

Join the Club

Members take the reins at Rhode Island's The Aquidneck Club.

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This spring, Portsmouth, R.I.'s famed Carnegie Abbey Club, which has played host to luminary golf fans like Bill Clinton, George Bush Sr. and Mikhail Gorbachev, reopens as The Aquidneck Club. After years of undermanagement, 12 longtime members recently raised funds to purchase the property in December to create an amenity-filled, member-owned sporting club. Since then, the team has implemented \$1.5 million of aesthetic renovations, led by interior designer Alison Corio, to restore the 450-acre property to what board President Andrew Tuchler calls its "heyday, back when there was literally nothing like it." With a focus on the top-end concierge experience, the club boasts a Donald Steel-

designed golf course with sweeping Narragansett Bay views, an indoor-outdoor equestrian center, tennis, an outdoor pool, a gymnasium, a European Health Spa, yoga classes, kids camp sport fishing, a gourmet restaurant and a recently upgraded 41-slip marina. "We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful location, grounds and facilities to create a new world-class private sporting club on Narragansett Bay," says founder Bill Karol. With proximity to Boston and Manhattan, the club offers overnight and weekend accommodations. "The essence of The Aquidneck Club is for families to gather and celebrate," says Tuchler. "We are going to bring these amenities to life." *Membership from \$50,000, aquidneckclub.com*

Founders Mark Brown, Bill Karol, Andrew Tuchler and General Manager Ron Woods

