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President's Message

Dr. Henry Amdur, president@blackhallclub.com

Fellow Black Hall Club Members,

It's been a busy time of year for your Board of Governors.

Budget season always presents the challenge of balancing the wants and needs of the course, our facilities, and our staff—with the never-ending increase in the cost of virtually everything—while also being mindful of the membership's tolerance for increases in dues.

One issue the Board has recognized and is working to address is the cost of joining Black Hall Club. Historically, a significant portion of the cost of membership has been tied to a refundable membership certificate. We are exploring a change from this primarily refundable, certificate-based approach to a non-refundable initiation fee strategy, which is the approach taken by most other clubs in our region.

A non-refundable initiation fee will provide the Club with additional capital that could be used for equipment and other capital needs throughout the property, thereby reducing our reliance on future capital assessments. Implementing this change will require an amendment to the Club's Bylaws.

President's Message Continued

A full explanation of the rationale behind the proposed change, as well as how it would work, can be found in the following document, click here. These bylaws changes, reviewed and approved by the Board, will be on the ballot in October for vote.

Alcohol on Club Property

Since my last communication, the Board has also determined that some of our historical practices concerning alcohol on Club property have not been consistent with Connecticut's liquor permitting requirements.

As a result, the Board has taken immediate steps to realign our practices with Connecticut law and to protect the Club and its members from potential penalties and unnecessary liability. We recognize that the short- and long-term approach to alcohol use at Black Hall Club will require careful consideration and may take some time to fully develop.

The Board has retained an attorney who specializes in Connecticut alcohol law and has already received his initial guidance regarding our past practices and the options that may be permissible under state and local law.

Our goal is to find the appropriate balance between the traditions and expectations that have developed at Black Hall Club over many years and the need to operate in a manner that is legal, insurable, and responsible from a liability perspective.

We will have an opportunity to discuss these issues with the membership at a **Special Membership Meeting on September 5, 2026, at 3:30 PM.** At that meeting, the Board will share what we have learned to date, explain the issues we are evaluating, and discuss the potential paths forward.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these important issues. Our objective remains the same: to protect the long-term financial health of Black Hall Club while preserving the character, traditions, and member experience that make our Club special.

Report from the Treasurer

Rich Bacci,
Treasurer@blackhallclub.com

The Board's recent focus on the proposed bylaws amendments and alcohol policy has required additional time and attention. As a result, approval of the 2027 Budget has been postponed until the September Board meeting.

Further details regarding the 2027 Budget will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.



House Report

Tammy Sparrow,
housechair@blackhallclub.com



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

This year we welcomed our new Chef, Oscar Diaz, and Sous Chef, Maria Lopez to our Black Hall family. They both quickly came up to speed and have done an outstanding job. Their transition into the kitchen was seamless and we are so grateful for all they have contributed to Black Hall this season. Please join me in giving Oscar and Maria a huge round of applause!

We also want to recognize our amazing dining room staff - Justine Ewart, Gus Calle, Manuela Carvalho, Jesly Diaz, Ashley Ford, and Kaitlyn Graham for another wonderful season of service. We are so grateful for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to making each dining experience special. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Dining Room Reminders

Labor Day Hours: The dining room will be OPEN Monday, September 7 and CLOSED Tuesday, September 8.

Fall Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-2:30pm

Dining Minimum: Any unused dining minimum balance will be billed on September 30. Your current balance is printed at the bottom of your monthly statement and will also be posted weekly on the hall bulletin board throughout September.

To-Go Orders: Please remember that there is a limit of 6 items per order. With a smaller kitchen staff after the summer season, large late-season orders can put unnecessary pressure on the team. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Parking Lot Reminders

As many of you have experienced delivery trucks and school buses can have difficulty maneuvering through our parking lot, particularly 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. Our plan is to have the parking lot lines redrawn this fall.

September

LABOR DAY: Monday, Sept. 7th

Golf Course OPENS at 7AM

Dining Room will be OPEN

Tuesday, Sept. 8th

Course, Practice Range, & SPGA CLOSED all day, Dining Room CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 14th

Course CLOSED - CSGA Bill Hermanson Two-Man Team Championship

Monday, Sept. 21st

Course CLOSED - GCSAA Member-Guest

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd

Fairway Aeration (not greens)

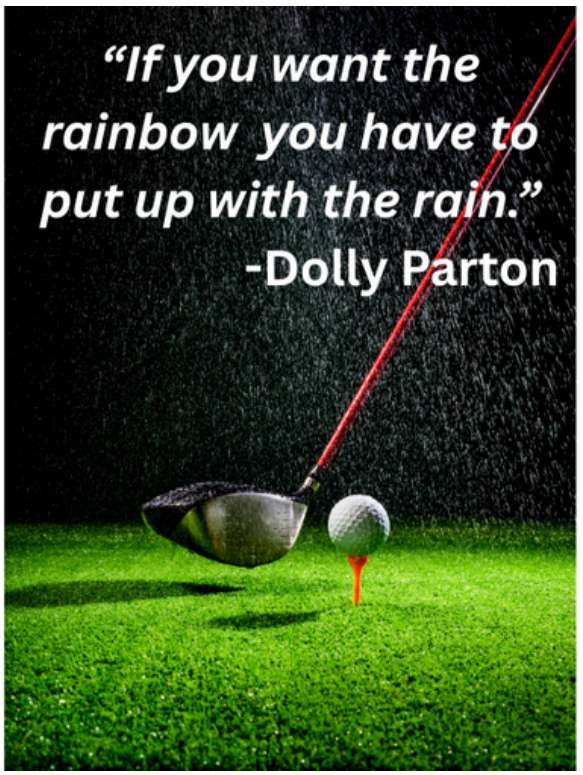
After Labor Day Hours

Mon: Golf Course & Range OPEN at 12pm

Tues-Fri: Golf Course OPENS at 8AM

Weekends & Holidays:

Golf Course OPENS at 7:30AM



All About the Greens

Marty Smith, greenchair@blackhallclub.com

MEMBER REQUEST FOR INPUT RESULTS

Thanks to the 170 members that participated in the survey. The results have been shared with the Board of Governors and the Finance Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee. I can share with you that the Finance Committee will be recommending funding for items 1, 3 and 4 in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

1: 138Y-30N Improve the subsoil and drainage of our greens so they have the foundation to be as good in August as they are in June ($195)

2: 116Y-47N Improve bunker maintenance and enhanced in-house renovation ($183)

3: 111Y-55N Create an Irrigation System Fund for replacement of the system 10 to 15 years from now ($500)

4: 105Y-58N Roll out a fleet of autonomous robot mowers for the rough and fund a proper equipment replacement fund ($787)

5: 105Y-62N Level the tees through a five-year assessment starting in 2027-28 fiscal year (after the tree program and bathroom assessment is over) ($203)

6: 92Y-73N Improve rough conditions in areas that require extending irrigation ($51)

7: 88N-78Y Improve fairway drainage to allow the course to dry out faster after rain events and improve playing conditions ($316)

8: 88N-80Y Offer playing conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same quality as Thursday through Sunday ($105)





Photos shared by Bob Daoust who was enjoying some twilight golf, looking down #8, with Steve Reith.

Membership Report

Robb Linde, membership@blackhallclub.com

Fall Golf & Your Quick Member Resource Guide

There's still plenty of great golf ahead! Fall is a beautiful time at Black Hall, with cooler temperatures and excellent course conditions. Enjoy the final weeks of the season before heading south or settling in for the winter!

Before you go, here's a quick refresher on where to find important Club information:

Member Area – Your Main Hub
The Member Area on blackhallclub.com is your one-stop resource for Club information, including the calendar, meeting minutes, Member Directory, dining menu, Club documents, announcements, and links to other member resources. Password: 1965

Member Portal – Your Account
Access your balance, payment history, dining minimum, and account information at bhc.jonassynergy.com.

Unknown Golf – Golf & Tournaments
Use Unknown Golf for tournament registration, event information, and other golf-related activities.

Have Questions?
Our FAQs provide additional information on billing, payments, Club resources, and more. View the FAQs

Bookmark these resources now so they're easy to find when you need them—whether you're at Black Hall or enjoying warmer weather!

Black Hall Club

The following candidates have been proposed for membership:

Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Thomas Graham	Eric Moore	Lori Biancamano
Billy Buscetto	Bill Hermanson	Jonathan Pope

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS BILL HERMANSON



Winner of the 30th CSGA Super Senior Amateur Championship. You can click here for the complete article.

Pro's Report

Andrew Campbell, pro@blackhallclub.com

BLACK HALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Congratulations to this year's club champions!

2026 WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: Laura Pirruccello

***Runner Up*: Elle Reid**



2026 MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: Brian Zito

***Runner Up*: Henry Barry**





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MEN'S GOLF

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEMBER-GUEST
THURSDAY, Sept. 3rd, 1:00pm shotgun

FALL MEMBER-MEMBER
September 19th - Round 1
September 20th - Round 2

REGISTER



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER MEMBER-GUEST
Friday, October 2nd
12:30PM Shotgun

MEN'S CLOSING DAY
Saturday, October 10th
9:00 AM Shotgun

MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BLACK HALL CLUB INVITATIONAL
August 7th-9th

Pebble Beach
Winner: Deane Antoniou and Cal Culmer
Runner Up: Tom Cherry and Brian Cherry

Cypress Point
Winner: Chris Courtright and Chad Courtright
Runner Up: Russ Bilodeau and Norman Yester

Oakmont
Winner: Robb Linde and Rob Maguire
Runner Up: Dalton Smart and John Carroll

Shinnecock Hills
Winner: John Eckert and David Eckert
Runner Up: Chuck Keefe and Douglas Connor

Augusta National
Winner: Marty Smith and Ryan Deville
Runner Up: Tom Kelly and Dominic Dubaldo

Pine Valley
Winner: Will Strickler and Brad Lipkvich
Runner Up: Bill Oldenkamp and Jim Ezold

Merion
Winner: Mike Epright and Alan Maziarz
Runner Up: Neil Dehm and Brent Lincoln

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CONSOLATION FLIGHTS
August 29th & 30th

First Flight:
1st - J.C. Flaherty
2nd - Carl Fortuna

Second Flight
1st - Mike Nevins
2nd - Jim Hamsher

Third Flight
1st - Marty Smith
2nd - Zach Dolan

FLIGHTS CHAMPIONSHIP
August 29th & 30th

First Flight
1st - Chris Bray
2nd - Tony Stratidis



Third Flight
1st - John Gatti
2nd - Jon Alvarez

Second Flight
1st - Jeff Cooley
2nd - John Quagan



SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Senior Club Championship
Champion: Bill Hermanson
Runner Up: Phil Perry
Semi Finalists: Scott Venditto
Matt Guanci

Super-Senior Club Championship
Champion: Tony Stratidis
Runner Up: Jack Ready
Semi Finalists: Rich Paterson
Bryce Craven

WOMEN'S GOLF

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS



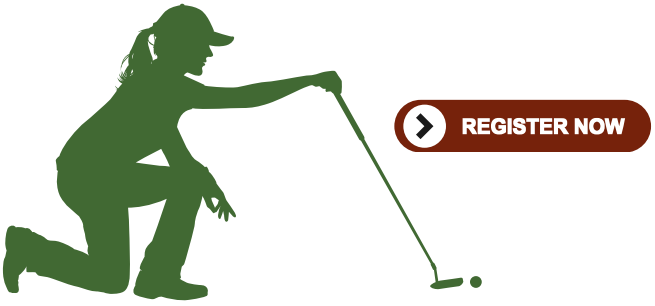
Osprey Cup
August 25th & 26th

27 Holes
1st - Beth Rodgers & Betsy Lomas (104)
2nd - Mary Ellen Hoag & Phoebe Chiang (105)



UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES DAY
Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, **Silver & Gold**
Wednesday, Sept. 9th , **Putting Around**
Wednesday, Sept. 16th, **Ringer Round 1**
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, **Ringer Round 2**
Wednesday, Sept. 30th, **Closing Day**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pro's Report Continued

TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF

MIXED TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Nine & Dine - Best Ball
Friday, August 14th



1st - Gregory & Barbara Hack and Bill Karley & Kitty Mackey

2nd - Bob & Kim Daoust and Steve Rieth & Alicia Pierson

3rd - Dave & Tammy Sparrow and Jon and Beth Winikur

LAST NINE & DINE EVENT OF THE SEASON!



Friday, September 18th

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

REGISTER NOW

Black Hall Club

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 **LADIES DAY** SILVER & GOLD 8:00 - 10:00AM STARTING TEE TIMES	3 **MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST** 1:00 PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	4	5
6	7 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPENS AT 7:00AM DINING ROOM OPEN *LABOR DAY*	8 GOLF COURSE, GOLF SHOP & PRACTICE AREAS CLOSED ALL DAY	9 **LADIES DAY** PUTTING AROUND 8:00 - 10:00AM STARTING TEE TIMES	10	11 **PAST PRESIDENTS GATHERING** 1:00PM - 1:30PM DINNER TO FOLLOW	12 *ROSH HASHANAH*
13	14 **CSGA BILL HERMANSON TWO-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** 36 HOLES COURSE CLOSED	15	16 **LADIES DAY** RINGER RD 1 8:00 - 10:00AM STARTING TEE TIMES	17	18 **TWILIGHT MIXED GOLF** NINE & DINE 5:00PM SHOTGUN DINNER TO FOLLOW	19 **FALL MEMBER-MEMBER ROUND 1** STARTING TIMES 7:30AM - 10:00AM
20 **FALL MEMBER-MEMBER ROUND 2** 8:30AM SHOTGUN	21 **GCSAA MEMBER-GUEST** 12PM SHOTGUN COURSE CLOSED *YOM KIPPUR*	22 FAIRWAY AERATION (NOT GREENS)	23 **LADIES DAY** RINGER RD 2 8:00 - 10:00AM STARTING TEE TIMES	24	25	26
27	28 GOLF COURSE & PRACTICE RANGE OPEN AT NOON	29	30 **LADIES CLOSING DAY** 8:45AM SHOTGUN 11:00AM MEETING			