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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.

2003 Tournament Schedule

Welcome Back Tourney:
Sunday May 18th 9 holes of individual play.

Memorial Day Tournament:
Sunday May 25th, 18 holes
Member-Guest

Polish v. Irish Classic:
Saturday June 14th, 18 holes.
Team match play format.

Hall of Fame Tournament:
Sunday July 6th, 9 holes of individual play.

Club Championship:
Sat. July 26th and Sun. 27th

Labor Day Tournament:
Sunday August 31st
9 hole 2-man format

**Challenge Match against
Buffalo Golf Club:**

Sat. Sept. 13th & Sept. 14th
Fall Classic:

Sat. Sept. 20th, 18 hole
3-man best ball

Turkey Shoot:
Sat. Oct. 11th, 9 hole 3-man
scramble.

NEW TEE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON EVERY HOLE AS THE NEW GOLFING YEAR COMMENCES



New Tee Construction on #2

Though some members questioned whether it would really occur, construction began this Spring on new tee boxes for every hole. The following holes will be lengthened following completion: #3 (10 yards), #4 (20 yards), #6 (5 yards), #7 (10 yards), #8 (5 yards), and #9 (20 yards). The 2nd tee is being extended towards the green, and the 5th tee is being

widened.

The 4th hole in particular will see a dramatic change through the building of a new "Championship" tee making that hole play anywhere from 145 (front of present tee box) to 170 yards (back of new tee box). Additionally, the present men's tee will be rebuilt and the shorter "women's" tee will be extended back and widened to provide more teeing ground.

It is anticipated that these new tees will not be in play for most of the year because grass seed, not sod, is being planted on each new tee. All members are asked to follow

the directions of the officers during the year in using temporary tees, because while some temporary tees will be in front of existing tees, others will be on the side or behind the tees.

For example, Members are asked to use the area immediately behind the present men's tee when teeing off on #4 now that the usual teeing ground is under construction. As a result, the hole will play approximately 155-160 yards during this temporary period.

Accommodations will be made during tournaments to provide proper teeing ground for all classes. The Club asks

WELCOME BACK TOURNEY AND NEW MEMBER- GUEST HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY

The month of May will be a busy time for the South Park Golf Club. The Club kicks off its tournament season with a "Welcome Back" Tourney on Sunday, May 18th. This event will be a 9-hole individual event played at half-handicap. Tee times will be decided by a blind draw in order to mix-up play and introduce new members to as many prior club members as possible. In past years this event had been a fun non-club

sanctioned event, but this year, while the event will still be fun, the Club will be running it and offering prizes.

May 25th Member-Guest

The Club is proud to present its first Member-Guest Tournament in over 30 years. The format will be an 18-hole best-ball competition played at a portion of each player's handicap.

The Club has reserved two hours worth of tee times, and it is expected that the tee

times will go fast with double the participants than usual. While a member may play the event with another member, the Club is hopeful that all members will bring a guest in order to show off what a great club we have, which in turn might lead to an increase in our membership. A party will immediately follow the event and prizes will be awarded.

Any questions on either Tourney should be directed to Jim Connors, Tournament

2003 SEASON KICKS OFF WITH GREAT SPRING PARTY ON APRIL 5TH AND CLEANUP OF SOUTH PARK ON APRIL 19TH.

The South Park Golf Club kicked off its 73rd year of existence when it held its annual Spring Party at the Nine-Eleven Tavern on Saturday April 5th. Approximately 35 members attended the party where pizza, wings and drinks were served to all free of charge.

The members had an opportunity to question Club officers on plans for the upcoming year, as well as offer their input for future tournaments and events.

Tournament Chairman Jim Connors led a vibrant discussion on the plans for the new match-play golf league, while Club President Mark Poloncarz discussed the

qualifications for the new Challenge Match against the best from the Buffalo Golf Club.

Successful Spring Cleanup Held

On Saturday April 19th members of the Club met for the annual spring cleanup of South Park. Paul Higgins and Pat McCann picked up debris on the course and painted the fairway yardage markers. Rich Klubek and Darrin Koepnick also helped to clean the park, and Darrin put in double duty by painting various picnic benches and tables. Ray Zyga power washed the underside of the patio ceiling, Mike Gulino painted the flagpole, while Mark Poloncarz

planted new bushes and flowers. The Club thanks all who participated in this year's cleanup. Your assistance was very much appreciated.



Jim Miller hits his approach to the 2nd hole during last year's championship under the ever-watchful eyes of 1966 Club Champion Joe Stetz (right) and Caz member Jim Rigby (left).



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Financial Report:

The Club's balance on April 5, 2003 was \$1,627.08. It paid out \$135.00 for the April 5th party, and collected \$1,606.00 in dues and split club proceeds. Thus, post-party, the Club's bank account balance was \$3,098.08.

SOUTH PARK CLASSIC: FROM THE PAGES OF THE LACKAWANNA LEADER: SEPTEMBER 1, 1955

CHET ANTOS

LINKS CHAMP, SOUTH PARK

"Steady Eddie" Pulls Away from His Rivals After 27 Holes

Chet Antos, nicknamed the "Steady Eddy" of the South Park Golf Club, did more than prove himself so in outlasting his rivals in winning the club championship Sunday. Antos, who might be considered a short ball hitter, put on a spectacular putting exhibition on the final nine holes to break wide open what was beforehand a tight contest.

After twenty-seven holes, the contestants, defending champ Steve Zelasny, last year's runner-up, Ed Tokarz, Jr., Ed Krepel and Antos, were separated by a mere three strokes. Then Antos showed the large gallery the part of his game he is so well noted for. On the 28 and 40 holes he dropped birdie putts of twenty feet, barely missed another of thirty-five feet on the 31st and

then capped this spree off by dropping one in from the apron to go three under par for the first five holes.

The birdie brigade put him five strokes ahead of his nearest rival and enabled him to coast in to gain the coveted title.

For the 36-hole medal play final, Antos had rounds of 73 and 70. Runner-up for the second straight year was Ed Tokarz, Jr. who had a 74-73. Ed Krepel was next with a 78-72 and Steve Zelasny, who led after the morning round, was fourth with a 72-79.

It might be said that Chet completely dominated play at South Park during the weekend. He also was victorious in the regular weekend event firing a 75-3-72. Runner-up in "A" was Vic Pikula with a 77-5-72.

Frank Cwick was the winner in Class "B" with a 78-9-69. Runner-up was Harry Trautman with a 79-9-70.

**The Club is pleased to announce the following new members:
Patrick Hanley, John Gonsiorek and Eugene Smith.
Please introduce yourself to these new members.**