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Veteran Firefighter Succumbs In Groton

The 115th name was added to The Hundred Club's roster of firefighters who died in the line of duty with the death of a 48-year veteran volunteer in Groton.

Capt. Whitney C. Teehan, Jr. succumbed from a heart attack last June 25 while on a fire call at Electric Boat. Units of Eastern Point Fire Co. No. 2 had responded at 4:50 a.m. to an alarm that was actually the result of a malfunction in the firm's equipment.

Mr. Teehan was serving as the department's accountability officer, keeping track of firefighters who entered the building when he was stricken with a heart attack.

An active member of the volunteer department since he was 18 years old, Mr. Teehan was employed by Electric Boat for 41 years. At the time of his retirement in 1993 he was



Capt. Teehan

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Two Golf Tournaments Aug. 1

Club Increases Aid To Widows, Children

Continuing to increase its financial assistance to families, The Hundred Club has raised the annual Christmas contribution to widows to \$750 and for each child under age 19 the gift will be \$200, President James J. Dolan announced. Previously the donations were \$550 and \$150.

The initial death benefit, effective Jan. 1, 2001, is \$10,000. This figure reflects an increase of \$2,500 approved by the Board of Directors last year.

Last Christmas, according to Mr. Dolan, the club distributed \$76,550 to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The recipients were 134 widows and 19 children.

For Thanksgiving, the club spent \$11,715 as it provided 134 families with turkeys for their holiday meal.

During the past year the club, through its newest program, provided 29 students with

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Tunxis Will Provide Two 18-Hole Courses

For the first time The Hundred Club will hold its two golf tournaments on the same day at the same golf complex. The events will take place Wednesday, August 1 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

In recent years the tournaments have been played on two separate days, usually Mondays and Tuesdays. Several years ago two separate facilities were used on the same day.

Golf Committee Chairman Edward Funk said he and members of the panel are enthused over the new arrangement. He noted that both courses are ideally suited for the tournaments and the dining facility is large enough to comfortably accommodate all participants.

Plans call for 60 foursomes, 30 on the White Course and 30 on the Green Course, to play simultaneously. Managing Director William W. Sydenham, Jr. said acceptance into the tournaments will be strictly on a "first-come-first-served basis."

The application for the two separate tournaments appears on Page 4 of this issue of *The Hundred Call*. The fee for golfers is \$125 per player. This amount covers lunch and dinner. Non-golfers are invited to have lunch and attend the dinner. The charge is \$40.

Play in both golf tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. sharp with a shotgun start. Mr.

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Artistic rendering for Firefighters Memorial was created by Lt. Paul Walsh of the New Britain Fire Dept. The Memorial will be located at the front of the Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

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Dinner October 12th

The annual dinner meeting of The Hundred Club will be held Friday, October 12, at La Renaissance in East Windsor. President James J. Dolan and the Dinner Committee are continuing to develop an interesting and entertaining program for the event.

Mr. Dolan noted that by holding the dinner the past four years on a Friday evening, instead of a Saturday as had been the custom, more members and guests were able to attend.

TUNXIS WILL PROVIDE

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Sydenham said players should arrive at least 30 minutes early and go directly to the registration desk. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be available. Also, the practice range and putting green will be open.

Messrs. Funk and Sydenham expressed gratitude to the Tomasso family and the management at Tunxis for making both 18-hole courses available.

Mr. Sydenham said there will be prizes for the best gross and net scores on both courses plus awards for the longest drives on specified fairways and shots closest to the pins on designated Par 3 holes. The popular free raffle will also be held during the awards dinner.

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

The Hundred Club's tournaments in the past have been played on the 6,241-yard White Course, except the second event last year which took place on the 5,926-yard Green Course.

Discussing the courses, Mr. Pandolfi said that both layouts are challenges to the single-digit handicappers who will be seeking to win low gross prizes. At the same time, the courses can be managed, he said, by the middle and high handicap players, "provided they play within themselves and do not take too many risky shots."

Water comes into play on five holes on the White Course and there is at least one bunker on all 18 holes. On the Green Course errant tee shots can land in water on three holes while ponds guard the approach to two greens.

Opened in 1962 with 18 holes, Tunxis now features 45 holes on rich soil which for generations was farmland.

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

In addition to Chairman Funk members of the Golf Committee are Dick Brown, Joel Janenda, Jim Barone, Graham Tyrol, Tim Prete, Bruce MacBryde and Dick Hurley. ■



Edward Funk



Clubhouse At Tunxis

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 in Farmington. The contribution for each hole is \$100.

Committee Chairman Edward J. Funk said a nylon banner with the club's emblem and the name of the sponsor will be prominently displayed on the course. Sponsors will be given the flags as mementos.

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

New Troopers Hear UConn Head Coach

A featured speaker at the graduation ceremonies for the 112th Training Troop of the State Police likened the new law enforcers to his basketball players.

Geno Auriemma, coach of the University of Connecticut's Women's Team, said both his players and the troopers "know the sacrifice that comes with achieving your goal - and that goal is being the best at what you do."

He also sounded a warning by telling the men and women who had completed 28 weeks of intensive training that they should be prepared for unfair criticism from some elements in the media, the reporters and editors who concentrate on the shortcomings of law enforcers "instead of the hard work that they do daily."

Members of the graduating class were warned by Mr. Auriemma not to expect praise from the media for faithfully executing their duties. "The only time you are going to be a big story is if you do something poorly or fail ... And that is so unfair. But that is the life you have chosen," he declared.

The program at the Jorgensen Auditorium on the UConn Campus at Storrs also included remarks by Gov. John Rowland, Atty. Gen. Richard Blumenthal and Public Safety Commissioner Arthur Spada.



Geno Auriemma



Capt. McSweeney



Gov. Rowland



Col. John P. Bardelli, right, pins State Police trooper badge on Trooper Corey Southerland, a graduate in the 112th Training Class.

The Commissioner emphasized to the graduates, "You are joining a State Police force where uncommon achievement is the common course." Underscoring the dangers that may be ahead, Mr. Spada noted that in the past 87 years 20 troopers "have given their full measure of devotion in defense of the rule of law."

Mr. Spada reminded the rookie troopers that they are a "part of the nation's oldest and best state police enforcement agency."

The graduates were trained under the direction of Capt. Vincent E. McSweeney, commandant of the State Police Training Academy. He organized the graduation program and served as master of ceremonies. (Photos: Connecticut State Police). ■

VETERAN FIREFIGHTER SUCCUMBS

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a senior design supervisor.

Two years ago Mr. Teehan was instrumental in the acquisition by Groton, with financial aid from Pfizer, Inc., of eight portable defibrillators. In 1997, while fighting a fire in an automobile Mr. Teehan suffered a heart attack. Firefighters from Pfizer used a company-owned defibrillator to restore his vital functions.

Unfortunately, on the morning of June 25 fellow firefighters could not restart Mr. Teehan's heart rhythm with a defibrillator.

Mr. Teehan was also a professional magician known as "Misto, Master of Magic" and "Clarence the Clown."

He was born Nov. 9, 1933 in New London. Mr. Teehan is survived by his wife, Barbara Thatcher Teehan; four daughters, Susan Teehan of Groton, Beverly Nachtwey of Gales Ferry, Paula Moffett of Mystic, and Laura Troy of Ledyard; a sister, Ella Teehan Anderson of Groton; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Teehan was honored with a fireman's memorial service June 29. Interment was in Colonel Ledyard Cemetery.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Teehan family. ■

PAST PRESIDENTS PLAY

Past presidents who play in the Golf Tournament when they can break away from their professional duties include Bill McCue, Atty. Paul McQuillan, Dick Brown, Phil Cahill and Bill Carroll.

Firefighters Memorial Set Windsor Locks Site Of Special Tribute

The names of approximately 350 Connecticut firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty will be etched in an impressive Firefighters Memorial planned for a site in Windsor Locks.

Lt. Gov. Jodi Rell is leading efforts to raise \$100,000 toward the cost of this permanent tribute to the paid and volunteer firefighters who have made the supreme sacrifice. Gov. John Rowland included another \$100,000 in his proposed budget.

The memorial will be located at the front of the Fire Training Academy, which is near Bradley International Airport. Mrs. Rell and others involved in the project hope that dedication ceremonies will be held in the fall, possibly during Fire Prevention Week.

The memorial site will consist of a plaza-



Lt. Gov. Rell



Lt. Walsh

like setting with a brick patio shaped in the form of a Maltese Cross, the universal symbol of the firefighting service. At the center, a polished block of black granite six feet by 12 feet will bear images of four firefighters battling a blaze and the Seal of Connecticut. The names of the fallen firefighters will be inscribed on granite blocks set around the perimeter of the plaza.

Also on this outer boundary there will be eight granite benches, each representing one of the eight counties in the state.

The original artwork for the scene on the centerpiece – the firefighters in action – is a multi-colored oil painting created by a firefighter/artist, Lt. Paul Walsh, a 16-year veteran of the New Britain Fire Dept.

The Memorial Committee of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA) asked him to develop artistic concepts for the focal point of the monument. He produced several sketches for the group which made the selection.

Nationally recognized for his artwork related to firefighting, Mr. Walsh markets lithographs of his originals through a firm based in Kentucky.

Noting that he is fortunate in being able to blend firefighting and painting, Mr. Walsh explained, "I always wanted to be a

firefighter. It's a family tradition. My father is the chief of the Willimantic Dept., my brother Jay is with Bronx Ladder Co. 33 in New York. My grandfather, William T. Walsh was chief of the Blue Hills Dept. in Hartford, my uncle, William Walsh, Jr., was chief of the Windsor Fire Dept."

Mr. Walsh started drawing and painting when he was 11 years old. "When I was 16, I went to New York and happened to see in Harlem a painting which had been done by a firefighter. That convinced me that someday I could do both," explained Mr. Walsh.

The proposal for a memorial to fallen firefighters came from Ernie Herrick, the retired chief of the Eagleville Dept. in Mansfield. He started promoting his idea seven years ago and is more than pleased that it is coming to fruition.

According to Mr. Herrick, the CSFA was formed in 1883 and there are no records of firefighters who died while fighting fires earlier than 1885.

Among those working with Mrs. Rell and Mr. Herrick to bring the project to its completion are State Fire Administrator Jeff Morrisette and Peter Carozza, president of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association.

Mrs. Rell, whose husband, Lou, is a veteran volunteer firefighter in Brookfield, believes, "A memorial to our fallen firefighters is long overdue... All too often we forget or take for granted the sacrifices made by firefighters and their families."

Donations for the Firefighters Memorial Fund can be sent to the Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. Signed and unsigned lithographs of Mr. Walsh's painting can be purchased through the academy. Money derived from the sales will go directly to the Memorial Fund. ■

Three Names Added To "Heroes" Roster

Three names were added to The Hundred Club's roll of "Fallen Heroes" last year.

Sgt. George R. Dingwall of the Middletown Police Dept. lost his life in the line of duty Jan 28.

Two firefighters, Lt. Stephen R. Kacmarcik of the Torrington Fire Dept. and Capt. Whitney C. Teehan of the Groton Fire Dept. both succumbed June 25.

The club's roster at the close of the year 2000 consisted of 115 firefighters, 88 police officers and six correction guards for a total of 209.

The Hundred Club was founded in 1967 following the tragic death of Hartford Police Officer Harvey R. Young. ■

Old Latin Saying Applies To Club

More than once Msgr. Joseph A. Devine has linked a Latin aphorism to the work of the members of The Hundred Club:

"There is an old Latin saying – *Qui Fecit Per Alio Fecit Per Se*. It means, who does through another does himself.

"Through your generosity and dedication, you – the members – provide the tools for Bill Sydenham and the various committees to carry out the vision of The Hundred Club.

"Tragedy strikes and there you are embracing the hardship of that family. Your gifts are filled with a deeper meaning – restoring their faith and their hope, their trust and their love, enabling that family to survive their terrible loss.

"Any act of kindness and love and compassion is a permanent gift that ennoble the giver." ■

CLUB INCREASES AID

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computer systems with access to the Internet. Students age seven and older are eligible to receive a computer.

The club's scholarship program makes available up to \$25,000 for students who choose to further their education in colleges, vocational or technical schools. Since the inauguration of this program in 1974 the club has expended \$3,405,315. At the outset, recipients received between \$1,000 and \$1,500 annually.

The club offers four weeks of summer camp for every child between the ages five and 16 under its wing. Children up to and including age 18 receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond on their birthday. Widows are remembered on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day with a box of fudge.

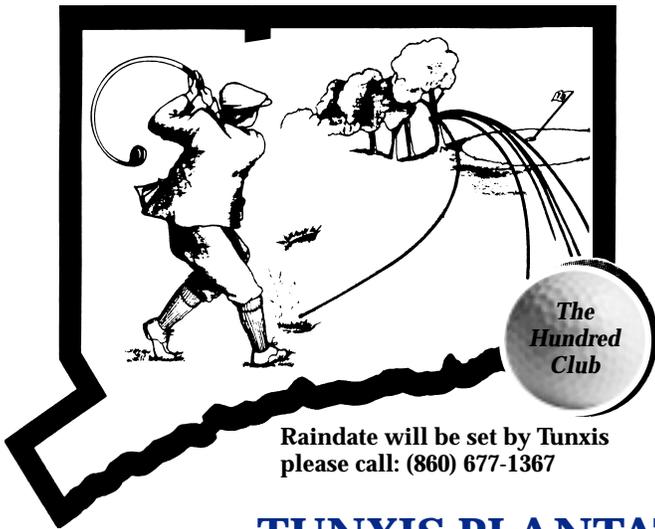
Since its founding in 1967, The Hundred Club has eased the burden on families who lost their main providers by contributing more than \$6 million to them. ■

EARLY REGISTRANTS

When The Hundred Club's first golf tournament was planned in 1975 among the early registrants were Sgt. Ed Funk of the State Police and President Joe McCormick. The event was held at Banner Lodge in Moodus.

PRESIDENT TO PLAY

Jim Dolan will be the first sitting president to play in a Hundred Club golf tournament since Phil Cahill was in the field in 1995. Presidents Dave Thornton, Peter Guerra, Paul Young, André Charbonneau and Jim McCavanagh have confined their activities to traveling around the courses in golf carts and encouraging the golfers.



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THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S
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GOLF
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Two Separate Tournaments
On Two Separate Courses
Wednesday, August 1, 2001

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:
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Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Please register this foursome:

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

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

Contact name for this foursome: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #1: _____ Telephone: _____

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