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*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.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

WNYPLGA

Class A Individual at
International C.C.
1st Round: Sat. August 23rd
2nd Round: Sun. August 24th

SOUTH PARK G.C.
LABOR DAY TOURNEY:
Sunday August 31st
Partners event decided by
blind draw.

WNYPLGA
2 Man Scramble
Saturday Sept. 6th at
Audubon G.C.

CHALLENGE MATCH
AGAINST BUFFALO G.C.
Saturday Sept. 13th at
Grover Cleveland G.C.
Sunday Sept. 14th at
South Park G.C.
Ryder Cup Style
Team Match Play Event
Between the 2 Clubs

SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB REPORT

SEAN McNAMARA REPEATS AS SOUTH PARK CLUB CHAMPION, GUARINO AND RYBAK TAKE B & C TITLES

On Sunday July 27th the South Park Golf Club crowned its medal play club champions for 2003, with Sean McNamara repeating as overall club champion. McNamara shot back-to-back rounds of 1 over par 71 in extremely windy conditions to finish 3 strokes ahead of the 2000 champ Don Buckley. Club president and first round leader Mark Poloncarz finished third, while new member Chuck Griesenger had a solid showing in his first championship finishing fourth. The victory was McNamara's sixth club championship.

In "B" Class, the 1984 and 1991 "B" champion Mark

Guarino capped a stellar week of play in winning his third title. Guarino's rounds of 78 and 74 placed him 6 strokes ahead of second place finisher Steve Scanlon, the 1996 "B" champion and present club golf chairman. Dennis Schegel finished third, 1 stroke in front of 1998 "B" champ John Kennedy.

In "C" Class, South Park Golf Club Hall of Fame member Ed Rybak shot incredible rounds of 84 and 81 in winning that title by 1 stroke over Darrin Tesmer. What makes this victory remarkable is that Rybak shot less than his age in both rounds! While he will not reveal his true age,

a check of records confirms that Rybak shot lower than his age for both rounds, and that he beat players 60 years younger than him. Pat McCann finished third, while former "C" Class champion Larry Connors finished fourth.

The top four finishers in each class will represent the Golf Club in a challenge match against the best from the Buffalo Golf Club on the weekend of September 13th and 14th. In the event one of the above members is unable to play, the following fifth place finishers will act as alternates and represent South Park: "A" Class: Jim Miller,

STANLEY MERRICK AND JIM SCHAEFER LATEST INDUCTEES INTO THE SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB HALL OF FAME

On Sunday July 6th the South Park Golf Club was honored to induct the two newest members to its Hall of Fame: Stanley Merrick and Jim Schaefer.

Merrick was the 1933, 1935, and 1949 Club Champion, as well as being runner up in 1934, 1936, 1941 and 1950. Merrick was a noted player in many local and regional tournaments, and was said to have had a swing as smooth as Sam Snead's.

Merrick's award was given posthumously, as he passed in away in the late 1980s. However, his son Richard Merrick, a former resident of Lackawanna now residing in California, said he was especially pleased to hear about the honor for his late dad, and that his mother, who still lives on Colton Avenue in Lackawanna, was very pleased to learn about the honor for her late husband.

Jim Schaefer was inducted

into the Hall for his many years of service to the club, including as past president in the 1970s and 80s, and as a co-founder of the Polish v. Irish Challenge match.

Schaefer attended the ceremony and regaled the attendees with many yarns of past South Park exploits, both famous and infamous. Also attending were members of the Schaefer family, including Jim's brother and former member Dan Schaefer.

2003 SOUTH PARK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL SCORES

A CLASS

Sean McNamara: 71-71-142
 Don Buckley: 73-72-145
 Mark Poloncarz: 69-80-149
 Chuck Griesenger: 73-76-149
 Jim Miller: 72-81-153
 Tom Kozaczka: 78-78-156
 Jerry Kuwik: 74-dnf
 Don Lockwood: 78-dnf

Jerry Nostrant: 80-87-167
 Mark Sullivan: 81-87-168

C CLASS

Ed Rybak: 84-81-165
 Darrin Tesmer: 84-82-166
 Pat McCann: 89-88-177
 Larry Connors: 84-95-179
 Mike Kortash: 91-93-184

B CLASS

Mark Guarino: 78-74-152
 Steve Scanlon: 80-78-158
 Dennis Schelgel: 81-77-158
 John Kennedy: 80-79-159
 Art Zawadzki: 80-82-162
 Jim Connors: 82-82-164
 Mike Simonick Sr.: 77-87-164
 Bob Miller: 81-85-166



Mike Kane chipping onto the Second Green



Club Champion Sean McNamara hitting an approach to the First Hole During the Club Championship



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CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN MCNAMARA

ON WINNING THE
 CAZENOVIA G.C.
 CHAMPIONSHIP AND
 WINNING THE
 SOUTH BUFFALO SLAM!!

SOUTH PARK CLASSIC: FROM THE PAGES OF THE BUFFALO COURIER-EXPRESS, SEPTEMBER 12, 1938

Joe May Has First-Round 63 in Beating Pat McGee, 9-8, for South Park Title

Joltin Joie May, who generally relies on his booming tee shots to bring him home in front, switched tactics with a sensational putting spree to defeat Pat McGee, 9 and 8, in the 36-hole final for the South Park Golf Club championship yesterday. Joe's putting touch was so perfect that he didn't miss one under ten feet in the entire match.

Starts with Birdie

He started right off the bat by dropping a 30-footer for a birdie and remained in front all of the way. He got down a 25-footer to halve the seventh in birdie 3's, where Pat also got down from 27 feet, and birdied the ninth for an outgoing 32.

Joe birdied the eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth and eighteenth coming in for a 31 and 63 total, giving him an eight up lead over Pat, who had on the fifth, seventh, tenth and fourteenth for a 71

In the afternoon, Joe birdied the fifth and sixth, getting down a 40-footer on the latter hole, and was dormie 9 as they took the final turn for home. Pat had birdies on the first and seventh going out.

On the tenth or 28th hole of the match, Pat belied a 305-yard drive down the fairway, his ball stopping just two yards short of the green on this 307-yard hole. He chipped to within five feet of the flag and then missed the putt, which would have enabled him to extend the match another hole at least had it gone down.

Dave Stirgeroon defeated Joe Gaffney, 1 up, in the eighteen-hole final for the second-flight title.

Next Club Meeting: Tuesday August 26th at 7:30 p.m.
On the agenda: Organization of Committee for the
Challenge Match against the Buffalo Golf Club