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## KBE Building Corp. and Newman Architects top out Wampanoag Country Club

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West Hartford, CT A major milestone in the rebuilding of the Wampanoag Country Club was reached as the final steel beam, signed by club members, the construction team, and friends from the community was placed atop the club's new clubhouse. Nine months after a fire destroyed its historic home, Wampanoag Country Club members, KBE Building Corp., Newman Architects, and other project stakeholders gathered for a topping-out ceremony, marking significant progress toward completion.

“On Nov. 30, there was nothing behind me but a hole in the ground,” said Wampanoag Country Club president Glenn Cunningham. “Now, we stand before a structure that will soon become a place where members and friends can gather, make memories, and celebrate the rich history and future of our club.”

The topping-out ceremony, held on a cold and blustery afternoon, honored the hard work and dedication of the construction teams, who braved harsh winter conditions — including torrential rain, snow, and sub-zero temperatures — to keep the project on track. As per tradition, the final beam was adorned with an evergreen branch, an American flag, and the Wampanoag Country Club flag before being hoisted into place.

The new clubhouse, designed in a classic shaker style, will span 33,500 s/f over two stories, maintaining the footprint of the previous 70-year-old structure. The facility is set to open in the fall of 2025 and is designed to offer both function and luxury to its members. Features include a porte-cochère entrance, outdoor terraces, a commercial-grade kitchen, and flexible event spaces capable of accommodating up to 200 or more guests.

The lower level will house golf bag storage, locker rooms, a gym, and a game area for children. The main level will serve as the heart of the clubhouse, featuring dining and event areas with views of the newly renovated Donald Ross-designed golf course.

The second floor, reserved for members, will include a private bar, card room, boardroom, and a dual golf simulator room, along with a terrace offering views of the course.

“This is a testament to the resilience and dedication of our community,” Cunningham said. “Despite adversity, we have moved forward with remarkable speed and commitment. We look forward to welcoming our members into their new home this fall.”

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