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# ***SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB REPORT***



*The South Park Golf Club  
Report is a Newsletter on:*

- Results of recent tournaments and special events at the South Park Golf Course;
- Selected Articles on matters of interest to the general membership; and
- Other issues pertaining to the South Park Golf Club.

## **2004 Tourney Schedule**

### **Welcome Back Tourney:**

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 9 holes of individual play.

### **Memorial Day Tournament:**

Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 18 holes  
Member-Guest

### **Polish v. Irish Classic:**

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 18 holes.  
Team match play format.

### **Hall of Fame Tournament:**

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 holes of individual play.

### **Club Championship:**

Sat. July 31<sup>st</sup> and Sun. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Labor Day Tournament:**

Sunday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>  
9 hole 2-man format

### **Challenge Match against Buffalo Golf Club:**

Sat. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fall Classic:**

Sat. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>,  
18 hole 3-man best ball

### **Turkey Shoot:**

Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>  
9 hole 4-man scramble.

## **SEAN McNAMARA 2003 PLAYER OF THE YEAR, MIKE SIMONICK, JR. NAMED MOST IMPROVED**

On November 23, 2003 the South Park Golf Club held its annual awards banquet where Sean McNamara was named the 2003 Player of the Year, while Mike Simonick, Jr. was named most improved.

As in the past, a points system was used to determine the player of the year. McNamara held off a late season rally by runner-up Mike Gulino who ran out of time and came up just a little bit short. Gulino played some of the best golf in the fall, but it was McNamara's steady play year round which resulted in his victory.

McNamara was presented an engraved plaque at the Banquet for his honor. The

final totals for the top five were the following:

Sean McNamara:	68 points
Mike Gulino:	63 points
Tom Kozaczka:	60 points
Mark Poloncarz:	59 points
Darin Tesmer:	43 points

Mike Simonick, Jr. saw the greatest drop in percentage of handicap from the beginning of the year to the end, and as a result was named most improved.

A fantastic dinner was enjoyed by all, and prizes were given out to the winners of the Club Championship and Match Play Events.

Sean McNamara, Mark Guarino, and Ed Rybak each

received a plaque for winning their respective classes in the Club Championship.

Sean McNamara, Pat Quinn and Darin Tesmer received plaques for winning the scratch match-play championship in A, B, & C classes respectively. Jim Miller, Mike Gulino and Tesmer also received plaques for winning their classes in the President's Cup. Mark Poloncarz and Mike Gulino were honored for winning the George Lesso Best-Ball Match Play Tournament.

Also, every member who recorded an eagle in 2003 was given etched glassware commemorating the eagle.

## **NEW QUALIFICATION RULES FOR CHALLENGE MATCH AGAINST THE BUFFALO GOLF CLUB**

This past year the South Park Golf Club squared off in a Ryder Cup style challenge match against the Buffalo Golf Club. Though the representatives from the South Park Golf Club fought hard, they lost the match to BGC by a 12-6 score.

While the matches were popular, there was some issue as to the competitiveness of our team against the team from BGC. In order to reward players for good play

throughout the year, and assemble to best team possible, the Club has changed the qualification methods.

Once again the matches will be comprised of 12 members from each club, with 4 members coming from each class: A, B and C. This year the team per Class will be determined as follows:

- 1) The winner from each class in the Club Championship;
- 2) The winner from each class

in the Scratch Match Play Championship;

- 3) The highest point getter in each class in the player of the year points list as of Labor Day; and
- 4) A captain's pick in each class.

In case a member qualifies 2 or more ways (a member wins both the Club Championship and the Match Play event in his class, or is highest in points, etc.), the next highest player on the points list will

## PICTURES OF THE 2003 SEASON: GREAT WEATHER AND GREENS!!



**Above: Mike Kortash on the 3rd  
Below: Mark Poloncarz on #8**



**A Good Chip by  
John Platek on # 3**



**Tim Sullivan: Just Short!**



**Sean McNamara on the 1st Hole**



**2003 Most Improved:  
Mike Simonick Jr.**



**Mike Gulino Holing a  
Putt on the Fourth**



**Joe Tomoka Making a Clutch  
Putt in the Fall Classic Playoff**



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GOLF CHAIRMAN

## **SOUTH PARK CLASSIC: FROM THE PAGES OF THE BUFFALO COURIER-EXPRESS: AUGUST 31, 1936**

### **MAY WINS S.P. CHAMPIONSHIP**

Joe May who only 1 week or more ago shot a record breaking 30-35—65 at South Park reversed the order in the final eighteen holes of a 36-hole club championship match with Stan Merrick yesterday to score a 3 & 2 victory.

May held a one up advantage at the half-way mark with a 34-34—68 against Merrick's 36-34—70. Merrick evened the match at the end of the 27th hole with a 34 to May's 35. Then came May's six 3s and three 4s for a brilliant 30 and victory. Merrick finished with a 34.

May's rounds included thirteen birdies while Merrick bestowed eight birdies and an eagle! A crowd of more than

1,000 spectators witnessed the match and a detail of police were necessary to keep the fans out of range of the various shots.



**Tom Kozaczka Admiring  
Bob Miller's Swing  
on the Second Tee During  
Last Year's Fall Classic**

### **Financial Report:**

As of February 10, 2004, the Club's bank account balance was \$1,347.08.

Congratulations to all who made the 2003 season the golfing and financial success that it was!

**Mark Your Calendars:  
Opening Day of 2004 Golf Year!  
Saturday April 24th  
Skins Game at 10:00 A.M.**