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From The Country Club of Barre
President Jeff Dukette

We are thrilled to announce that the Country Club of Barre is celebrating its 100th year anniversary! This incredible milestone is a testament to the enduring legacy and cherished memories shared by generations of our community. 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.



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| 1925. James B. Stewart | 1959. Dick Mulcahy | 1993. Dick Kelly |
| 1926. John M. Martin | 1960. Frank Wilson | 1994. Dick Kelly |
| 1927. William D. Howie | 1961. Dick Mulcahy | 1995. Brian Cain |
| 1928. James B. Stewart | 1962. Bob Stewart | 1996. Dick Kelly |
| 1929. James B. Stewart | 1963. Bob Sassony | 1997. Curry Huskies |
| 1930. James B. Stewart | 1964. Dick Kelly | 1998. Seth Parker |
| 1931. James B. Stewart | 1965. Bob Loso | 1999. Seth Parker |
| 1932. James B. Stewart | 1966. Bob Sassony | 2000. Brian Cain |
| 1933. Wendell S. Clough | 1967. Bob Sassony | 2001. Brian Cain |
| 1934. John F. Morris | 1968. Dick Mulcahy | 2002. Brian Cain |
| 1935. James B. Stewart | 1969. Dick Kelly | 2003. David Hall |
| 1936. Frank E. Woodruff | 1970. Bob Loso | 2004. Jay Zandleoniei |
| 1937. E. Conrad Sellberg | 1971. Dick Kelly | 2005. Jay Zandleoni |
| 1938. Max A. Holden | 1972. Dick Kelly | 2006. David Hall |
| 1939. Frank E. Woodruff | 1973. Silvio Nativi | 2007. David Hall |
| 1940. Albert E. Laign | 1974. Silvio Nativi | 2008. Bill Evans |
| 1941. Frank E. Woodruff | 1976. Dick Kelly | 2009. Ken Geider |
| 1942. E. Conrad Sellberg | 1977. Bob Loso | 2010. Gary Lavin y |
| 1944. James B. Stewart | 1978. Ed Michaels | 2011. Eric Lajeunesse |
| 1945. James B. Stewart | 1979. Dick Provost | 2012. Eric Lajeunesse |
| 1946. Frank E. Woodruff | 1980. Dick Kelly | 2013. Troy Evans |
| 1947. John A. Dever | 1981. Ed Corrigan | 2014. Troy Evans |
| 1948. Michael G. Ziter | 1982. Bill Keaton Jr. | 2015. Troy Evans |
| 1949. Alfred F. McKnight | 1983. Ed Corrigan | 2016. Troy Evans |
| 1950. Alfred F. McKnight | 1984. Roger Anton | 2017. Troy Evans |
| 1951. Richard S. Mulcahy | 1985. Dick Kelly | 2018. Eric Lajeunesse |
| 1952. Frank E. Woodruff | 1986. Dick Kelly | 2019. Eric Lajeunesse |
| 1953. Richard S. Mulcahy | 1987. Gary Lavin | 2020. Nelson Eaton |
| 1954. Robert L. Sassone | 1988. Bob Dukette | 2021. Mitchell Evans |
| 1955. Richard S. Mulcahy | 1989. Gary Lavin | 2022. Eric Lajeunesse |
| 1956. Frank Woodruff | 1990. Dick Kelly | 2023. Garrett Dukette |
| 1957. Dick Mulcahy | 1991. Mike Richardson | |
| 1958. Bob Stewart | 1992. Mike Richardson | |

WOMEN'S:

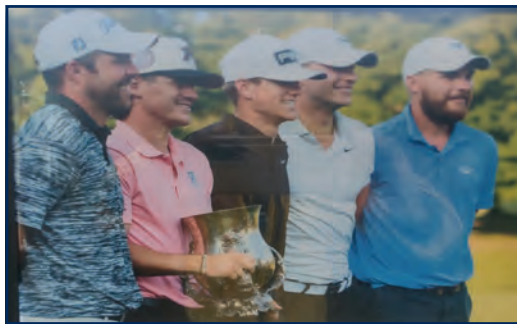
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| 1982. Shirley Tuholski | 2002. Kathy Kemp |
| 1983. Shirley Tuholski | 2003. Sue Bagley |
| 1984. | 2004. Sue Bagley |
| 1985. Marilyn Patton | 2005. Kathy Kemp |
| 1986. Marilyn Patton | 2006. Kim Wong |
| 1987. Holly Reynolds | 2007. Sue Bagley |
| 1988. Holly Reynolds | 2008. Sue Bagley |
| 1989. Marilyn Patton | 2009. Sue Bagley |
| 1990. Betty Hansen | 2010. Sue Bagley |
| 1991. Betty Hansen | 2011. Angela LaCroix |
| 1992. Karen Ryan | 2012. Kathy Kemp |
| 1993. Lisa Berridge | 2013. Kathy Kemp |
| 1994. Lisa Berridge | 2014. Sue Bagley |
| 1995. Marilyn Patton | 2015. Kathy Kemp |
| 1996. Marilyn Patton | 2017. Kathy Kemp |
| 1997. Marilyn Patton | 2018. Kathy Kemp |
| 1998. Deidra Howard | 2020. Carolyn Is |
| 1999. Kathy Kemp | 2021. Kathy Kemp |
| 2000. Kathy Kemp | 2022. Judy Ribolini |
| 2001. Kathy Kemp | 2023. Kathy Kemp |



Ollie Brault - 1st Golf Pro
1929-1931

Country Club of Barre PGA Professionals 1924 - 2024

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|--------------|----------------|
| Ollie Brault | Bill Ross |
| Jack Geals | Dave Christy |
| Babe Gingras | Roger King |
| Joe Broglio | John Goodchild |
| Bob Brannum | Dave Soucy |
| Gene Lavoie | Peter Finnegan |
| Tim Tomasi | Joe Dingleline |



2023 Vermont Amateur McCullough Cup Champions

What Others Say

Country Club of Barre enjoys a fabulous natural setting so far out in the country that a vast majority of first time visitors get lost looking for it. It includes views of Camels Hump and the backbone of the Green Mountains. There isn't a house visible from the entire course. Conventions are broken at every elevated tees far above greens and neither is easy. There's a par four of under 350 yards with a humpback fairway and deep woods on both sides and a blind green from 100 yards out. The Stiles holes are mixed in with other holes and it doesn't matter which are which, it holds together as a fun and challenging play.
- Bob Labbanca in an interview in Golf Club Atlas, 2008

For some years John and I and our friends Steve Norten and Elizabeth Grant were CCB members. We would always play late in the day and feel like CCB was our own private beautiful course.

On the first hole one evening Steve hit a power drive but lo and behold he and we couldn't find his ball. Only for John to discover his ball in the hole! It was unreported so I am trying to make up for that.
CCB is one of the best and prettiest courses in the country!

- Jana Bagwell

"My Lucky Day"

I started to play golf when I was 11. I lived in Massachusetts and my family moved to Barre in 1957 when I was 13. We arrived the night before our moving van arrived and stayed in a motel. The next morning, before going to our new home, my parents dropped me off at CCB. I guess it is true that my first home in Vermont was the Country Club. I was fortunate enough to call this place home for over 55 years.

We all have good days and bad days, happy days and sad days, but we should always remember we also have lucky days and I have always considered that day in June 1957 to be one of my luckiest days. I hope you will reflect on your first time here and maybe it will also be one of your luckiest days.

- Dick Kelly

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Country Club Of Barre 100th Year Anniversary Celebration



This incredible milestone is a testament to the enduring legacy and cherished memories shared by generations of our community.

To mark this momentous occasion, we organized a spectacular anniversary celebration at the Club on Saturday, June 29th.

Country Club of Barre Superintendents 1924 - 2024

Bill "Doc" Keaton

Doc moved to Barre from California in the mid 1950s after he graduated from veterinary school at Cornell. He loved golf and developed an immediate interest in the 9-hole Barre Country Club and volunteered his time towards the maintenance of the course for over 25 years. Doc was the course superintendent when the course expanded to 18 holes and was honored by the Club in 1976 for his efforts. Doc left CCB in 1984, one year before the VT Amateur was held in 1985, hosted by his son and successor, Billy Keaton.

Bill Keaton, Jr.

Bill worked summers at the club for as long as he could remember, picking rocks out of the fairways in his younger years and progressing to doing a little bit of everything maintenance related. Later on, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science from UVM in 1980 and attended the 8 week Winter School for Turf Managers at UMass Amherst in 1981. His first official season as the Superintendent was in 1981. While here, Bill ran the course while his wife, Tammi, ran the restaurant. They lived upstairs above the bar while friends, Bill and Doris Ann Ross also lived upstairs on the other side of the clubhouse. In his words, "What a wonderful life!!".

Billy Evans

Billy was born in Kearny, New Jersey. His family moved to Barre, VT when he was 8 years old where he learned to golf at age 12 beside his grandmother, Thelma. At age 16, his career on the golf course began at Northfield Country Club under the supervision of Mike Dukette. In the summer of 1980, Billy worked under Billy Keaton, Jr at the Country Club of Barre. Billy earned a business degree from Hesser College in New Hampshire followed by a Turf Grass Science Degree from Catawba Valley College in North Carolina. Following his education, he was Assistant Superintendent at Peach Tree Golf Club in Atlanta, GA from 1985 to 1987, the Assistant Superintendent at Race Brook Country Club in New Haven, CT from 1988 to 1990, and the Superintendent at Northfield Country Club from 1991 to 1994. Billy began his career at the Country Club of Barre in 1994 where he has worked for 30 years! Billy has three children: Katie, Mitchell, and Troy. Billy has the pleasure of working closely with his son, Mitchell, who is currently the Assistant Superintendent at CCB. Billy also has two grandchildren and lives in Barre with girlfriend, Heather, and Aussie, Calla.



June 29, 2024 Celebration



June 29, 2024 Celebration Shannon Alexander Photo



June 29 Celebration Shannon Alexander Photo



Shannon Alexander Photo
Remarks from Jeff Dukette, CCB President at June 29, 2024 Celebration



Shannon Alexander Photo
A few words from Billy Evans, current Course Superintendent



Steve Sawyer was a greenskeeper in the 1980's who shared stories from that era.



Guest speaker Kevin Mendik is a golf historian from Brae Burn, Massachusetts who wrote a biography on Wayne Stiles, the original architect of the "1924 course."



Roger Rivard
88 Years old and enjoying his 19th year on the greens staff at CCB.

About The Country Club of Barre!

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Men's League

League play offers opportunities to have fun, meet new people, and unwind from the day's activities in a weekly competitive, yet friendly, team environment. Men's league takes place weekly through August, featuring Tuesday 5:15 p.m. shotgun starts.

Women's League

We welcome all women to play in league on Wednesday evenings beginning May 29. Arrive by 5:00; play starts at 5:15. If you are not a member, pay the Pro Shop for greens fees. To register or to receive emails about League, email the pro shop or call 802 476-7658.

Nine and Dine

The next Nine and Dine is Friday, June 21. Register by Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Reserve Tee Times

To reserve tee times, contact the pro shop (802-476-7658) during business hours or make tee times here at any time.

The *Practice Range* is open from 8:00 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on weekends. Purchase tokens at the pro shop. Learn more.

Can you Volunteer to Help?

Even if you have only an hour or two, if you can help with tasks such as raking leaves, cutting brush, disposing of debris, filling divot holes, or picking range balls, please call Course Superintendent Bill Evans at 802 522-8353 to ask what you can do.

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