

# The Tallwood Tradition

**April 2021**

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## **The President's Corner**

The TMC 2021 season officially kicked off with the Spring General Membership meeting on Monday, April 5, followed by the Spring Classic on Saturday, April 10. Our first official social event of the year was marked by great weather, a competitive field, three gross eagle skins and a cowboy boot filled with tequila (Hmmm...). Congratulations to the Gross winning team of Rob Bartha, Kevin Kokoszka, Jim Funderburk and Ron Weil and to the Net winning team of Paul Signorello, Kim Aderman, Ray Embury and Elliott Solomon. Thanks to the Social Committee, Eric, Allie, and Donna for making this a great event.

Upcoming events include the Mother's Day tournament on Saturday, April 24 and Match Play I on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2. Qualifying dates for the Pro's Trophy have been moved to May 8 or May 9 (either day, but not both) to better accommodate our schedule.

Our membership roster is recovering after the challenging 2020 season. To date, we stand at 199 full-time members with several additional 2020 members expected to renew for 2021. We have approximately 30 new members this year. Please make it a point to reach out. Remember – we were all new members once!

It was great to see some new faces at the sign-in tables for the Spring Classic. We are particularly encouraging our younger members to become involved in Club activities and the best way to do that are through the Social Committee. Please see any BOD or Social Committee member if you have interest in helping.

We will be observing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club in a combined season-ending event on Saturday, October 23. Lifetime Member John Nowobilski is reaching out for memorabilia, particularly photographs that can be displayed during the event. If anyone has any items of interest, please mark and deliver them to the Pro Shop. They will be returned safely.

***Bob Wahlberg - President***

## Membership

*“Cinderella story. Outta nowhere. A former greenskeeper, now, about to become the Masters champion. It looks like a mirac...It's in the hole! It's in the hole! It's in the hole!” - Carl Spackler (Bill Murray) – from the movie - **Caddie Shack***

*“I read the news today – Oh, boy  
Four-thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire  
And although the holes were rather small  
They had to count them all  
Now they know how many holes it takes to fill the Albert Hall” - A day in the Life - The Beatles*



Jim Bidwell hit his usual drive, down the right side of 12, with a little draw back to the fairway and this is where the ball wound up. This time of year, he could move the ball out of the crater, but when we get into summer and we start playing the ball as it lies and playing, as Kenny Comerford likes to refer to it, “real golf” then Jimmy would have had a problem.

We all know when we take a divot. Is it really all that difficult and bothersome to **replace the divot** right then? When it happened and by the person who made the hole? We see many divots playing in the later times of the Men's Club and many of them are fresh. So, it isn't “other” people making these holes, it is the Men's Club.

So please, for the sake of your own club, **replace and fix the divots YOU make.** While you are at it when you get to the green, **fix your ball marks.** We only hurt ourselves by not doing these simple tasks.

At this time, we have **192 members** in the Tallwood Men's Club. This includes 31 new members.

**William and David Wolf** have joined existing members **Curtis and Kyle**, so I suppose this gives us our very own Wolfpack.

Additional new members joining the Men's Club family include:

**Andre Roy** of South Glastonbury

**Jon Golas** of Manchester

**Jim Bolger** of Coventry

**Todd Chmielewski** of Marlborough

**Bruce Bailey** of Hebron

**Patrick Shea** of Vernon

**Greg Horn** of Amston

**Jeff Klemyk** of Manchester

And finally, **Chris Berube** of Glastonbury who claims to be friends with **Jim Booth.** That is brave of you to admit to that, Chris, because many Men's Club members will not. (wink, wink)

The growth of new members is encouraging but I would like to invite all existing members to extend greetings and friendship to the new guys. So, if you see someone that is unfamiliar to you, on the practice green or driving range, take the time to say hello and get to know them.

Who knows you just might be meeting a new long-term friend? And we can never have too many of those.

*Thank you for being a friend*

*Traveled down the road and back again*

*Your heart is true, you're a pal and a confidant*

*I'm not ashamed to say*

*I hope it always will stay this way*

*My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow? - **Andrew Gold***

***Jim Bourn***

***179 Hamilton Drive***

***Vernon, CT 06066***

***Attn: TMC Membership***

***Membership Director***

## **Social**

Our Tallwood Men's Club 2021 Social calendar is officially underway, with the successful completion of the Spring Classic. The weather was optimal for spring golf, and Nips were provided to take the chill off the morning. Donna's shaved Rib-eye sandwich was available to help fortify all 64 participants and was to her standard, delicious! It was enjoyable to see the everyone having a good time as good shots were relived, and laughs were had. The Pro shop ran a very efficient tournament, with a quick turnaround time for results, as well as the raffle. Many thanks to Eric and Allie. Our next social event is the Scotch Ball I, which is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. So, grab your lady golfer (spouse, partner, aunt, niece, etc.) and join in a fun event where golf, and post round cook out will be provided. Our Event Captains are sure to make this another special event. Future communications will provide additional information.

See you on the 19th hole...

***Ron Krupa & Paul Castanho***  
***Co-Social Directors***

## **Handicap**

14 major tournaments are identified by (C) on the 2021 TMC Tournament Card for competition. Will be monitoring how someone does in Majors verses regular tournaments. GHIN is open for scores.

## **Tournament**

I would like to welcome the thirty new members to our Tallwood Men's Club. It is our hope you will all become life- long members.

A change was made this year to allow everyone to play from any teeing ground. I have noticed a few of these new members utilizing that flexibility. As the season progresses both BLUE TEE and WHITE/GOLD volume of players will increase.

Multiple flights will then be developed within each tee group. This in turn means better opportunities for players (both Blue and White/Gold) to earn pro-shop credit while competing against similar handicaps within their grouped flight.

Upcoming events like MATCH PLAY 1 allows 2-man teams of similar handicaps to enjoy a competitive round of golf while meeting new TMC friends. Governor's Cup, and Pro's Trophy events allow for similar experiences.

Mother's Day and Father's Day event prizes will be restaurant gift certificates.

This allows winners to share a night out with their significant others. A great opportunity to earn future golfing points.

***John Neligon***  
***Tournament Director***

## Pro Shop

Tallwood Pro Shop  
(860) 646-3437  
[www.tallwoodcountryclub.com](http://www.tallwoodcountryclub.com)

Dear Men's Club Members,

Welcome to the Spring Season. The New Golf Carts are here. The driving range has new matts, and the putting greens are open. With the warm weather here, the golf course is turning green and lush. Tallwood Country Club will be taking the necessary precautions to keep all the golfers safe. We will be wiping down the steering wheels on golf carts and wiping down the clubhouse on a regular basis. I hope 2021 is closer to normal and we have another excellent golf season.

The Demo days are here with all the big golf companies. Sign up for a professional fitting today. See Eric or Allsion to help you sign up.

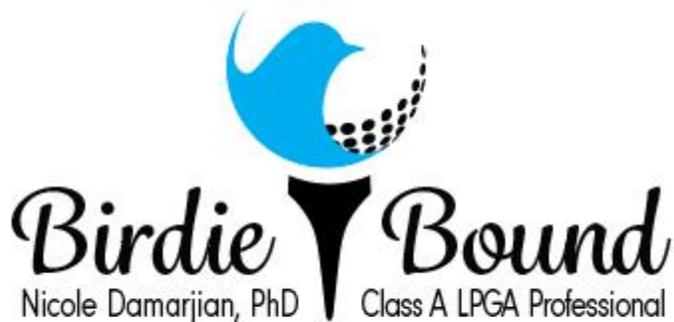
The McDermotts have added a few new perks to be a Tallwood Men's Club Member. There will be golf balls available on the driving range to warm up with when playing any Men's Club events. A handful of balls to get the body warmed up. They also added a free small bucket every time you play to anyone who purchases a season pass for 2021.

The pro shop is getting new equipment and clothing every day. See Eric for any special orders or any special requests.

Tallwood C.C. has a full repair shop to help with regripping and shaft repair with same day or the next service.

Make a Tee Time today and Tee it up with friends and Family!

*Sincerely,*  
*Eric DeStefano*  
*Director of Golf*  
*(860) 508-9365*



## The BirdieBound lesson tee is open for 2021!

Wishing everyone happy spring! Lots of news to share with you...**BirdieBound has a new website.** Many thanks to Pam Milller at PLMB Designs for her creative and technical expertise with the new website. There are many updates I hope you will enjoy:

- Schedule individual golf lessons online with the option to prepay with a credit card or PayPal.
- Register for a spring clinic or BirdieBound Academy online.
- Browse through the library of blog posts to sharpen your game.
- Shop for popular training aids with a discount code.

### What's open for ADULTS?

- Spring Special Topic Clinics on Saturday April 17 and April 24
- LPGA 101 series for new golfers
- Women's Academies on May 20 and June 10

### What's open for JUNIORS?

- BirdieBound Junior Academies
- LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf
- Tallwood Junior Summer League and Clinics

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[PLEASE VISIT THE NEW WEBSITE AND SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!](#)



Tired of playing with clubs from the Jurassic Era?  
Spring Club Fitting Days:

April 15 (Thursday) TAYLORMADE 2:00-6:00

April 21 (Wednesday) MIZUNO 2:00-6:00

April 28 (Wednesday) CALLAWAY 4:00-7:00

May 5 (Wednesday) TITLEIST 2:00-3:30

All fitting days are FREE, but you must call the proshop to reserve a time  
(860-646-1151).



Did you know one of the best ways to improve your game is to play regularly? Check out some of the opportunities Tallwood has for you!

- Tallwood offers a season pass for both adults and juniors
- Tallwood has both a 9 and 18-hole Women's League on Tuesday mornings
- Tallwood has an 18-hole Men's league on Saturday & Sunday mornings
- Tallwood has a 9-hole Junior League on Mondays during summer vacation
- Tallwood has all new mats on the driving range for 2021!

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[Visit Tallwood's Website to learn more!](#)



Want to join a league, but worried you might not know all the rules? Don't let it hold you back! Dive in and learn a few of the most common rules. For example, [do you know what to do if you lose your ball or hit it out of bounds?](#) Check out the video...you'll be chairing the rules committee in no time!

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Curious about the rules in a bunker? Grab your popcorn and watch one more video!



**TALLWOOD MEN'S CLUB**  
**2021 MATCH PLAY I**  
**Saturday / Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> + May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**FORMAT**

- 1) Two-man Best Ball Match Play
- 2) Four teams per flight; flights determined by total handicap.
- 3) Four nine-hole matches, two on Saturday and two on Sunday,
- 4) Round Robin in first 3 matches. Match 4: 1<sup>st</sup> will play 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> will play 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5) All matches are played scratch (except last flight)
- 6) Partners' handicaps must be within five strokes. A difference of greater than five will result in the reduction of the higher handicap to meet the five-stroke maximum.
- 7) **Flights 1 and 2 will be played from the Blue Tees. The last flight will be played from the Gold Tees, all other flights will be played from the White Tees.**

**Entry fee per Team is: \$40.00**

**Green fees for both rounds must be paid on Saturday**

If you do not have a partner, send your entry form and fee (\$20) and you will be paired if possible.

**Entry Fee includes: Drink and Food Tickets for Saturday**

**\*\* Participation in this event will be limited to the first 32 paid team entries received \*\***

Make check payable to: **Tallwood Men's Club**

Mail entry form to: TALLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
Attention: 2021 Match Play I  
91 North Street  
Hebron, CT 06248

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check here if you want to reserve a cart: Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. \_\_\_\_\_