

Coveleigh Club Rye, New York



General Manager

Established in 1934 and located on Milton Point in Rye, New York, the Coveleigh Club has since evolved from a summer club to a year-round club featuring social and athletic activities enjoyed in all four seasons by a very active and family oriented membership. The Coveleigh story began in 1933 when the owner of the property, Townsend Wainwright named it Coveleigh – “cove” meaning a small bay and “lea” referring to a pasture. The Wainwrights lived in what is now the 23,000+ square foot clubhouse in the early 1900’s and after the property evolved into the private Peningo Club in the 1920’s, the property was leased to Coveleigh in 1934. Sailing and boating were an active part of the Club’s history as well as lawn bowling, which was introduced in 1954 and has remained a sport that distinguishes Coveleigh from other clubs.

Overlooking the Long Island Sound, this 371 -member Club includes beach access and tennis facilities spanning 13 acres. Coveleigh features 12 tennis courts, two platform tennis courts, lawn bowling, an Olympic size pool, a private beach and pier, newly built cabanas and summer camp programs. Member dining options include The Cove dining area which seats up to 65, the West Porch, which is heated in the colder months and open air in the warmer months and can seat up to 100, and the Peningo Café poolside grill. Members also enjoy the waterfront tiki bar for cocktails and a limited menu. There are a total of three kitchens on site. Additionally, there are several quaint and private spaces available for smaller scale dining events and receptions. The Club has a very active member event and private events calendar.

The Club is seasonal, open fully five days per week June through August, serving lunch daily and dinner on Friday and Sunday evenings. The pool and poolside grill remain open seven days per week during this time. The Club is closed the month of February and through the off-season, the operational hours vary between three to four days per week. Annual Club revenues are \$6 million, with food and beverage sales totaling approximately \$2 million. There are 35 year round staff members, with the Club employing up to 160 staff members in the height of season.

The General Manager has full responsibility for all aspects of operations, reporting to the Board of Governors. He/she will lead the management team which includes the Controller, Clubhouse Manager, Tennis Director, Executive Chef, Pool and Waterfront Director and Maintenance Director.

The underpinnings of the best candidate will be an effusive, friendly nature and a hands-on style; one that believes in “managing by walking around” and is able to respond in a timely manner to members’ needs and concerns while genuinely enjoying engaging members and guests. Candidates must be technically sound in creating and defining a service culture that pervades the entire organization while sustaining a very successful private event business. Successful candidates will have a track record in developing a cohesive management team and have the ability to effectively communicate issues of Club operations up to a very active, 15 member Board of Governors while giving thoughtful options. The Club’s committees are currently active yet the Club is very eager to empower a General Manager who will run the business while providing strategic options to the Board.

The Club will be undertaking several capital projects, therefore experience in planning and overseeing such projects is preferred. Successful budgeting, a solid understanding of Club financials and effective internal controls will be successes of top candidates as well.

Compensation: The Club will offer a competitive compensation plan, along with standard benefits and perks.

For more information or to suggest potential candidates, email both Dan Denehy at dan@denehyctp.com and Alison Savona at alison@denehyctp.com. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a compelling cover letter and resume to both Dan and Alison via email.