

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

- **2021 Memberships** now available.
- Purchase your membership by 1/1/2021 to lock in a standing tee time and receive 3 Greens Fees Free!
- **The Pro Shop is OPEN** for holiday shopping! See page 3 for details.
- **Subscribe to club updates** by visiting our website at [www.ccofbarre.com](http://www.ccofbarre.com) and select **Join Our E Club** in the top right corner

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# Country Club of Barre

DECEMBER, 2020

## Looking Back on the 2020 Season

*That's a wrap. On November 1, CCB closed for the winter, after a season that may have proven to be CCB's most challenging yet. The Board of Directors would like to extend our thanks to all of the wonderful CCB staff that made this season possible.*

*This year, nearly 18,000 rounds of golf were played at CCB, including over 11,000 member rounds, 4,000 greens fee rounds, and an assortment of 9-hole and tournament rounds.*

*Unfortunately, the pandemic did not allow for the outings we are accustomed to, including sponsored tournaments, couples outings, and clinics, but we look forward to a return of these events in 2021.*

*Despite the lack of rain and other COVID related challenges, Billy, Mitch, and the rest of their crew once again provided us with some of the best course conditions in the state. While other courses burned out and the grass yellowed, Billy and crew adapted their water maintenance strategies to literally save the course and make sure CCB remained playable.*



*In their first year at CCB, Peter, Karla and the rest of their staff were faced with a unique set of circumstances. Fortunately, they were up to the challenge and used it as an opportunity to greet members and guests on the tee box and build the relationships many of us enjoy as members at CCB. Although COVID made it difficult to have a fully stocked pro shop, Peter and Karla were willing to order whatever members needed and kept all the day to day necessities in stock.*

*A special thanks to the rest of the club staff that made CCB a safe, enjoyable place to escape and play golf this summer.*

## What's in Store for 2021

Construction of the new 9th tee box is underway. The goal is to have it playable by spring.

During the annual work bee, the far left area of the practice range was extended to limit the loss of range balls and open up target areas. Thank you to all who helped.

Membership prices have been adjusted to ensure that CCB will be able to maintain its reputation as a premier public course in VT while keeping costs competitive with other local clubs. The CCB board is happy to announce that we will be **offering the option for monthly installment plans** for the 2021 season.

See page 2 for 2021 pricing.

The pro shop is excited to be offering a full assortment of your golf and apparel needs in the summer of 2021. Also, see page 3 for holiday shopping opportunities at the pro shop over the next month.

Subject to COVID restrictions, expect more outings including sponsored tournaments, couples events, ladies golf, and junior clinics.

## 2021 Membership Update

**2021 Memberships  
are available now!**

**Contact the  
Pro Shop  
802-476-7658**

**Pay in full by January 1, 2021** and receive 3 free Greens Fees and one standing tee time for 2021.

**Pay in full by March 1, 2021** and receive one standing tee time for 2021.

Amenities are also available for purchase for the 2021 season. Contact the pro shop or visit the CCB website for more details.

If you paid for a locker or bag room storage for the 2020 season, you do not need to pay again for 2021. The payment you made in 2020 will carry over to the 2021 season.

**To help minimize transaction costs for the club, please consider paying for your membership**

**by check to avoid significant credit card processing fees.**

We are happy to announce that we will be offering monthly payment plans for all membership levels except for the Graduate and Junior options. An additional processing fee of 5% will be included to offset transaction costs. Please contact the pro shop for more details or to sign up.

See the Board of Directors update on page 3 for more details regarding membership pricing changes for 2021.

Membership Level	Price (Rate + Tax)
Welcome	<b>\$1,100</b> (\$1,037.74 + \$62.26)
Adult Single (Ages 36-69 as of 4/15/2021)	<b>\$1,680</b> (\$1,584.90 + \$95.10)
Senior (Must be age 70 prior to 4/15/2021)	<b>\$1,355</b> (\$1,278.30 + \$76.70)
Associate I (Ages 24-29 as of 4/15/2021)	<b>\$1,100</b> (\$1,037.74 + \$62.26)
Associate II (Ages 30-35 as of 4/15/2021)	<b>\$1,355</b> (\$1,278.30 + \$76.70)
Graduate (Ages 19-23 as of 4/15/2021)	<b>\$640</b> (\$603.78 + \$36.22)
Junior (Ages 0-18 as of 4/15/2021)	<b>\$300</b> (\$283.02 + \$16.98)
9-Holes	<b>\$1,140</b> (\$1,075.47 + \$64.53)

## Superintendent's Corner

**Thank you to Billy,  
Mitch, and Crew  
for another great  
year of course  
conditions at CCB!**

The fall Workbee was a success! Attention was given to clearing trees on the back left of the range and many golf balls were recovered for next spring.

Thanks to all who helped out this fall!

The warm weather gave Billy and Mitch great conditions to get the course to bed, finishing aerification of the fairways and tee boxes, installing greens covers, and flushing out the water system for the winter.

The Club began work on the 9th Tee with help from donated equipment from Paul Systo. The tees have been shaped, topsoil hauled in and rough graded, and the water line has been run for future irrigation heads.



Top: Looking down the 9th fairway from the new tee box.



Left: Front to back view of the new 9th hole tee box.



New pavement in front of the first tee box and extending the cart parking area.



The Club also had some paving done around the first tee box. These projects are possible with partnerships with local companies Pike Industries and Johnson Paving with no out of pocket cost to the club.

Lastly, there will be some white pine trees removed this fall/winter. The majority of trees to be removed are causing excessive shade during the winter months resulting in damage to the greens.

Membership notice was sent out by the Board of Directors in October, and several members accepted the invitation to contact Josh Magnan with comments and suggestions.

## Updates from the Pro



All ProVI & AVX on sale for  
\$40 per dozen + tax

### Pro Shop Hours:

Tues thru Fri

by appointment only!

Schedule an appointment at:  
[proshop@ccofbarre.com](mailto:proshop@ccofbarre.com)

We are looking forward to an exciting 2021 with more tournaments and special events. The winter months can be a difficult time for all golfers. Spend some time and focus on the two most important things you can do inside your house with minimal investment. Stretching and walking daily is the key to a staying golf ready. Also, consider purchasing a putting mat that can help you with your stroke. One recommendation for putting is the "Perfect Practice" Putting Mat. They come in three different sizes and include other training devices

that will help your putting. I realize most everyone wants to hit balls to stay sharp, but believe me, better putting will lower scores when the long game is not sharp. Look for the 2021 CCB Tournament book which will be coming out shortly after the holiday season.

Wishing All of You a Very Safe and Joyous Holiday Season

Happy Holidays

Peter Finnegan

Head PGA Professional



*The Pro Shop  
will remain open  
through the end  
of the year for  
all of your  
holiday  
shopping needs!  
Schedule an  
appointment  
today.*

## Board of Directors Update

Notes from the board regarding membership pricing changes for 2021.

In order to maintain the course, including managing our debt, while staying competitive with other local courses, membership pricing needed to be updated.

We need to be able to sustain a budget of \$650,000, which includes debt service on a large inherited mortgage and funds to repair and replace older equipment needed to keep the course in excellent condition.

In 2020, about half of the needed revenue came from membership dues, while a quarter came from greens fees and about 20% came from cart rentals.

Given that this was a COVID year, the club was way up on greens fee revenue and way down on tournament revenue. We also received some one-time assistance through the PPP federal program.

To meet our budget needs, we need increased revenue from some combination of increased membership, sponsored tournaments, donations, advertis-

ing, and possibly other sources. Although a few sponsored tournaments may cause some inconveniences for the membership, we all benefit from the revenue they provide.

### Looking to get involved?

There is an opening on the CCB Board of Directors. If interested, send a brief bio and email expressing interest to: [countryclubofbarre@gmail.com](mailto:countryclubofbarre@gmail.com)

Want to be involved, but not on the board? Subscribe to our E Club for updates and volunteer opportunities.

## Fairways and Greens

Join us for Sunday Brunch!

Bloody Mary...

Traditional Mimosa ...

Apple Cider Mimosa ...

Serving 9am-3pm!

Please call 505-4023 or 371-9826 for reservations!



### Current Winter Hours:

Thursday	4-9pm
Friday	4-9pm
Saturday	11:30-9pm
Sunday Brunch	9-3pm

Check out our Facebook to view our menus and stay up to date with specials.!

<https://www.facebook.com/fairwaysandgreensvt>



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**Our mission: To provide our membership, their families and guests with a professional golfing experience with friendly recreational and social activities while preserving the heritage of the club.**

Founded in 1924, the Country Club of Barre is considered one of the “must play” courses in central Vermont. Nestled in the rolling hills of Plainfield Vermont, the Country Club of Barre offers a unique and rewarding golf experience.

You will experience not only golf at its finest, but scenic views of the beautiful Vermont landscape.

Our course is designed with all players in mind, from the beginner to the experienced, from the high handicap to the low handicap, all levels of experience will find the course challenging and rewarding.

Our pro-shop is well stocked with all of the amenities you would expect. Our PGA Professional and staff are always ready to assist you and to make your experience enjoyable.

After your round, relax and take advantage of the delicious menu and full beverage service offered at Fairways and Greens. Didn't play golf? No worries, grab the family and join us for a relaxed dinner in a comfortable and safe atmosphere. Nice day? Reserve a spot outside and enjoy the beautiful weather.

## CCB Board and Staff

### Board of Directors

President:

Jordan Villa

Vice President:

Josh Magnan

Treasurer:

Tom Collins

Interim Secretary:

Peter Weinbaum

Greens: Eric Lajeunesse, Greg MacDonald, Josh Magnan, Ryan Knapp

House: Shawn MacAuley, Jeremy Parker, Ryan Knapp

Finance: Tom Collins, Jeremy Parker, Jordan Villa, Peter Weinbaum, Greg MacDonald

Tournament/Membership: Kent Bigglestone, Jeff Dukette, Peter Weinbaum

### Maintenance

Superintendent:

Billy Evans

Assistant Superintendent:

Mitch Evans

Foreman:

Mark Miller

Crew: Roger Rivard, Richard Grenier, Troy Evans, Ken Geider, Bruno Lacroix, Bryson Richards, Nelson Eaton, Jim Richards

### Pro Shop

Head PGA Professional:

Peter Finnegan

Golf Shop Manager:

Karla Finnegan

