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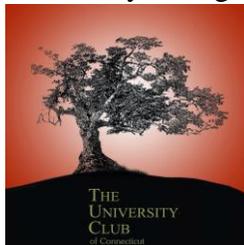


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University Club Sold To NYC Investor

North Windham, CT: A recently retired corporate executive and his wife have purchased the University Club of Connecticut, formerly the Wilimantic Country Club. Mark O'Neil of the Essex Golf Group managed the transaction for the sellers. The new owners are Robert Cusumano and Leslie Jones, both of New York City and Darien, CT. The Cusumano's plan numerous improvements to the historic club, both to the golf course and clubhouse. The club will now be called the *Windham Club* and will also include a public restaurant named "*Billy's Grill*", along with a banquet center named "*Windham Events*."

The former University Club is a well-established and popular 18-hole design that was originally built over 100 years ago. The facility was known for years as the Wilimantic Country Club and was a private venue available only to members and their guests. Eventually acquired by the team of Donny Marshall and Chuck and Joe Grodovich, the course was transformed into a semi-private facility. The course has a reputation for being one of the finest layouts in eastern Connecticut and has hosted numerous local and regional golf tournaments. An 18-hole layout measuring 6,410 yards in length, the facility includes a clubhouse with tavern, a large outdoor deck used for dining, and banquet area that can accommodate 100+.



The former owners of the University Club retained the services of the **Essex Golf Group** to market the club to potential buyers. Essex Golf handles the marketing and brokerage of golf course properties throughout New England and the east coast. The majority of recent transactions in the region have been handled by the company. Essex Golf's "*Interim Management Service*" provides clients with the security and confidence that their assets are being managed professionally and cost effectively during the transition process. Consultation services as well as financial and operational analysis are available to golf courses and hospitality properties. Bob Wynne of the Wynne Law Group, Glastonbury, CT provided legal representation for the sellers.

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