



JULY 2021

THE RIVER

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This Month at a Glance

Friday, July 2	All-American Mixer
Friday, July 2	Pig Roast
Saturday, July 3	Cleveland/Srixon Fitting Day
Sunday, July 4	Red, White, & Blue Tournament
Friday, July 9	Member Clinic
Friday, July 16 - Sunday, July 18	Member-Guest Invitational
Tuesday, July 20 - Friday, July 23	New England Amateur Tournament
Friday, July 23	TaylorMade Fitting Day
Thursday, July 29	Trivia Night
Friday, July 30	Stember Cup
EVERY WEDNESDAY	Twilight League

Membership Update



We would like to welcome the following new Sacred Heart University Alumni members to Great River Golf Club. We are looking forward to having you as members in 2021!

WILLIAM GUERRERO

THE RADUAZZO FAMILY



Member Committees



We would like to thank all our past committee members for their service.

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees:

House Committee-6 Volunteers

Tournament Committee-6 Volunteers

Greens Committee-2 Volunteers

If you would like to take part in one of the committees, please email your request to: karina@grgolfclub

All-American Mixer

NEW DATE - FRIDAY, JULY 9TH, 2021

Kickoff your weekend Friday night with all our All-American Mixer!

This format is a 4-player team scramble. Sign up with your spouse/significant other and another couple, or the golf staff can pair you up! The field is limited to 48 players, so be sure to sign up early.

5:00 PM Shotgun Start

Join us for the Member Pig Roast Immediately Following!

Entry fee is \$100.00 per couple

Access to the Member Pig Roast buffet dinner is included in the entry fee



Food & Beverage



Dear Members,

The F&B Team is staying busy getting back to “normal”, as we hosted 8 large weddings and 1 micro wedding in the month of June. This month, we have another 8 weddings plus 3 micro weddings, and another 8 in the month of August.

Also, please look forward to Chef Adkins making another seasonal summer change to the menu in the month of July. We would like to thank you for your continued feedback over the course of the season regarding our menu selections and we’re looking forward to implementing some of them.

We also have a couple of “save the dates” in the month of August. On **Wednesday, August 11th** we will feature another Wine Club Dinner. The Theme will be “Regions of California”. Also on **Friday, September 3rd** we will host our third annual Lobster Bake. More details to follow with both events!

As always, we look forward to serving you, your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Dan Piccolello, Food & Beverage Director
Matthew Adkins, Executive Chef



GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB PRESENTS:

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL MEMBER PIG ROAST

6:30PM-9PM | JULY 9TH, 2021 | FIREPLACE PATIO

\$60 PER PERSON + TAX

full pig roast
pulled pork
bbq brisket
bbq chicken
southern green beans
corn on the cob
rosemary roasted potatoes
baked yams
smoked maple baked beans
mac & cheese
crudites
caprese salad
german potato salad
mesclun salad w/ fixings
tri-color pasta salad

dessert & coffee station
cash bar

Tournament Club

Red, White, and Blue

Sunday, July 4th - Tee Times starting at 7:00am

This tournament is a Two-Person Shamble. In this event, both players will tee off, they will pick the best tee shot, then will play their own ball in from that location. The team will then use the best score between them as their team score. Teams will play from the tournament tees which will be a mix of red, white, and blue tees.

Prizes: Low gross and low net teams. Teams will also compete in a gross and net team skins.

Food & Beverage: BBQ lunch following golf

Entry Fee: \$50 per player, \$20 optional team skins game

Great River Invitational

July 16th, 17th, & 18th

Format: Four Ball Match Play. Partners will play five 9-Hole matches. Teams will be flighted based on combined handicap index.

Handicap: 100% Course Handicap stroked off the lowest handicap. There will be a 9 stroke max handicap difference between partners. All players must have official handicap index.

Prizes: 1st and 2nd in each flight

Sign-Up Deadline: July 4th

Food and Beverage: Dinner Friday, July 16th, Breakfast and Lunch at the Member's Grill both days

Entry Fee: \$750 per team

The Stember Cup

Friday, July 30th

18-Hole Tee Times starting at 1:00pm - 9-Hole Tee Times starting at 3:00pm

Format: The Stember Cup is a fun way to meet and play with some of the Great River staff. Three Members and a Great River employee from any department will play a Two Best Ball of Four Shamble.

Food & Beverage: BBQ at the fireplace patio following event.

Entry Fee: The cost of this event is \$25 per player

Tom Rosati Golf Academy

IT'S JUNIOR CAMP AND CLINIC SEASON!

We have many programs for the little golfer in your family. Check out our programs below and sign up soon. These programs are filling fast!

Junior Clinics

Our Junior Clinic Programs are designed for beginner to intermediate junior golfers from ages 7-14. Clinic sessions run for 1-1½ hours in length, depending on the series. Students' skills are evaluated prior to beginning instruction through our unique Level Achievement Program.

Summer Clinic #1: Tuesday-Friday July 6-9

Ages 7-10 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Ages 11-14 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Summer Clinic #2: Tuesday-Friday Aug 10-13

Ages 7-10 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Ages 11-14 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Fall Clinic: Sundays - Sept 12, 19, 26, & Oct 3

Ages 11-14 9:15 am – 10:30 am

Ages 7-10 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Junior Clinic Pricing

SHU Alumni and Faculty \$160.00

GRGC Members \$180.00

Non-Members \$200.00



Half-Day Camps (Ages 8-16)

We are excited about adding a half day camp for our intermediate players ages 8-16 years old. This is a great opportunity for the kids from our clinic programs to learn more and move up in our Level Achievement Program. We will get on the course to learn etiquette and rules, but play will be limited.

Session 2 – July 12-16 – AM Class Only 9:00-12:00

Session 3 – August 2-6 – AM Class 9:00-12:00 or PM Class 1:00-4:00

Session 4 – August 16-20 - AM Class 9:00-12:00 or PM Class 1:00-4:00

Half Day Camp Pricing

SHU Alumni and Faculty \$350.00

GRGC Members \$370.00

Non-Members \$400.00

Advanced Player Program (Ages 13-18)

Our Advanced Player Program is for students looking to fine tune their skills and turn them onto lower scores. These clinics are limited to 8 students and take place Wednesdays from July 7- Aug 11.

Advanced Player Program Pricing

SHU Alumni and Faculty \$600.00

GRGC Members \$650.00

Non-Members \$700.00

What's Hot in the Shop?

CALLAWAY APEX 21 IRONS

\$1,200 - \$1,500



CALLAWAY EPIC MAX DIVER \$529.99



TAYLORMADE SIM 2 DRIVER \$529.99



**JOHNNIE-O DOCK-
SIDE FLIP FLOPS**
\$88.00



**JOHNNIE-O MALIBU MOCCASIN
(GRAY OR BLUE)**
\$178.00



G/FORE GLOVES
\$28.99-\$40.00

Greens & Grounds

Greens Watering Practices

As June has brought us some significantly hot days, and we expect the same with the upcoming summer months, we will continue our main greens watering practice referred to as “syringing”. Syringing refers to putting a light amount of water down on the greens surface to cool the plant without letting water penetrate the soil. The light amount of water we are putting down creates a film that will evaporate over time keeping the surface temperature of the grass cool to prevent wilting while keeping playing conditions firm and ideal. Some of the hotter months are coming up fast, our main goal is to keep the playing surfaces cool and happy



while maintaining the optimal playing conditions for the membership. As you will see us out on the course syringing greens, we ask you to please allow Greens & Grounds staff 1-2 minutes to complete their hand watering practices before playing into the greens.

2021 New England Amateur Championship

We are very excited to be hosting the upcoming 2021 New England Amateur to hopefully give Great River the recognition we all believe it deserves. In preparation for the tournament, we at Greens & Grounds will be joined by many volunteers from prominent clubs across the northeast to help us prepare the golf course and provide the best championship conditioning possible. Having volunteers will be a big help to us as we are still facing maintenance challenges associated with labor shortages. Currently we have 13 employees on staff, significantly less than our normal 18-22 greens and grounds staff members. As we continue to do our absolute best to maintain high quality day to day playing



conditions with our current staff, the extra work that prepping for the tournament will take, we hope the volunteers we get will help us reach our goal of the high-quality conditions we wish to produce for the New England Amateur.

Member-Guest Invitational

As we prepare for the New England Am we will also be getting ready for our Member Invitational, which falls just days before. We will have the same standards for playing conditions for our Member Invitational that we have for the New England Amateur, continuing with our same cultural and watering practices we have been doing throughout the season so far. We will remain walk mowing greens instead of using a ride on mower. This helps create a tighter mow creating a tighter playing surface as well as providing less stress on the turf by walking instead of using a ride on mower which has a lot more weight and tires putting more stress and possible damage on the playing surface. We will also continue to roll greens creating a very firm, flat playing surface which will help putting and ball response on approach shots. If you have noticed, we also started mowing fairways in a different direction then in previous years. Mowing in a different direction, we are now mowing side to side as opposed to tee to green. This helps greatly with promoting improved texture, better lies in the fairway, and a tighter cut.



Once again, we would like to thank our membership for your continuous support of us here at the Greens & Grounds Department as this has been proven to be challenging season due to labor shortages in our economy. We are excited for the up coming events that we will be hosting here at Great River Golf Club and continuing to improve the golf course conditioning.

Blake Thomas

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Event Planner Corner

Happy Summer!

We are officially back in full swing and could not be happier doing what we do best—providing the finest hospitality experience to our clients and guests!

June was buzzing with many events, as we hosted a total of 9 weddings, organized 6 ceremony rehearsals, and welcomed 3 corporate meetings. Congratulations to all couples who tied the knot, especially our SHU Alumni Couples: Bonnie & Dan, Maggie & Stephen, Meg & Brendan, and Jaclyn & Michael! Go Big Red!



Exciting news!! Best wishes go out to our very own, Chelsea Merritt, Event Planner/Social Media extraordinaire, who also tied the knot in June! We wish you & Greg (also a proud SHU Alum!) a lifetime of health & happiness! In addition, please welcome Caitlin Wardlow to our Great River family & Events Team! Caitlin joins us as the Assistant Event Planner. She brings valuable experience through her most recent roles at Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT and Yale University Conferences & Events. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her next.

As we look ahead to the summer, we anticipate our busiest season yet, including multiple events rescheduled from 2020 and many new special events. We are currently booking for holiday parties & 2023 weddings.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Caitlin Wardlow | Assistant Event Planner & Social Media | cwardlow@grgolfclub.com



Let us make *your dream wedding* a reality!

*Stunning Backdrop
Elegant Ballroom
Only One Wedding at a Time*

