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Stonington Country Club

MEMBER UPDATE

Dear Members,

Our golf season is rapidly approaching. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to keep your swings in motion. The off season is the best time of year to focus on swing mechanics that will help create more consistency and good routines.

Along with working on swing mechanics, it is equally important to be mindful of your body motion. Efficient movement patterns help enable players at all levels of ability to play better, play stronger, and play longer while enjoying time on the golf course.

On March 2nd, we welcome you to attend a complimentary yoga session with Chelsea Hauck in the Club's main dining room. Chelsea will be accompanied by Sue Cart, PGA Golf Instructor. Please sign up for the complimentary one-hour session. To learn about SCC's Yoga Program [click here for details](#). To learn about Chelsea [click here for details](#).

Warm regards,

Robin Rasch, LPGA

General Manager / Dir. of Golf

Social Events



To sign up for events, please go to the Club's website calendar. Events typically open for registration 30 days in advance.

Saturday, March 4

- Steak Night Dinner [click for details](#)

Thursday, March 16

- March Madness [click for details](#) and follow the steps below to join.
- Click either Men's or Women's link: [men's march madness bracket](#) or [women's march madness bracket](#)
- Click create bracket
- Join group
- Input password: golf
- Fill out your bracket (after selection Sunday but before first round of 64 (after 9pm on Sunday, 3/12)
- SCC members may need to create an ESPN account if they don't already have one.

Food & Beverage



Pub Hours:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Dinner 4pm - 7pm

Sundays: Brunch 10am - 1pm

Reservations are recommended.

Email pub@stoningtoncountryclub.com

Take Out Orders: Call 860-535-9022

Dinner Specials

Thursday, Friday & Saturday Evenings

Spinach Salad \$10

- *With warm bacon dressing and feta crumbles*

Saturday, March 18

- St. Patrick's Day - Special Menu [click for details](#)

Saturday, March 22

- Calligraphy 'n Sip [click for details](#)

Sunday, April 2

- Easter Egg Hunt & Sunday Brunch [click for details](#)

Saturday, April 8

- Masters Mixer

Saturday, May 6

- Kentucky Derby/Cinco de Mayo [click for details](#)



Zak from Harborview Excavation, with the help of our team, has completed the excavation work for the bunkers on holes 2, 3 and 10. We were very fortunate the weather allowed us to finish work in just over three months. Each renovated bunker had contaminated sand removed, drainage added, and new bunker sand installed. Rough sod has been ordered and we're awaiting the sod farm to be able to cut the product for us. This is the first "cold" stretch of weather and has caused a bit of a backup with sod deliveries. If the weather is too wet, the sod will not cut cleanly and if it is too cold, the sod breaks into frozen chunks. Our provider is optimistic they may be able to cut some sod this week, but it will be weather dependent. Our goal is to install as much sod as possible to prevent any wash out or contamination to the recently renovated bunkers. The 2nd and 3rd holes will require bent grass sod on some of the approach and collar areas. We'll be utilizing sod that's on site for many of these areas, which allows us to save money on the bunker project.

The range mat has been installed on the driving range tee this week. The main purpose of this cover is to encourage divot recovery. Ultimately, the end goal would be to start each season with a divot free range tee. Many clubs utilize similar covers on putting greens to prevent the turf from entering dormancy and thus reduce the potential for winter injury. The

Panko Crusted Ahi Tuna \$25

- *Sesame seared with cusabi drizzle over oriental noodles*

Broiled Herb Crusted Sea Scallops \$22

Pan Blacken 8oz NY Sirloin \$17

- *Topped with gorgonzola sauce*

Eggplant Parmesan \$15

- *Over bucatini pasta with house marinara*



USGA Rules of Golf Update for 2023

The R&A and USGA have made 5 key changes to the rules of golf. A few of these more than likely will not apply to everyday play, but there are a couple of changes you may run into on the course.

Ball Moved by Natural Forces – A new exception provides that a ball which has been dropped or placed, and subsequently moves or rolls out of its original placement due to natural forces, must be replaced with no penalty.

Back-on-the-Line Relief – A commonly used procedure for penalty area and unplayable ball relief is the 'back-on-the-line' relief. The original rule states that you may drop as far back as you want on a straight line between the hole and where the ball crossed the margin of a hazard, after taking a one-stroke penalty. With the 2023 change, the ball may still be dropped on the line, and may now be played after coming to rest within one club length on either side of the line.

For a summary of the 2023 rules changes, please [click for details](#).

Golf Instruction

Please [click for details](#) for a list of our current instructional offerings for 2023. We may have additional clinics throughout the season. If you would like to register yourself, or a junior, you may do so through the Club calendar or by sending an email to golfshop@stoningtoncountryclub.com.

Stay warm!

Justin Turner, PGA

Head Golf Professional

covers are very expensive, and I appreciate the investment that the club has made to provide a higher quality driving range tee. Having said that, walking on these covers can damage them so please refrain from doing so. Our team will be monitoring the cover to be certain it stays tacked down and the turf underneath doesn't become too hot. One of the covers extends into the driving range. We will be cutting this cover and utilizing it across the golf course. The first area to repair will be the short game green. Our plan will be to aerate, overseed, fertilize and topdress then utilize the cover across the green. The cover helps promote germination as it increases the soil temperatures under the cover. We will continue to use these covers wherever possible as they are a great tool to help aid recovery on areas that may become damaged in the future.

Lastly, the winter tree removal program is still on-going. There are currently less than five trees to remove and still two to be removed with contractor assistance. We have roughly twenty stumps to grind and pruning on several holes on the back nine. Overall, we've accomplished a good amount of our winter list, but have many items that have still not begun. Some of those items include tee leveling, aeration of all playing surfaces, short game bunker renovation, painting and staining of on course supplies and irrigation repairs. We have a lot of work to complete and hope the weather cooperates and allows us to complete many of these projects.

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