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## SPOTLIGHT

# WELCOME JORDAN!

Great River Golf Club is proud to announce Jordan Cherebetiu as our new Assistant Director of the Tom Rosati Golf Academy. Originally from Rapid City, South Dakota, Jordan's athletic prowess is clear after reviewing just a few of her athletic accomplishments: USGA Public Links quarterfinalist, 1999 and 2000; South Dakota Female Golfer of the Year, 1997, 1998 and 2000; Rapid City Female Athlete of the Year, 1996, 1997 and 1999. And the list goes on...



With dreams of playing on the LPGA Tour, Jordan amassed 18 top-25 finishes on the Duramed Futures Professional Golf Tour and earned fully-exempt LPGA status for the 2005 season by finishing T24th at LPGA Qualifying School, December 2004.

Jordan has made Tampa, Florida her home for the past seven years where she was the Director of Women's Golf for National Golf Schools.

She also has an unbeatable record at the very tough Fun-Time Mini-Golf Arcade in Tampa, so watch out for her on that putting green!

## SPRING IS HERE!

Our horticulturalist, Vicki Killian, planted over 6000 bulbs last fall. Hopefully you all will be blown away by her efforts to continually beautify the property.

The new face in our Turf Management team is Robert Capecalatro. Rob is a graduate of Michigan State University's Turfgrass Management program.

He has completed 2 internships, most recently at The Los Angeles Country Club and previously here at Great River. He is excited to join our team once again and continue growing Great River's reputation.



## 2009: THE FOCUS IS GOLF

Tired of the economic and political news? We were, so we opened three weeks early this year! The first day of spring to be exact. Welcome back to what will be a great season.

We had the honor of garnering the 57<sup>th</sup> spot (up 12 places!) in the Golf Digest Top 100 Best Public Golf Courses in the country for 2009. Kudos to you and our staff for helping us achieve that honor.

Make a point to stop in and visit Tommy and check out the new look of the Tom Rosati Golf Academy. Tommy must have received a government stimulus check because the gadgets for the learning center keep showing up, like the simulator and flat-screen TV. Try them out! And, as you can see from the cover, we are happy to have Jordan on our professional staff.

Our second wine tasting dinner is coming up in May. Sign up early, the first tasting we did in February was a big success. Check the new web calendar for the date.

Enjoy the 2009 season and try to ignore the economic and political noise. And remember: "Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

True in life and in golf! Welcome back.



## GREAT RIVER GOLF ACADEMY

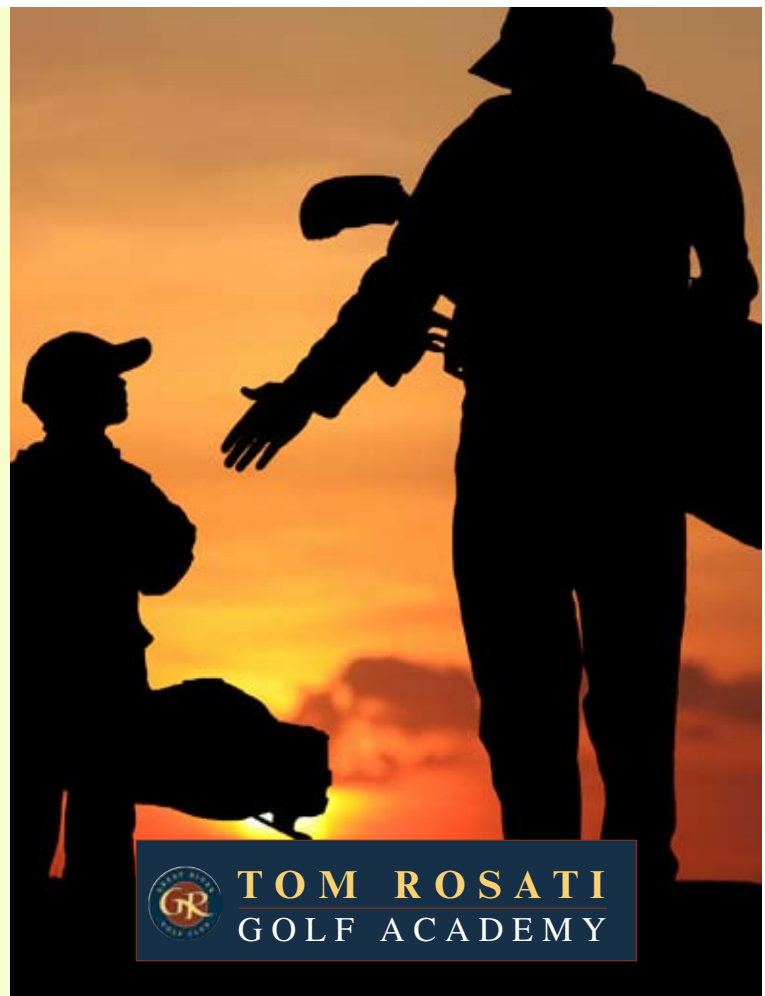
### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY BETTER GOLF?

The Tom Rosati Golf Academy at Great River Golf Club works with over 300 students during the course of the year. A 21-year PGA veteran, Tom was asked about the success of the Academy.

"Our success has four components," said Rosati, "one, we teach at what is arguably the best golf property in the state. Two, we have cutting edge technology including computerized digital swing analysis, launch monitors, golf simulators, indoor hitting stations and putting surface, a 12-acre practice facility with 2 putting greens, short game course and 3 practice bunkers." "Three, the multi-tiered achievement programs we have created over my 21 years of teaching, have maximized each student's ability beyond their expectations and instilled a love and appreciation for the game."

"Lastly, and most importantly, we have a staff that shares my passion for teaching the game of golf."

The Academy features day camps and clinics for all ages and abilities. Call to register today. For more information on the Academy's 2009 Golf Programs at Great River, call (203) 876-8051 or go to [www.GreatRiverGolfClub.com](http://www.GreatRiverGolfClub.com)



**TOM ROSATI**  
GOLF ACADEMY

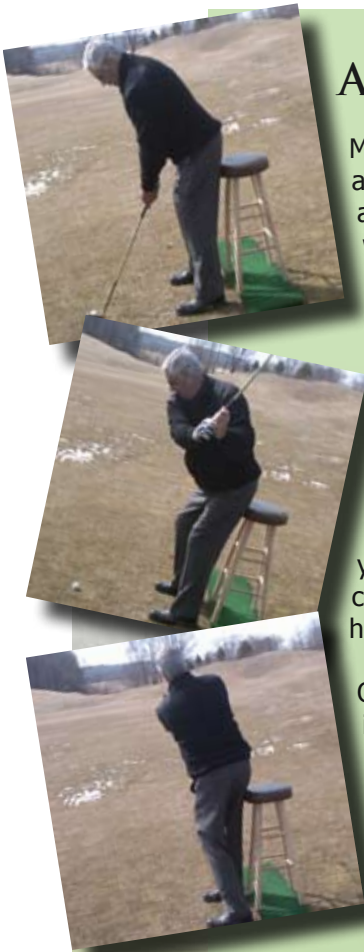
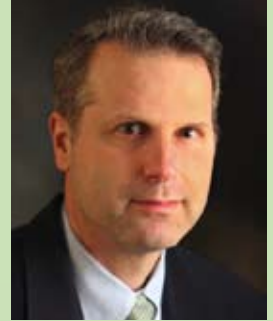
## ADVICE FROM THE PRO'S

Many times while you're watching a tournament on TV you'll hear an announcer critique a player's swing. Occasionally you'll hear them talk about a player "losing his spine-angle," but they never really explain what the heck that means and how the heck do you get it back?

In laymen's terms, it simply means you "pick your head up," but to understand it thoroughly and how to solve the problem it has to be explained in more detail. When you address the ball ("Hello Ball!"), you set-up with your back angled at a certain tilt depending on what club you're using. For example, your driver will have less tilt than an eight iron because the driver's longer and you are standing taller. The tilt you establish in your set-up must remain constant throughout 80% of the swing. The last 20% of your swing, or at the very end of your follow through, is when you should naturally straighten a bit. Any changing of the tilt in your back is a devastating move and can occur on the backswing as well as the downswing. I could go on forever about the bad scenarios that result from this move, but the big question is how do you fix it?

One good drill that I've used with many students involves a stool about 34 inches tall. Place it just underneath the student's rear-end at address. The object is to make the student keep part of his or her rear-end on the stool throughout most of their swing. The feeling is that your rear-end would roll on the stool as you pivoted back and through the swing.

I used my friend Al as the model because he had this problem and this drill really helped him stay down through the shot and helped his iron play tremendously. Plus he has a really BIG rear-end. In conclusion, if you are one of those players who are always complaining about "picking your head up," you are really just losing your spine angle, so you better try this drill. Better yet, see Jordan or me to help you correct this or other golf challenges.



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT: *Sean Flynn / Golf Course Superintendent*

Yes, we have gone and aerated the greens-again. I frequently get asked why we "ruin" the greens. Aeration is a process by which a core is removed from the playing surface and a channel is created. After the core has been removed from the surface, we use sand topdressing to modify the soil. Sand is used because it drains well and does not easily compact. The core that is removed is primarily thatch. Thatch is organic matter that builds in the soil from dead or decaying roots, stolons, clippings, and leaf shoots. Thatch acts like a sponge prohibiting water, oxygen and nutrients from getting to the soil and eventually the roots. As we all know, water, oxygen and fertility coupled with sunlight is the basis for mostly all plant life.

Our greens are mowed at .125 inches (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch) which means there is a very fine line between life and death. As you can imagine, compaction can become a serious issue if not addressed. Aeration is the process by which compaction is alleviated. During the summer when it is 90 degrees and we have anywhere between 150 and 200 golfers walking across every green, it could be quite stressful for not only the grass, but for those of us that have to keep it alive too. Consider the same scenario for any plant. Aeration is the necessary step to ensure healthy grass during the stressful time in the summer.

So, next time the thought runs through your mind that the greens are "ruined," just remember we are just trying to make them better!



CHEF'S CORNER: *Executive Chef Dan Scinto*WELCOME TO  
MONTY'S RIVER GRILLE!

I am happy to be sharing my 6th year as Executive Chef here at Monty's River Grille at the Great River Golf Club. My passion for food and my desire to share new flavors and food experiences with our guests bring about our new 2009 menus.

The vertical pear salad with watercress features candied walnuts, crumbled Roquefort cheese with a lemon ginger and honey dressing. Sweet, savory, tart and delicious. If you'd like the recipe for this impressive yet easy dish, please email me at [info@grgolfclub.com](mailto:info@grgolfclub.com).

Paring flavors and textures, as in our new Panko and almond crusted lemon sole fillet with a Valencia orange compound butter, is a wonderful example of those pairings. A favorite of mine is the Yuzu soy glazed calamari – a new twist on a traditional favorite. The "twist" is what makes the dish special. The taste makes it exciting. I hope our new menu encourages you to try new food experiences. Enjoy our Prix Fixe dinner menu Tuesday through Saturday, for a delicious 3 course meal at a delicious price in one of the state's premier restaurants. We invite you to experience the service you have come to expect and the quality you can count on.

At Monty's River Grille, we pair great menus with great delivery. Monty's features a wide range of dining options; from an elegant, yet reasonable, a la Carte Sunday Brunch (ask for a table on the patio!) to our Thursday evening Happy Hours (Ladies' League Nite!), to beautiful Saturday night sunset dinners overlooking our



MAY

Tuesday, May 5th Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar  
 Sunday, May 10th 10:00 am and 1:00 pm Mother's Day Brunch  
 Thursday, May 14th, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Ladies League Open House and Product Showcase  
 Friday, May 1st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Member Dinner / Dance – BR  
 Saturday, May 16th 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Tournament Club: Great River Open  
 Wednesday, May 27th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Member 9 and Dine – Monty's  
 Saturday, May 30th Northwestern Wine Dinner 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Mother's Day Sale:** May 3rd – 10th Mother's Day Sale: All women's apparel, shoes & accessories 25% off! All women's apparel, shoes & accessories 25% off!

**Multiples Sale:** May 24th - June 7th Buy 2 or more items - get 30% off (clubs & balls excluded)

JUNE

Thursday, June 4th 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm International Ceviche Bar  
 Tuesday, June 16th 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Monty's Jazz Dinner  
 Friday, June 5th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Member-Guest (Dinner in CR)  
 Saturday, June 13th 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Tournament Club: Team-It-Up Event  
 Saturday, June 20th 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Tournament Club: Skins +20 Event

**Father's Day Sale:** June 7th - 21st All men's apparel, footwear, accessories & golf bags 25% off

JULY

Friday, July 10th 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Outdoor Burrito Grille  
 Friday, July 24th 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Tropical Island Night  
 Saturday, July 11th 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Tournament Club: Pick-A-Tee Event  
 Wednesday, July 15th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Member 9 and Dine Happy Hour – Monty's  
 Saturday, July 25th 7:00 am – 3:00 pm Member – Guest (lunch in CR)

**Fourth of July Sale:** Any apparel with red and blue 30% off  
**Summer Sale:** July 26th - August 9th All shoes & apparel: Buy one - get 20% off. Buy 2 - get 30% off, Buy 3 or more - get 40% off!

AUGUST

Friday, August 14th 5:00 pm – 8:00p Asian Night  
 Friday, August 28th 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Live Jazz Dinner  
 Sat-Sun, Aug 1st-2nd 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Tournament Club: Great River Open  
 Sat, Sun, Sat Aug 15, 16, 22 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Club Championship  
 Thursday, August 20th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Member Happy Hour – Monty's



*Hold the date!*  
**IMUS RANCH**  
 for Kids with Cancer Event  
 September 16th, 2009  
**GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB**  
 3rd Annual Corporate Challenge  
 October 1st, 2009

AT YOUR SERVICE

"Take care of your guests as if they were your Mom!" All staff members start each day here at Monty's River Grille with that thought. Guest service is one of the keys to a great dining experience.

And don't forget our Snack Bar – We're very happy to have Marybeth back at her post managing the Snack Bar and Beverage Carts!

Make sure to say hello before you tee-off.

Marybeth will make sure you start your round with a smile!



## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE SHOPPING!

The spring 2009 season is well underway and the shop is full of new merchandise. Adidas, Cutter & Buck, Greg Norman, Ping, and Under Armour are the hot brands for 2009. Colors are vibrant and fabrics are technologically advanced. The most popular club lines for 2009 are TaylorMade and Callaway. Both lines are carrying drivers with interchangeable positions or shafts. TaylorMade's R9 driver has 9 different head positions and Callaway's FT models offer interchangeable heads and shafts. Our first Demo Day is TaylorMade on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-2:00. The following week is Callaway, so be sure to mark your calendars. We will run all Demo Days in May and June. Remember, if you buy anything at a Demo Day you will get an extra 10% discount which is the best price in the market.



The hottest golf balls for 2009 are the new Titleist ProV1 and ProV1X. Callaway has also launched the new Tour IX, HX Hot and Diablo balls. TaylorMade has the TP Black and TP Red, which are a better player's ball at a great price. We are running a new golf ball special for the 2009 season; Buy 1 dozen or more and you'll receive 10% off. ProV1 balls will be \$46.80/dozen before tax, TP balls will be \$36.00/dozen before tax, and IX Tour balls will be \$46.80/dozen before tax. Make sure you take advantage of this great special.



Footwear for this season will be Adidas and Ecco (arriving in May.) We will still be offering the Footjoy and Nike lines as special orders only. Footjoy offers a customizable golf shoe called My Joys. You can put initials/names and pick your colors and styles. If you are interested in designing your own shoes come and see Karin Attolino in the proshop. Don't forget if you can't find what you are looking for always ask we are happy to place special orders.

## CELEBRATE ALONG THE RIVER

Excellent service and quality dining are what you will experience at Monty's River Grille at the Great River Golf Club. Service and quality have made Monty's and Great River THE destination for your special events. Our elegant garden gazebo or beautiful waterfall are perfect spots for wedding ceremonies and memorable photos. Couple that with our Zagat-rated banquet offerings and you have your destination for anything from a sweet-sixteen party to a 200 person charity event!

