

PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

Shuttle Meadow has something for the whole family to enjoy

BERLIN

STAFF REPORT

Tucked away on the borders of Berlin and New Britain is the hidden golf course gem of Central Connecticut. Shuttle Meadow Country Club, at 51 Randecker's Lane, has been around for more than 100 years with close to 400 natural acres and 18-holes of sprawling greens offering the full country club experience.

"Members here not only get the opportunity to play a real classic gem, but we have one of the top-rated classic courses in the country," said Mark Bertolami, one of two former vice presidents of the club. "We have junior and Olympic-sized pools, three Har-Tru tennis courts, paddle tennis courts and miles of walking trails up through routes that people can take advantage of."

Designed by Willie Park Jr., a pioneer of golf course construction, the course has had a prestigious record of 35 players who have competed in or won U.S. Opens, British Opens and other major events, including Bobby Jones. Maintenance of the course is always a priority, Bertolami said.

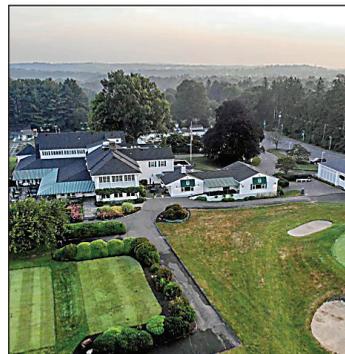
But as Bertolami noted, Shuttle Meadow is also a welcoming environment for families. Junior golf programs for kids from age four up to age 17, an active swim program of 60 to 70 kids and a junior tennis program are just some of the draws for club members and families.

"Golf is one of those games, the earlier you start that's the best way to build skill and ability," said Bertolami.

The club adds to the full experience with different fine and casual dining areas, and an outdoor patio with a fire pit that faces the course. WiFi throughout most of the entire facility, meeting space rooms that look out over the course with TV and projection options, and a ballroom with seating for 150 for members and referred guests are also available.

Different membership levels for the club are available, Bertolami said, from those who may have just graduated college, are empty nesters, who just want to dine or strictly play golf, play tennis and swim, or may even be snowbirds.

Completed in 2019 were major renovations, which included updating the pool



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deck, the addition of a children's playscape area, clubhouse modernization with more availability for casual dining, as well as more wedding, events, and outdoor dining options. Locker rooms were completely refurbished, and significant improvements were made to the golf course.

"I think we've managed to hold our own and do very well and I think a lot of that stems from the fact that we're not solely catering to golfers, we're catering to families that have a variety of different interests," said Bertolami.

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