



BDGA 2011 NEWSLETTER

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TPP REGISTRATION IN 2011

This spring when members of the BDGA want to register for events they will have an opportunity to use our new TPP Registration. This program will allow members to register online, and to pay using a credit card. No more stamps, or going to the post office. The program will send registrants confirmation immediately, and will also allow all registrants to ask for specific tee times, playing partners and other requests. Players can register for any number of events at one time.

Players will still be able to register the old way, using our registration sheets and checks. The registration sheets will be found online, and can be printed off, and mailed in with the registration check.

USGA BOATWRIGHT INTERN

The district is happy to announce that Nicholas Panepinto has been named our USGA Boatwright Intern for 2011. Nick is a student at the SUNY at Brockport. He has been active in the district over the past few years, as both a player and a volunteer at various BDGA events.

Nick will begin his duties in the middle of May. He follows a long line of very successful interns, who have served the district very well.

BDGA/WNY EVENT CALENDAR

Tired of looking all over the place for all the golf events in WNY, and especially the BDGA events? Well look no further than our web site. The BDGA has added a calendar to our main page. We will attempt to list all the events on this calendar. Just go to www.buffdga.org and you will find the monthly calendar at the bottom of the main page.

If you have any event(s) to add to the calendar, just contact us.

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BDGA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The BDGA is proud to announce the recipients of our 2010-2011 college scholarships.

Kris Boyes
St. Bonaventure University

Jake Katz
SUNY at Binghamton

Adam Baj
Methodist College

Mike Carrig
Canisius College

Stephen Huber
University of Rochester

John Danyluk
University of Richmond

Colin Burns
Ohio Northern University

Matt Petrosian
Tampa University

The district thanks all the supporters of this fund.

FALL CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

The 2010 BDGA golf season ended on a high note, with the first annual Fall Classic Scholarship Tournament. The tournament was played at the Westwood Country Club, and was held to raise money for the BDGA Scholarship Fund. This fund, provides scholarships for scholar – athletes within the district, and has given out 260 college scholarships since 1976, worth over \$341,000.

The event took in \$17,900 this fall, for this worthy cause. The Board of Directors cannot express how happy they are with the results, and especially the support received from our member clubs, club professionals, local sponsors, and participants. The 2011 event will be held at the Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Club, on September 10.

2010 BDGA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP: TRI-COUNTY CC – **JAKE KATZ**

WOMEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP: SPRINGVILLE CC – **JULIE MURPHY**

MEN'S MATCH PLAY: WANAKAH CC – **JAKE KATZ**

MEN'S SENIOR GROSS: WELLSVILLE CC - **BOB GOSS**

MEN'S MID AM CHAMPIONSHIP: SHOREWOOD CC – **AARON TALLMAN**

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER: SHELDRIDGE CC – **NICK AUGUSTYNIAK**

PARENT/CHILD CHAMPIONSHIPS: WESTWOOD CC – **THE CASERO'S**

SENIOR MEN'S NET: CHAUTAUQUA CC – **JOE GADAWSKI**

JUNIOR/SUB JR. MATCH PLAY: SHERIDAN GC – **MIKE BOSS (JRS.)**

DANNY WEIMER (SUB JR)

JUNIOR/SUB JR. STROKE PLAY: DEERWOOD/CCB – **BILLY GAFFNEY (JRS.)**

HANISH NAGRINI (SUB JR)

FRIDAY INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: PARK CC – Medalists:

ANDREW ROMANO (JRS.); BRAD BELOTE (SUB JR); JEN RINGLER (GIRLS 18); MOLLY BALBIERZ (GIRLS 9);

Teams: **JR. TEAM – LANCASTER CC; SUB .JR TEAM- GOWANDA CC**

WHAT IS COMING?

On April 16, 2011 the BDGA along with the USGA and the NYSGA will be hosting a rules seminar. This seminar will be open to all golfers in WNY. The seminar will be held from 9AM to 12PM, at a club site to be announced.

The BDGA women will have a new event this summer. A 4 women scramble will be held at a club to be announced, the week of August 8, 2011.

BDGA golfers can begin to post their GHIN scores April 15th. That will be a sign that Spring has arrived... we hope. If you need to get a GHIN handicap contact the BDGA for help.

WINTER WONDERS

Winter, what a wonderful time for golfers in WNY! No really, this is the time to work on your game, body and mind. Now is the time to get together with a local pro and get those mistakes corrected, and we have great pros in this area. All of whom are ready to improve your game. Two domes too... who can ask for more? Working out, and exorcising those demons; The healthy body is the key to it all. Check out –



JAKE KATZ – MALE POY

Congratulations...

2010 PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

MEN

1. JAKE KATZ
2. RAMAN LUTHRA
3. MATT STASIAK
4. NICK MORREALE
5. PETER CREIGHTON
6. BILLY HANES
7. MICHAEL CARRIG
8. DREW CREIGHTON(tie)
9. BILLY WISNIEWSKI(tie)
10. GREG CECCHINI

WOMEN

1. JULIE MURPHY
 2. ANN LUHR
 3. KIM KAUL
 4. KATHY HUNT
 5. LINDA BURROUGHSFORD
 6. BARB RIEMAN
 7. LINDLEY BOWEN
 8. RENE SOBOLEWSKI
 9. LORI PORTER
 10. NATALIE WISNIEWSKI
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SERVING LOCAL GOLF COURSES

Did you know that every ten years each golf course is suppose to be re-rated? The BDGA takes care of those re-ratings, as part of the membership in the BDGA. Usually the committee rates about 10 courses each year.

Led by Jeff Rainey, the committee puts in a tremendous amount of time each year. Rating a course is a very difficult and time consuming task. We all thank them for their time and effort.

STEVE BARTKOWSKI

Steve was our USGA Boatwright Intern for the past 3 summers. He has worked very hard for the district, and will be missed this coming summer.

During the fall, Steve returned to the SUNY at Cortland, to finish his senior year. During the fall, Steve played his final season on the Cortland soccer team. We are happy to announce that for the second straight year, he was named ALL-SUNYAC First Team.

January finds Steve in Jacksonville, Fl. where he is now an intern for the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour. This organization runs junior golf events in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. Because of his 3 years at the BDGA, Steve has been given his own events to run. Anyone who has worked with Steve during the past 3 years, knows that he will do a great job for the Hurricane Tour. It should not surprise anyone to learn that Steve wants to make golf tournament administration his career. He will do great, and we all wish him the best.

JAY STELLRECHT

The BDGA wants to thank Jay for his service to the BDGA, on his retirement from the Board.