

Country Club of Barre

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

- **DID YOU KNOW?**
CCB offers monthly payment plans!
- Couples can now receive a 25% discount on a membership!
- Potential 18th green renovations
- Many exciting course updates from the Superintendent
- Subscribe to club updates by visiting our website at www.ccofbarre.com and select Join Our E Club in the top right corner
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

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A New Look for the 18th Hole?

The greens committee is excited to announce we are starting to explore raising funds for a possible 18th green renovation!

This project has been on and off the club's radar since 2000. Work has begun to update the cost projections from years past and also update the design. This is a large project and not something we want to rush into. However it is one we feel we can manage in house. Not having to hire an architect or engineer will keep the costs within reach.

Adam Martin, past president of CC of Barre, has stepped up to head the fundraising campaign which

is looking to raise \$30,000. We will keep membership and the board informed as we move from our feasibility costs and initial designs, into a more formal project design and scope of work. We feel that most of the funds for this project can be raised within our strong membership base. Keep an eye out for membership notice and the opportunity for input and concerns.

Separate construction of a new 18th tee is underway in preparation for future VGA tournaments hosted by CCB. This is a donation based project with minimal cost to club. See below for pictures.



Before



During



After

2021 Membership Updates

Not ready to pay for your membership all at once? CCB is here to help.

The CCB board is happy to announce that we will be offering a monthly installment plan option for the 2021 season.

Here's how it works.

Memberships are broken down into a 10 month payment period from January thru October. To start, you pay a down payment pro-rated to January plus an additional processing fee to cover the monthly transactions. For example, if you start in April, you would pay 4 months plus the processing fees up front, and then pay the remaining balance in 6 installments which will automatically be deducted from the card on file.

Have you heard about our new couple's membership rates?

Couples who join together receive a 25% discount on a membership of equal or lesser value!! A "couple" includes spouses or domestic partners who live in the same household.

Please contact the pro shop for more details or to sign up.

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

Tentative Calendar of Events — 2021



CCB Member Events

- May 22-23 — Maurice Kelly
- June 26/27 — CCB Member Member
- July 17/18 — CCB Member Guest
- August — CCB 6-6-6 Tournament
- August — Parent/Child Championship
- August 28/29 — Club Championship
- September — Green Mountain Shootout
- October — Turkey Scramble

Sponsored Events

- May 14 — Chamber of Commerce
- June 13 — VGA State AM Qualifier
- June 19 — NVU Outing
- August 17 — VSWGGA State Date
- August 25 — VGA State Day

**All dates are tentative
based on state and course
COVID guidelines**

Special Events

- June 6 (range only) — TaylorMade DEMO day
- June 11 (range only) — Ping DEMO day
- June 25 — Couples nine and dine
- July 3-4 — Par Three Fireworks
- August 20 — Couples nine and dine

Many more great events are in the works including ladies golf, couples outings, and junior clinics.

Keep an eye out for updates!

CCB has been staying busy this winter. The course has provided many winter activities such as x-country skiing, snowshoeing, sliding and snowmobiling.



One of many groomed trails throughout the course

Superintendent's Corner

As March soon approaches, we have certainly experienced a true Vermont winter thus far. Two plus feet of snow currently blankets our golf course providing plenty of protection to our turf.

Now is the time we bring each piece of equipment into our maintenance facility. Preventive maintenance, repairs and reel sharpening is performed. Each piece is gone through thoroughly in preparation of the upcoming season. Maintenance is critical to the performance and life of each piece.

April will be a very busy month for the maintenance staff, with quite a bit of clean up from tree removals and pine branches that are down from some heavy snow load. Final grading and sodding of our 9th tee will be addressed along with some much needed irrigation work

Shown right:

View of the 8th and 9th holes showing the 4 trees to potentially be removed and replaced with native fescue



In addition to routine maintenance, there have been discussions about potential tree removal between the 8th and 9th holes. The short pines will be removed and that area will be seeded with native fescue. There are multiple reasons for this project.

1. Maintenance costs grow each year as the trees drop branches and become larger and more expensive to cut down. 2. As the trees canopy grows each year the turf surrounding the tree is stressed to compete for nutrients and sunlight. 3. The trees were never an integral part of the hole design but simply planted many years later to help distinguish the boundaries. 4. With the OB stakes removed after building the new 8th tee box, these trees are less needed to keep people from driving it down the 9th hole. Instead, native fescue will be grown in the same area to dissuade longer hitters from playing it down 9 on purpose. 5. The aesthetics after removing these trees will enhance the entire area and allow native grass to grow as the hole was originally designed. Growing fescue in this area will save the course resources because it won't need to be mowed nearly as often.

Updates from the Pro

CCB Friends,

We are rapidly moving through March. Lots of golf on TV and some names we know well and some names we do not know so well are winning on the Tours. The next big tournament will be The Players in March. We all know what comes after that in April.

When you have twenty minutes grab your golf bag from the garage. Time to evaluate the golf balls in your bag. Maybe this year is the season to play just one brand of golf ball. Still unsure which ball you should be using? We can recom-

mend a ball to maximize the best part of your game. Another part of really getting ready for Spring is checking the condition of your grips. On Monday, April 5th we will be starting our grip service in the CCB Pro Shop.

We will be by appointment only. Email proshop@ccofbarre.com to arrange your time. We can order any style of grips you want just contact us for pricing.

We are extremely excited to get the 2021 Golf Season going and hoping for an early Spring. Looking forward to seeing everyone at CCB.

We're also excited to offer PGA Jr. League this season! You can sign up now for PGA Jr. League at Country Club of Barre! CCB PGA Jr. League is open to boys and girls ages 13 and under of all skill levels – no golf experience required! You can also visit PGAJrLeague.com and follow @pgajrleague on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more.

[Click here to join our team!](#)

Peter Finnegan
Head PGA Professional



**Opening day is
right around
the corner!**

**Keep an eye
out for the
spring work
bees!**

Board of Directors Update

Would you like to share your ideas without the commitment of being on the board?

We are looking for CCB members to join us for some informal meetings regarding membership retention and recruiting. It's never too early to think about the future. The CCB board is always looking for fresh perspectives and input from members on how to keep CCB the premiere public course in Central VT. If interested, email Jeffdukette@gmail.com for more info.

Club Updates

Keep an eye out for spring work bees opportunities. Things will look a little different this year. Anticipate a few different projects spread out over a few weekends. Sign ups will be sent out as we get closer to opening day.

Looking to join the board?

There is an opening on the CCB Board of Directors. If interested, send a brief bio and email expressing interest to: countryclubofbarre@gmail.com by 3/31/2021.

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

Fairways and Greens



We are open:

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

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

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

We would like to thank Billy & Mitchell Evans, all the members of the local Sno-Bees, and all our great patrons on sleds and in cars that helped us get through our second winter here at the club.

For those of you out of state or haven't felt comfortable venturing out this winter we will be making our Sunday brunch a permanent item here at Fairways & Greens.

Fairways
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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

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, Troy Evans, Ken Geider, Bruno Lacroix, Bryson Richards, Nelson Eaton, Jim Richards

Pro Shop

Head PGA Professional:

Peter Finnegan

Golf Shop Manager:

Karla Finnegan

Staff:

Joe Choquette

