoe, which can impact comfort, stability, and performance on the course.

Appointments begin at 10:00 AM and space is limited. [Click here](#) to schedule your fitting.

Father's Day Gift Guide

Find the Perfect Gift for Dad at the Golf Shop

Father's Day is right around the corner, and if you're looking for a gift that's sure to earn a smile, the Golf Shop has you covered. Whether Dad is a dedicated golfer, a weekend warrior, or simply enjoys spending time at the Club, we've got plenty of great gift ideas to make his day special.

For the Dad Who Loves New Gear

Nothing says Father's Day quite like new golf equipment. Consider:

- Drivers, fairway woods, hybrids, and wedges
- Golf shoes for comfort and performance
- Golf balls (a gift every golfer can use!)
- Rangefinders and GPS devices
- Electric push carts for a more enjoyable walk around the course

For the Dad Who Has Everything

Looking for something a little different?

- Black Hall Club logo apparel
- Hats, visors, and outerwear
- Golf towels
- Divot tools and ball markers
- Golf bags and travel gear
- Ceramic golf mugs and other golf-inspired accessories

Give the Gift of Better Golf

A lesson with one of our golf professionals is a gift that lasts well beyond Father's Day. Whether Dad is looking to gain distance, sharpen his short game, or simply enjoy the game more, instruction is always a great investment.

Not Sure What to Choose?

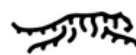
Let our Golf Shop team help. We're happy to offer suggestions and help you find the perfect gift for every golf-loving dad.

Stop by the Golf Shop before Father's Day and check out the latest merchandise, apparel, and accessories. We look forward to helping you celebrate the dads in your life!

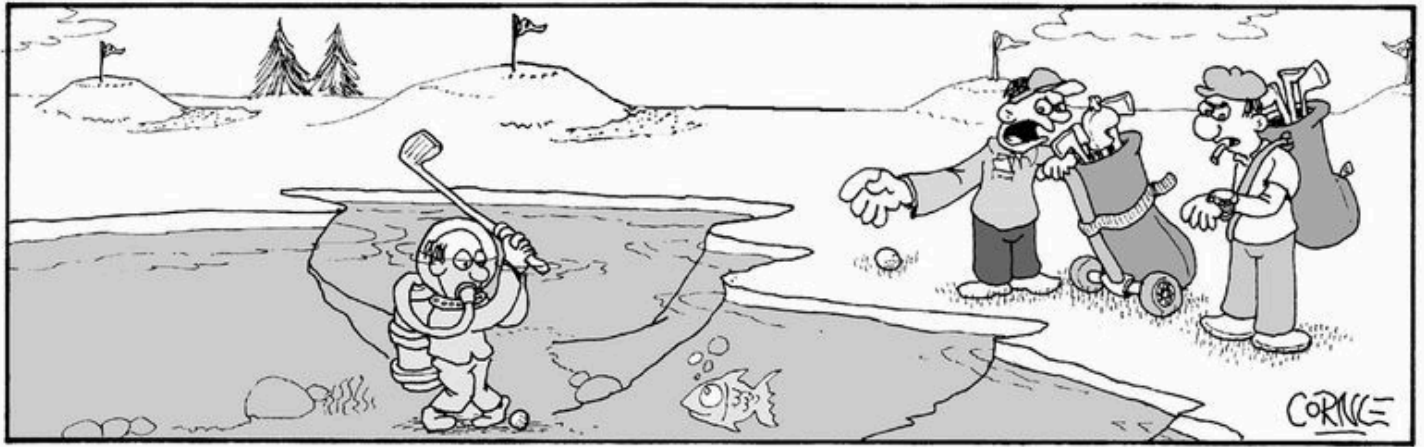
NEW LINES
FOR DAD!



GREYSON



SUN DAY RED



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT NOON	2	3 LADIES DAY RANDOM DRAW MOST NET PARS 8:30AM SHOTGUN	4	5 THAMES VALLEY MATCHES 8:30AM SHOTGUN	6 SPRING JUNIOR CLINIC 1:00PM - 3:00PM
7 SPRING JUNIOR CLINIC 1:00PM - 3:00PM	8 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT NOON LADIES DAY AFTERNOON GOLF 3:00PM - NINE HOLES	9	10 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 1 8:00AM-10:00AM STARTING TIMES	11	12 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST 1:00 PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	13
14	15 JR/SR GOLF SOCIETY 12:30PM SHOTGUN GOLF COURSE CLOSED	16	17 LADIES DAY MEMBER-MEMBER RD 2 8:00AM-10:00AM STARTING TIMES	18 TEEN GOLF CLINIC 4:00PM	19 TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF NINE & DINE 5:00PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW JUNTEENTH GOLF COURSE OPENS AT 7AM	20
21 FATHER'S DAY	22 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT NOON	23 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00AM - 12:00PM	24 LADIES DAY SKINS GAME & HANDICAP TOURNAMENT 8:00AM-10:00AM STARTING TIMES JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00AM - 12:00PM	25 JUNIOR CLINICS 9:00AM - 12:00PM TEEN GOLF CLINIC 4:00PM	26 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT 18 HOLES 1:00 PM SHOTGUN PLAYER DINNER TO FOLLOW	27 BLACK HALL CLASSIC ROUND ROBIN FORMAT 27 HOLES 8:00 AM SHOTGUN LUNCH & AWARDS TO FOLLOW
28	29 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT NOON	30				