

The HUNDRED CALL

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Golf Tournaments Set For July 31 At Tunxis Courses

For the 28th consecutive year members of The Hundred Club and their guests will test their skills on the golf course. The club will hold two separate tournaments Wednesday, July 31 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

Last year, for the first time, two events were played the same day at Tunxis. Two hundred and twenty-four golfers participated. As was the case in 2001, plans for the tournaments this year call for utilization of the Par 72 White Course and the Par 70 Green Course.

Golf Committee Chairman Edward J. Funk and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said that the bringing together of all the golfers the same day at the same golf facility met with enthusiastic approval last year.

Acceptance into the tournaments will be strictly on a "first-come first-served basis," Mr. Sydenham said.

The application form for the tournaments appears on Page 4 of this issue of *The Hundred Call*. The fee for golfers is \$125 per player. This amount covers the on-course lunch and

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Special Thank You ...

to all who sent donations for the families of the brave men and women of the New York Fire and Police departments who so tragically lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center.

Your generous contributions are being provided to the families through the programs of The New York Police and Fire Widows and Children's Benefit Fund. This fund was established in 1985 by Daniel J. "Rusty" Staub. Thus far the fund has distributed more than \$7.3 million to help families defray education, housing and medical expenses.

Scholarships Given At Correction Dept.

Two scholarships named in honor of the late Correction Commissioner John R. Manson were awarded during a fund-raising breakfast at the Department of Correction Headquarters in Wethersfield in January.

The recipients of the Manson Scholarships are Daniel Busha, stepson of Correction

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Club Remembers "Heroes" Families During Holidays

In carrying out The Hundred Club's long-time remembrance programs the organization distributed checks totalling \$102,000 at Christmas. One hundred and thirty-two spouses and 18 children were the beneficiaries.

Earlier, turkeys and Thanksgiving baskets were given to 132 families. The cost to the club was \$12,000.

A brief review of the club's activities in 2001 shows that 25 college students received \$186,232 in scholarship money. The club has provided more than \$3.5 million to students since this program was launched in 1974 with scholarships worth \$1,000 and \$1,500. Currently the club is providing up to \$25,000 per year per student for educational-related expenses.

At present 35 students are using computers supplied by the club. A computer with access to the Internet is available to students age seven and older. This benefit for families of "Fallen Heroes" was established in 2000.

The Hundred Club was founded in 1967 by Anthony Ustjanauskas following the tragic death of Hartford Police Officer Harvey R. Young. His widow was given a check for \$1,000. With the growth of the club the death benefit was increased several times. At present the contribution is \$10,000. ■

Dinner October 11th

The annual dinner meeting of The Hundred Club will be held Friday, October 11, at La Renaissance in East Windsor. President Richard J. Hurley and the Dinner Committee intend to develop an interesting and entertaining program for the event. For many years the dinner was held on a Saturday evening in November. In 1997 President Peter H. Guerra proposed that it be scheduled for a Friday evening early in October. The change proved popular with the membership and there has been a marked increase in attendance the past five years. Additional information about this year's event will be published in future issues of *The Hundred Call*.



Correction Commissioner John J. Armstrong (center) presented the John R. Manson Scholarships during a fund-raising breakfast. The recipients are (left) Logan Scott and (right) Daniel Busha.

At far left is Mr. Scott's father, Associate Chaplain Lloyd Scott. At far right is Mr. Busha's stepfather, Correction Officer George Keeling.

“Fill-The-Boot” Campaign Aids New York Families

A “Fill-The-Boot” campaign conducted by firefighters throughout Connecticut raised nearly \$1 million for the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

Chief Timothy S. Wall of the North Farms Fire District in Wallingford said two checks totalling \$915,660.61 have been given to officials of the Disaster Relief Fund. Mr. Wall served as chairman of the coordinated effort by seven fire service organizations in Connecticut.

Chief Charles Marissla of Wolcott was among the first to express a desire for Connecticut firefighters to find a means to provide financial aid for the families of New York firefighters and EMS personnel who lost their lives at the World Trade Center Sept. 11.

At a meeting of Connecticut fire service officials, which was convened to consider possible approaches to raising money, Mr. Wall was chosen to serve as chairman of a special committee. Mr. Wall and the CT Firefighters 9-11 Fund Committee decided that the quickest way to solicit money and get it into the hands of the appropriate people in New York would be by way of a “Fill-The-Boot” campaign on weekends in late September and early October.

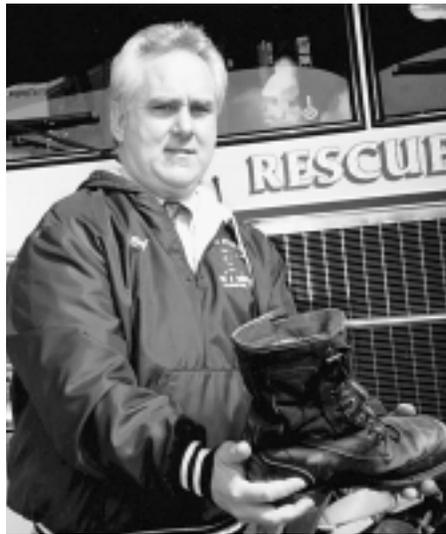
Firefighters from more than 200 departments in the state took to the streets, with boots in hand. The use of their boots by firefighters to raise money for a worthy cause dates back to the early 1970s when Jerry Lewis spearheaded the efforts to fund treatment and research for muscular dystrophy.

Mr. Wall said that since the “Fill-The-Boot” drives had been highly successful in the past, it was logical to bring back this method. He explained that, to his knowledge, boots have not been used in this manner in Connecticut for many years.

A third generation firefighter, Mr. Wall is proud that his grandfather, Walter Sheehey, was a firefighter and that his father, Thomas Wall, was a founding father of the North Farms District unit. And to make it complete, two of Mr. Wall's brothers, Terry and Tom, are also volunteers at North Farms.

\$100 BILLS IN BOOTS

“Fill-The-Boot” Chairman Tim Wall reported that when firefighters emptied their boots after soliciting funds for the families of firefighters and EMS personnel who lost their lives at the World Trade Center they were pleasantly surprised to find many \$100 bills. Said Mr. Wall, “The donations were clear proof of the compassion and generosity of Connecticut people.” ■



Chief Timothy Wall

“Firefighting is a family tradition with us and thousands of other families across America. It is not uncommon for a son to follow his father into a department. That is among the reasons we — firefighters — are all brothers and sisters,” he contended.

In addition to protecting the lives and property of his neighbors, Mr. Wall helps run the family dairy farm and is a state marshal (formerly a sheriff) in New Haven County. ■

Dedication Delayed For Fire Memorial

The dedication of the Firefighters' Memorial in Windsor Locks, scheduled for Sunday, May 5, has been postponed, said Chief (Ret.) Ernie Herrick of Storrs.

Mr. Herrick, chairman of the committee which has raised funds to sponsor the project, said it was necessary to abandon the original proposed site for the memorial because of its proximity to utility lines which serve the Fire Training Academy. Plans have been developed to situate the monument and plaza at the east side of the entrance to the academy.

According to Mr. Herrick, the contract for the site work has been awarded and the centerpiece, a polished block of black granite engraved with the images of four firefighters, is being stored in Vermont.

Barring any further delays, the committee is hoping that the dedication ceremonies can be held in June or July. ■



BEST SCORES IN '01

Last year at The Hundred Club's golf tournaments no golfer matched par on the White Course while only one broke par on the Green Course. The best gross scores were turned in by Paul Vaccaro (Green Course) who recorded a 68 and Jim Flannigan (White Course) who shot a 74. ■

NY FIREFIGHTER HONORED

One of the bricks in the patio at the Fire Memorial in Windsor Locks will bear the name of a New York firefighter who lost his life at the World Trade Center. The brick will honor Battalion Chief Tom Ryan. His brother-in-law, John Paolillo made a donation to the committee and asked Chairman Ernie Herrick to have a brick inscribed with Mr. Ryan's name. Mr. Herrick said some bricks are still available for donors. ■

TROOPERS: HIGHER PROFILE

When the 83 State Police troopers who received their badges in January complete their field training, “People will see more troopers on the highways,” said Public Safety Commissioner Arthur Spada. He also noted that the State Police will now be able to increase its efforts in community policing. ■

CORRECTION OFFICER HONORED

A 155,000 square foot building at the Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire has been named in honor of Correction Officer Lt. Kevin Baptiste, who died in October. He was a victim of cancer.

Correction Commissioner John J. Armstrong said it was appropriate to name a structure, which provides inmates with health, education and training programs, for Mr. Baptiste. The deceased officer was interested in creating programs for troubled youths and sought to do as much as possible to help young people with whom he came in contact. ■



Since the late 1970s this foursome has played together in The Hundred Club's golf tournaments. This photo, taken in 1982, at Banner Lodge shows the golfers in their younger years. They are Joe Owens, Msgr. Joseph Devine, Bob Hardiman and Lt. Gov. (Ret.) Joe Fauliso.

Sponsors Sought For Golf Events

The Golf Committee is seeking hole sponsors for The Hundred Club's two golf tournaments at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington on Wednesday, July 31.

Last year all 36 holes used for the tournaments were adorned with the colorful blue and gold banners bearing The Hundred Club's emblem and the name of the sponsor. In all 38 individuals and businesses took part in the 2001 program.

Committee Chairman Joel E. Janenda said that again the flags will be prominently displayed on the course and the contributors will be given the nylon banners as mementos.

Interested parties should contact Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. at headquarters. ■

GOLF TOURNEYS

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the steak dinner at Table Green, the sheltered outdoor dining facility set in a grove of towering pine trees not far from the clubhouse. Non-golfers are invited to have lunch and dinner. The charge is \$40.

Both tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. sharp with a shotgun start. Messrs. Janenda and Sydenham said golfers should arrive at least 30 minutes early and go directly to the registration desk. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be available. The practice range and putting green will be open for early arrivals.

At the dinner, prizes will be awarded for the best gross and net scores on both courses. Also, there will be awards for the longest drives on designated fairways and tee shots closest to the pin on a Par 3 hole on each course. The popular free raffle will be conducted at the dinner.

Tunxis General Manager Lou Pandolfi, P.G.A., and Angelo Fiducia, P.G.A., the resident golf professionals, will oversee the tournaments and compile the official scores.

The White and Green courses at Tunxis are considered among the best public layouts in New England and are the sites for many highly competitive tournaments and charitable events.

Opened in 1962 with one 18-hole course, Tunxis now consists of two 18-hole championship layouts plus a 9-hole course. The newest nine of the 45 holes was constructed in 1994. These fairways and greens are part of the Green Course.

According to Messrs. Pandolfi and Fiducia both the White and Green courses present challenges to low-handicap golfers, but can be managed by middle and high handicappers provided they do not attempt high risk recovery shots when they encounter trouble.

A social hour at the Table Green will begin immediately after play is completed. The steak dinner will be served at approximately 4 p.m. ■

Mother, A Trooper, Pins Badge On Trooper Son

For the first time in the 99-year history of the State Police a member of a State Police Training School graduating class received his badge from his mother.

During ceremonies Jan. 17 in the Jorgensen Auditorium at the University of Connecticut, Trooper Christine Terlecky, an 18-year veteran, pinned a State Police badge on her son, Trooper Shawn C. Prusinowski. He was one of 83 graduates.

Trooper Prusinowski said, following the ceremony, "I am so proud, I have no words to describe my feelings." Trooper Terlecky expressed confidence in her son's ability to perform the duties of a trooper. "He has a good head on his shoulders and exercises common sense." Before entering the Training School, Trooper Prusinowski had been a firefighter and a paramedic.

This class, the largest in several years, brought the State Police roster to 1,244 which is in compliance with a mandate from the General Assembly.

These new troopers were in the middle of their training when terrorists hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11. Lt. Gov. Jodi Rell, Atty. Gen. Richard Blumenthal and Public Safety Commissioner Arthur Spada all reminded the graduates that they will be in the front lines in the war on terrorism in the United States.

"In times of crises, danger and despair, State Police troopers are always the men and women called to duty. Since Sept. 11, our lives have changed and we in Connecticut have seen firsthand how much we rely on our State Police troopers," said Mrs. Rell.

Memorial Ceremony Slated For May 22

The annual ceremony which honors Connecticut law enforcers who lost their lives in the line of duty will be held Wednesday, May 22 at the impressive memorial located on the grounds of the Police Training Academy in Meriden.

Chief (Ret.) Robert E. Kosienski of the Meriden Police Department is again serving as chairman of the committee organizing the event. It is expected that the program will be similar to the presentations in the past with various musical selections, remarks by dignitaries, tributes to the "Fallen Heroes" and the recitation of the names engraved on the memorial. The ceremonies will start at 11 a.m.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association conceived the idea of the monument in 1986. Approximately \$400,000 was raised to pay for the construction of this tribute to local, state and federal law enforcers killed while protecting the lives and property of others. It was dedicated that year by Gov. Bill O'Neill on Oct. 5. ■



Trooper Christine Terlecky, right, pins State Police badge on her son, Shawn C. Prusinowski, during ceremonies for 83 troopers who completed their training. The event took place in Jorgensen Auditorium at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Speaking for the class, Trooper Peter R. Valentin said, "The events of Sept. 11 sharpened our resolve to emerge as troopers."

Of the 83 new troopers, 33 were assigned to the eastern part of the state, 23 to the central and 27 to the western.

The graduates were trained under the direction of Capt. Vincent E. McSweeney, commandant of the State Police Training Academy. ■

CORRECTION SCHOLARSHIPS

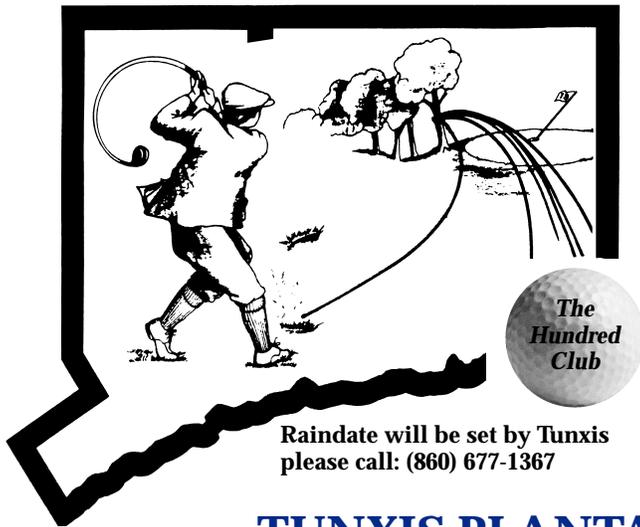
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Officer George Keeling, and Logan M. Scott, son of Associate Chaplain Lloyd Scott of the Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire. Mr. Busha plans to pursue a career in education and Mr. Scott is studying to become a criminal profiler in the FBI.

Mr. Manson, the first commissioner of the Department of Correction when it was established in the 1960s by Gov. John N. Dempsey and the General Assembly, was stricken by a heart attack and died Sept. 17, 1983. He is one of six members of the department on The Hundred Club's roster of "Fallen Heroes."

The Manson Fund provides scholarships for children of Correction Department employees.

Mrs. Carolyn Manson, the commissioner's widow, attended the breakfast and heard the present commissioner, John J. Armstrong, praise the work of her husband. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Manson had played an important role in building the foundation for the department and said it was appropriate that "two of our family's next generation" will be further educated through a program bearing his name. ■



Raindate will be set by Tunxis
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THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S

2002 GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Two Separate Tournaments
On Two Separate Courses
Wednesday, July 31, 2002

TUNXIS PLANTATION COUNTRY CLUB

Directions: Route 84, east or west, Exit 39, Follow Route 4 West,
take 1st right after Farmington River – Town Farm Road.

\$125.00 per golfer ...

includes golf carts, greens fee, lunch & beverage (on course) steak dinner

\$40.00 per non-golfer ...

includes lunch & steak dinner



PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO STARTING TIME.

Starting Time ... Shotgun Start – 10:00 a.m.

These are two separate and individual tournaments with identical formats – lunch and beverage on course, cocktails at approximately 3:00; dinner at 4:00; awarding of prizes and the **free raffle** follows dinner. The cost is **\$125.00 per player – \$500.00 per foursome.**

Please send registration form and payment to:
The Hundred Club of Connecticut, Inc.

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***** HUNDRED CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT *****
Wednesday, July 31, 2002

Please register this foursome:

Number of golfers (\$125.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

Number of Non-golfers (\$40.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

(A check must accompany this reservation slip) Grand Total: \$ _____

Contact name for this foursome: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #1: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #2: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #3: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #4: _____ Telephone: _____

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