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# SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB REPORT

## MARK POLONCARZ TOP GUNSLINGER AT 2002 SHOOTOUT

On Friday September 13th Mark Poloncarz was the last man standing at the annual South Park Shootout. In a shootout format 10 players start a nine-hole round and the player with the highest score per hole is eliminated. In case of a tie for highest score a chip-off determined who would be knocked out.

Poloncarz relied upon steady play and a little luck in making it to the final hole with last year's runner-up Mike Simonick, Sr. Poloncarz put the pressure on Simonick by driving the green on the 325 yard ninth hole. After Simonick could not get his birdie chip to fall Poloncarz calmly two putted for a birdie and the victory. Tom Breen

Participants in the Shootout: Front Row: Tom Kozaczka, Mark Poloncarz, Mike Simonick, Sr. ; Back Row: Tom Breen, Tim Sullivan, Mike Kane, Mike Daniels, & Wayne Cross. Not pictured: Mike Gulino



finished third, while Mike Kane finished fourth falling in a chip-off on the 7th hole. Tim Sullivan was eliminated on the 6th, Wayne Cross on

the 5th, Tom Kozaczka on the 4th, Mike Daniels by a chip-off on the third and Mike Gulino on the 2nd. The first hole was a

*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.

**OCTOBER  
TOURNAMENTS  
& EVENTS:**

**SOUTH PARK  
TURKEY SHOOT**  
Saturday October 19th  
3-Man Scramble

**MARITZA MILLER  
END OF SEASON  
COOKOUT**  
Sunday October 20th

**LAST DAY OF GOLF:  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**

**The Club sadly announces  
the recent passing of  
two members:**

**Al Benedick  
&  
Ron "Skippy" Catras**

**Each will be missed.**

**Please remember both in  
your thoughts & prayers**

## 5 Members Have Shot of Winning 2002 Player of the Year Award; Title Should Be Decided by The Final Tournament

The standings for the 2002 Player of the Year Award reveal an extremely close competition to determine the top player this year. Players receive points throughout the year based on their performances in all weekly, monthly, and match-play tournaments. Additional points are awarded to the participants in the club championship and for anyone who records an eagle and holes-in-one during the year.

As of October 7, 2002, the standings for the top 10 leaders were as follows:

Jerry Nostrant:	60 points
Mark Poloncarz:	59 points
Paul Higgins:	58 points
Rich Zambron:	54 points
Tom Kozaczka:	52 points
Jim Connors:	39 points
Tom Quinn:	36 points
Pat Quinn:	31 points
John Kennedy:	31 points
Rich Klubek:	31 points

With only 1 monthly and 2

weekly tournaments left, it looks like the outcome of the Turkey Shoot will decide this year's South Park Golf Club Player of the Year!



**Jim Miller & Sean  
McNamara admiring Tom  
Kozaczka's putting prowess**

**MARK GUARINO & TIM SULLIVAN ARE LABOR DAY CHAMPS WITH -1 SCORE;  
MARK POLONCARZ, STEVE SCANLON & MIKE SIMONICK, JR. WIN FALL CLASSIC**

The past month was a busy month for the South Park Golf Club. In addition to the completion of the match-play championships, two monthly tournaments were held at the venerable South Buffalo links.

**Mark Guarino-Tim Sullivan  
Labor Day Champs**

On September 1st the club held its annual Labor Day Tournament. This year's tournament format was a 2-man scramble. The team of Mark Guarino and Tim Sullivan combined to record the winning score with a 1-under par score of 34. The team relied upon the steady play of Guarino, and the long drives of Sullivan to drive

them to victory. Jim Connors and Bob Miller tied Darrel Newark and Larry Connors for second with rounds of 35.

**Mark Poloncarz, Steve Scanlon  
& Mike Simonick, Jr.  
Take Fall Classic**

On Saturday September 21st the Club held its annual 3-Man Best Ball 18 Hole Fall Classic Tournament, which was won by the team of Mark Poloncarz, Steve Scanlon and Mike Simonick, Jr. with a net score of 57. Simonick, Jr. led the way for his team with net eagles on the 4th and 9th holes, the 9th hole resulting from a natural birdie when Simonick, Jr.

stuck his approach only 2 feet from the flagstick.

Riding some net eagles of their own, Pat Quinn, Kevin Hayes and Pat McCann tied the winners

with a score of 57, but lost on a match of cards. Mike Kane, Frank Vogel, Jr. and Tom Quinn tied with the team of Jim Miller, Jim Connors and Darrin Tesmer for third place at



**The Gallery Watching the Final Hole of this Year's South Park Club Championship**



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PRESIDENT

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**MIKE GULINO**  
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**BILL SMITH**  
HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

**MIKE SIMONICK, SR.**  
TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

**STEVE SCANLON**  
GOLF CHAIRMAN

**THE CLUB THANKS  
STARTERS:**

**STEVE SCANLON  
STEVE & VIRGINIA  
RADOMINSKI &  
JERRY KUWIK**

**FOR ALL THEIR ASSIS-  
TANCE THIS YEAR!**

**JERRY NOSTRANT TAKES "B" CLASS  
SCRATCH MATCH PLAY TITLE OVER PAT QUINN**

In the last club match-play event to be determined this year, Jerry Nostrant capped off a great year of match-play events by defeating Pat Quinn 1 up to win the "B" Class Scratch Match Play Title. Quinn led by a hole at the halfway point but was unable to prevail when Nostrant starting dropping putts from all over the greens on the back nine. This was Nostrant's first "B" Class title after previously winning the 2000 "C" class stroke play title.

In the semifinal round, Nostrant and Quinn defeated Mark Guarino and Mike Simonick, Sr., respectively.

The "B" Class Scratch Match Play Championship Bracket was as follows:

First Round

- Steve Scanlon d. Darrin Koepnick
- Mark Guarino d. Tim Sullivan
- John Kennedy d. Kevin Hayes
- Jerry Nostrant d. Ed Rybak
- Mike Simonick, Sr. d. Bob Miller
- Dave Sheridan d. Joe Tomoka
- Jim Connors d. Frank Vogel, Jr.
- Pat Quinn-Bye (low qualifier)

Quarter Finals

- Guarino d. Scanlon
- Nostrant d. Kennedy
- Simonick d. Sheridan
- Quinn d. Connors

Semi-Finals

- Nostrant d. Guarino
- Quinn d. Simonick

Finals

- Nostrant d. Quinn

**Next Club Meeting:**

**Saturday October 19th after the Turkey Shoot**

**On the Agenda:**

**Nomination of 2003 Officers & Scheduling of 2002 Banquet**