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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.

OCTOBER TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS:

Golf League Party:
Tuesday, Oct. 7th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Club Meeting:
Tuesday, Oct. 7th
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Turkey Shoot
9 Hole 3-Man Scramble
Saturday, October 11th
10:00 a.m.

Maritza Miller Party
Saturday October 18th
See Board for More Details

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
SEAN McNAMARA IN
WINNING BOTH THE
SOUTH PARK AND
CAZENOVIA CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN 2003!!**

JIM MILLER, MIKE GULINO AND DARIN TESMER WIN 2003 A, B, & C PRESIDENT'S CUP TITLES RESPECTIVELY

Jim Miller, Mike Gulino and Darin Tesmer each capped off a great golfing year by capturing the President's Cup title in their respective classes. The President's Cup is a handicap match play competition conducted through the year. This year 32 members started the competition, but in the end only three were worthy enough to be called champion.

A Class

Miller, the 5th seed and 2000 A Class President's Cup Champ, held off 9th seeded Jerry Kuwik in the finals with a 1 up victory. Miller defeated No. 1 seed Mark Poloncarz in the semifinals with a 2 and 1

score, and knocked off Mike Karam in an earlier round. Kuwik defeated three lower seeds in Mike Daniels, Mike Kane and Tom Kozaczka on the way to the finals, but could not find a way to defeat the steady Miller.

B Class

Gulino, the 7th seed, held off the always methodical and steady play of Joe Tomaka, 15th seed, in a tight match that went down to the end. Gulino, the 2000 B Class President's Cup Champ, showed he deserved the title by beating some of the best in B Class along the way: Frank Vogel, Jr., Jerry Nostrant, and John Kennedy in the

semifinals.

Tomaka showed his mettle by just reaching the finals and knocking off the likes of past champion Jim Connors, Bob Miller and Mark Sullivan.

C Class

Darin Tesmer, the 6th seed, relied on steady play to carry him to the C Class crown in defeating Pat McCann. Tesmer defeated C Class heavyweights Mike Kortash and Mike Simonick, Jr. to reach the finals, while McCann beat former President's Cup Champ Tom Quinn and Fran Conmy. This was Tesmer's first major South Park tournament win

SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB FALLS TO BUFFALO GOLF CLUB IN FIRST CHALLENGE MATCH BETWEEN THE CLUBS 12-6

On Saturday and Sunday September 14th and 15th 12 members of the South Park Golf Club went up against 12 members of the Buffalo Golf Club in the first Ryder Cup style Challenge Cup Matches held between the two clubs. Unfortunately for the boys from South Park, BGC won by a score of 12 - 6.

Mark Poloncarz and Sean McNamara led the South Park crew with 2 points each by winning both of their matches. On Saturday the 14th, McNamara was teamed

with Chuck Griesenger and they defeated Bill Hartnett and Dave Rader of BGC in a best ball format by a score of 2 & 1. Poloncarz teamed with Don Buckley and won a thrilling match 1 up over Jim Burzynski and Tom Fries of BGC.

On Sunday McNamara defeated Rader while Poloncarz defeated Fries, BGC's current club champion, by identical scores of 4 & 3. In all, the A Class members from South Park won 4.5 of a total of 6 points available.

In B Class Mark Guarino led the Southside contingent with 1 point with a singles victory on Sunday. Unfortunately, his point was the only point recorded by the B Class team of John Kennedy, Steve Scanlon and Dennis Schlegel.

In C Class, only Darrin Tesmer could muster a halve in his singles match as the much lower handicap C Class members from the BGC defeated the remainder of the South Park team of Ed Rybak, Pat McCann, and Mike Kortash.

SEAN McNAMARA AND PAT QUINN WIN SCRATCH MATCH PLAY TITLES; TOM KOZACZKA, BOB MILLER AND FRAN CONMY TAKE FALL CLASSIC IN PLAYOFF

Sean McNamara defeated the big guns of A Class to secure the 2003 A Class Scratch Match Play Title. McNamara, the 3 seed, defeated No. 1 seed Tom Kozaczka in the finals in a close match that went down to the wire by a 2 and 1 score. In the semifinals McNamara knocked off 3-time defending champion Mark Poloncarz in a nail-biter by a score of 1 up. Kozaczka turned away Mike Gulino in the semis with his usual consistent straight play.

In the always competitive B Class 11th seeded Pat Quinn held off the 8th seed John Kennedy in a close match. Quinn had to defeat some of the best in B Class just to reach the

finals: Jerry Nostrant, Mike Simonick, Sr. and Joe Tomaka. Kennedy himself knocked off some good players along the way: Darrin Koepnick, Art Zawadzki and Bob Miller.

The C Class Matches are still being played, with a winner soon to be decided.

Kozaczka, Miller and Conmy Take 2003 Fall Classic

On Saturday September 20th the 3-Man team of Tom Kozaczka, Bob Miller and Fran Conmy held off Joe Tomaka, Pat Quinn and Pat McCann in a playoff to determine the 2003 Fall Classic. The Fall Classic, an 18 hole 3-man best ball competition, needed extra holes, and Kozaczka ended the tourney when he drained a 30 foot birdie putt on the 2nd playoff hole. When Pat

McCann could not hole his putt, victory was sealed for the other team. The team of Mark Poloncarz, John Kennedy and Mike Simonick, Jr. finished third, 1 stroke out of the playoff.



2003 Fall Classic Champs: Fran Conmy, Bob Miller & Tom Kozaczka



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FATHER AND SON TEAM OF TONY AND SEAN McNAMARA CAPTURE 2003 LABOR DAY CROWN

On Saturday August 31st the Annual South Park Labor Day Tourney was held and it was its usual low scoring affair. The father and son team of Tony and Sean McNamara captured this year's title with a stellar 2-man scramble score of 29. Five teams tied for second place

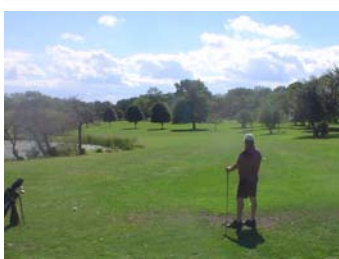
with identical scores of 31: Jim Connors and Mark Poloncarz, Chuck Griesenger and Paul Higgins, Pat and Tom Quinn, Mark Sullivan and Darin Tesmer and Mark Guarino and Steve Scanlon. 16 teams participated in all, with a good time being had by all.

WHAT'S THE RULING?

In the Fall Classic playoff, Pat McCann literally found himself up a tree. His ball nestled a foot and a half off the ground in the roots of a tree along the first fairway (see picture to the right). What were Pat's options? Were they:

- (A) Play the ball as it lies,
- (B) Take a free drop,
- (C) Replay his last shot without penalty, or
- (D) Declare an unplayable lie.

If you answered A and D you were right. If you answered B or C, you better start studying the rule book because you were wrong. FYI, Pat choose option A.



JOHN KENNEDY ON No. 6

Next Club Meeting: Tuesday October 7th and 7:00 p.m.
On the agenda: Scheduling of Banquet and
Nomination of Officers for 2004 Golfing Year.