

Discover

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY HUNT CLUB

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES





Live the Hunt Club Life

Welcome to the Fairfield County Hunt Club, Connecticut's premier, year-round, riding and country club located on 40 pastoral acres in picturesque Westport, Connecticut. Exclusive, yet inclusive - you are more than just a member at FCHC, you are part of our family where tradition, camaraderie, luxury, and leisure is woven into our fabric. FCHC is the perfect balance of old meets new with a thoughtfully renovated clubhouse that is both grand and intimate. Whether you are interested in our riding program, racquets sports, swimming, camp, dining or social events, we invite you to come experience our resort like amenities, bustling with family friendly activities.

PROFESSIONALLY MAINTAINED HAR-TRU TENNIS COURTS (8),
HEATED SWIMMING POOL (25 YARD, 6 LANE) & BABY POOL
LIGHTED PADDLE TENNIS COURTS (4)
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM, RIDING ACADEMY
POLO LESSONS & MATCHES
EQUESTRIAN FACILITY & INSTRUCTION









Clubhouse Dining & Special Events

The Fairfield County Hunt Club offers year round clubhouse dining. The Clubhouse facilities underwent a major renovation which was completed in December 2014. The Club's Main Dining room is a beautiful facility with its adjacent verandah which offers additional seating with an all season enclosure. The Polo Lounge, with a beautiful view of the Club's Show Ring and Polo Field, is an adult only space to work during the day and grab a cocktail or watch the game in the evening. The Grill Room offers a relaxed dining experience in a Country Club atmosphere with both indoor and outdoor seating.

A la carte and casual dining options are offered throughout the year as well as Special Events. The Culinary team at the Hunt Club is full of exceptional talent.

Our goal is to provide a gracious dining experience for the Hunt Club membership through excellence of food, professional service and great atmosphere. Our Club is a place where members will be proud to come and entertain their family and guests.









Equestrian Activities

The Fairfield County Hunt Club offers riding lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders, either privately or in a small group setting. The Club has successfully met the needs of members, from those who wish to compete at the highest levels to those who wish to enjoy the pleasure of recreational riding.

Our highly skilled instructors teach all levels of equitation, hunters, and jumpers.

Lessons are taught on your privately owned horse or one of our Club animals. The Club maintains its own quality horses and ponies for our lesson program.

FCHC can accommodate up to 120 horses. Each horse is treated as a distinct individual. The professional grooms, trainers, and stables manager all monitor each animal closely and create personalized feeding, veterinary and training programs.

The Fairfield County Hunt Club is home to a number of nationally recognized equestrian events. FCHC hosts monthly rated shows, which are recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), New England Horsemen's Council (NEHC), and the Connecticut Hunter Jumper Association (CHJA).

On a smaller scale, the Summer Schooling Show Series allows riders who are beginning to show, as well as those who want to fine tune their skills, to get valuable showing experience in a less formal atmosphere.

34 Acres of Open Space, Regulation Polo Field, 120 Box Stalls in 6 Barns
110'x200' & 90'x250' Heated Indoor ring with Travel Right Footing
100'x200' and 240'x160' Outdoor Rings with All-weather Footing, Additional Ring,
Four Place Horse Walker, 9 All Weather Sand Paddocks,
5 Covered Outdoor Wash Stalls, 2 indoor Wash Stalls with Heat Lamp, Heated Tack Room in Each Barn,
Spacious Heated Indoor Viewing Area





Polo

Polo enjoys a rich heritage at the Fairfield County Hunt Club beginning from its founding in 1923. Today, our Barn 5 is a polo-specific facility where members board polo ponies owned, or leased from an independent polo professional, that are cared for by a full-time groom.

The barn also has a polo-styled club and tack room, where our polo playing members enjoy each other's camaraderie.

During the outdoor summer and indoor winter seasons, we offer individual lessons or group clinics at the beginner and intermediate level with independent teaching professionals affiliated with the United States Polo Association (USPA). We also have a long-standing partnership with the professional staff of Yale Polo & Equestrian Center that provides beginner-friendly polo ponies and expert coaching and instruction, typically during the fall and spring seasons, in our indoor West Ring.

At the Fairfield County Hunt Club, our young and young at heart members have an opportunity to learn the basics, as well as develop their polo game, focusing on riding and mallet skills, 'chukker' etiquette and rules in both practice and game settings, all in a fun and safe environment.





Tennis Program

The FCHC Tennis Facility has eight professionally maintained har-tru courts. The Fairfield County Hunt Club's Director of Racquets, Yancy Dennis, and his team of pros are eager to instruct members of all levels of play. Lessons are available seven days a week in private or group settings for adults and juniors. Pros are also on hand to play-in when requested. A variety of competitive and social play activities are scheduled throughout the season.

The Pro Shop offers USRSA certified racquet stringing and is well stocked with the latest apparel and equipment.

Below is a sampling of tennis activities:

Women's Tennis - Clinics, Interclub Leagues, Tournaments, Point plays, Social Events

Men's Tennis - Interclub Matches, Weekend Doubles, Tournaments, Social Events

Junior Tennis- Clinics, Camps, Tournament Training, Tournaments, Interclub Matches







Swimming & Pool Activities

The Hunt Club has a six lane, 25 yard heated swimming pool, and a heated baby pool. The pool is open Memorial Day weekend through early September. It is the hub of summer activity at FCHC. Swimming, diving and lifesaving lessons may be arranged with the Pool Director. The FCHC Swim Team has daily afternoon practices and participates in meets at both home and away at other area clubs.

Poolside BBQ dinners are held weekly throughout the summer and the area hosts various other special events during the season. The pool area is equipped with locker rooms with showers and private dressing areas.

A seasonal snack bar is open May through September as well and offers a wide variety of delicious items for breakfast, lunch or dinner by the pool!







Children's Summer Program

The Fairfield County Hunt Club operates a state licensed day camp which is exclusive to FCHC members. Our program receives top ratings from the State of Connecticut each year during the annual routine inspection. Each season, campers ages 3-12 enjoy an action-packed program. The Summer Program runs for seven consecutive weeks, giving parents the option to select as many sessions as fit into their children's schedule. Campers are divided into four age groups. Each age group enjoys a structured schedule of activities ranging from tennis, swimming, field games, arts and crafts, visits from some of the area top specialists with animals, magic, science martial arts and more. This is a fantastic program that gives campers an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of activities without ever leaving the FCHC grounds.

All member's children are also invited to join the FCHC Swim Team which has daily practices after camp and weekly meets both at FCHC and other area clubs.

Examples of some of the special activities include:

Archery, Pottery, Culinary Arts, Magic, Martial Arts, Talent Show, Gardening







Paddle Tennis

Paddle Tennis is growing in popularity each season with members of the Hunt Club.

The season runs primarily from October to March with early training beginning in late

September. Our Director of Racquets, Yancy Dennis, and his team are available for private
and group lessons and organize a variety of clinics, camps and social events for all ages and
level of experience. FCHC also participates in interclub leagues throughout the winter with
teams having weekly practices and matches for both men and women of different levels.

Facilities:

FCHC has 4 recently renovated platform tennis courts that have lighting which make them available for night play. A modern paddle hut is fully furnished and heated.

Equipment Demos and Sales

Paddles, balls and other accessories are available.

Some of the scheduled paddle activities include:

Women, Men & Juniors:

Beginner's clinics, Tournaments, Inter-Club Team practices & matches and Social Events









Member Class Outline

Full Membership

Eligibility: Candidates 35 years old and over

Privileges: Access to all facilities and services offered

Application Requirements: Application completed and signed by proposer and seconder. Letters are required from proposer, seconder and 2 additional Full Members demonstrating how they know the candidate, relationship to candidate etc.

Initiation Fee: \$30,000.00

Annual Dues: \$11,378.50

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: \$175.00 per month

Capital Assessment: \$185.00 per month

Junior Membership

Eligibility: Candidates up to 35 years old (new applicants 34 and under)

Privileges: Access to all facilities and services offered

Application Requirements: Application completed and signed by proposer and seconder. Letters are required from proposer, seconder and 2 additional Full Members demonstrating how they know the candidate, relationship to candidate, etc.

Initiation Fee: \$18,000.00

Annual Dues: \$5,689.25

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: \$175.00 per month

Capital Assessment: \$185.00 per month



Member Class Outline

Legacy Membership

Eligibility: Candidates under 36 years old and unmarried, who are children of Full or Full B Members.

Privileges: Access to all facilities and services offered

Application Requirements: Application completed and signed by Full or Full B Member parent.

Initiation Fee: None

Annual Dues: \$2,275.70

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: None

Capital Assessment: None

House Membership

Eligibility: Candidates 52 years old and over

Privileges: Clubhouse

Application Requirements: Application completed and signed by Proposer. Letters are required from

proposer, seconder and two additional members.

Initiation Fee: \$3,500.00

Annual Dues: \$4,551.40

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: \$175.00 per month-, billed monthly or quarterly

Capital Assessment: \$74.00 per month



Member Class Outline

House Senior Membership

Eligibility: Current Members 80 years old and older who have been Members for 20 years or more.

Privileges: Clubhouse

Application Requirements: None-available through transfer only

Initiation Fee: None

Annual Dues: \$2,275.70

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: \$175.00 per month, billed monthly or quarterly

Capital Assessment: \$37.00 per month

Non-Resident Membership

Eligibility: A current Member in good standing who does not live, have a place of business, or spend more than 30 days within 75 miles of the Clubhouse.

Privileges: Use of all facilities limited to 21 days per calendar year.

Application Requirements: Letter of request to transfer submitted to Membership Committee for Board approval.

Initiation Fee: None-shall pay a \$500.00 reinstatement fee, when again assuming full membership.

Annual Dues: \$1,137.85

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: None

Capital Assessment: \$18.50 per month, billed annually



Member Class Outline

RIDING PROGRAM INTRODUCTION MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility: Any new non-Member candidates recommended by the Riding Activities Committee

Privileges: 6 riding lessons on a school horse

Initiation Fee: None

Annual Dues: \$960.00 for terms membership package

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: Does not apply, no Clubhouse privileges

Capital Assessment: None

Junior Riding

Eligibility: Non-Member candidates 24 years old or younger

Privileges: Boarding of horses, lessons, unlimited use of the equine facilities, and the Snack Bar in the summer. This membership and these privileges do not extend to any other member of the family.

Application Requirements: Completed application and recommendation of the Riding Activities Committee. Annual membership, which must be approved by the Board annually.

Initiation Fee: None

Annual Dues: \$3,130.25

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: Does not apply, no Clubhouse privileges

Riding Minimum: Two lessons, per month

Capital Assessment: None



Member Class Outline

Adult Riding

Eligibility: Non-Member candidates 25 years old or older

Privileges: Boarding of horses, lessons, unlimited use of the equine facilities, and the Snack Bar in the summer. This membership and these privileges do not extend to any other member of the family.

Application Requirements: Completed application and recommendation of the Riding Activities Committee. This membership is limited to a one year term and is <u>not</u> renewable.

Initiation Fee: None

Annual Dues: \$5,610.00

Clubhouse Minimum Spending: Does not apply, no Clubhouse privileges

Riding Minimum: Two lessons, per month

Capital Assessment: None



Questions

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