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To all ERCC Members:

The Board of Governors recently asked the House Committee to poll other private country clubs throughout Connecticut regarding their policies on denim attire. After reviewing the results of the poll and extensive discussion, the Board approved the House Committee's recommendation that ERCC adopt a trial program for denim attire at ERCC that will commence on May 1, 2009.

As of that date, appropriate denim clothing will be allowed in the locker rooms, grill room, terrace room and on the patio, except when prohibited for special events. If denim is not permitted at a special event, the flyer for the event will specifically so provide. Denim clothing is not permitted in the main dining room, on the golf course, practice facilities, pro shop, tennis courts or in the pool area.

Appropriate denim attire includes jeans/pants, jackets, proper length shorts, skirts/skorts, capris, and dresses or jumpers. Denim attire must fit properly, be free of rips, stains, excess wear and not expose undergarments. Still prohibited are cut-offs, overalls, baggy jeans, bleached or acid washed denim.

Members and guests should use discretion when determining proper denim attire, and ERCC will have the final say as to what is appropriate and what will be permitted.

The program will be evaluated periodically during 2009 and the guidelines may be adjusted. Any changes will be available on the web site and posted in the clubhouse. In addition, the Board will review and reevaluate the policy at the end of 2009 and a decision will be made at that time for 2010 and beyond. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please see either of us or post your comments on the ERCC blog.

Please be assured that the House Committee and the Board of Governors discussed this policy at length before deciding to proceed with it. We are all aware of the issues it can create and the fact that many of our members may be against the change as it erodes the "country club environment" we have tried to create at ERCC. However, the Committee and the Board believe that the times are changing and that ERCC has to change along with them. Dining has become more casual over the years and denim has become accepted as proper dining attire. Almost all restaurants allow suitable denim, and country clubs such as Tumblebrook and Wampanoag have changed their policies to allow denim at their clubs. In addition, we have heard from members who are unable to stop in to ERCC for dinner or a drink because they or their guests are wearing jeans. By adopting this policy, we are trying to reflect the times and increase the use of our facilities by our members, while still maintaining a proper environment at ERCC.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank You!

Michael A. Bars
President

Deb Cerrato
House Committee

Note: Due to the timing of the approval and introduction of this trial program, the 2009 membership booklet reflects the "no denim" rule.