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THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S

**2004
GOLF
TOURNAMENTS**

Two Separate Tournaments
On Two Separate Courses
Wednesday, July 28, 2004

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 28, 2004

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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Lt. Kureczka Dies; Served in Hartford



Lt. Edmond Kureczka

A 22-year veteran of the Hartford Fire Dept. suffered coronary seizures on duty and later died Nov. 16. Lt. Edmond H. Kureczka, Jr., 46, was assigned to Tactical One Unit at headquarters.

Chief Charles A. Teale, Sr. said the deceased firefighter was highly respected for his leadership skills and his knowledge of firefighting and department regulations.

Mr. Kureczka was vice president of Hartford Firefighters Union Local 760 of the International Association of Firefighters. Mr. Teale recalled that during the most "intense labor negotiations" Mr. Kureczka never became antagonistic. "He was a gentleman in every sense of the word," the chief said.

More than 2,000 people paid their respects during the wake, including Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez. St. Augustine's Church, Hartford was filled for the Mass of Christian Burial. Union Local 760 President Thomas Diseipio was among the eulogists who spoke of Mr. Kureczka's devotion to duty and the pride he took in the fact that he followed his father, Hartford Deputy Chief (Ret.) Edmond H. Kureczka, in the firefighting profession. Mr. Kureczka, in addition to his affiliation with the Hartford firefighters' union, was a trustee of the Fireman's Benevolent Society, a past treasurer of the Police and Fireman's Association and a member of the Firefighters (continued on page 2)

\$7 Million Given by Club

Windsor Locks Chief Succumbs At Age 51



Chief Kenneth J. Jeffery

The brotherhood of firefighters was clearly evident at the services for Fire Chief Kenneth J. Jeffery, Jr. Comrades from throughout Connecticut were joined by counterparts from neighboring states in tribute to Mr. Jeffery, who died Dec. 31 after

being stricken with a coronary attack six days earlier while on duty.

Lt. Bob McGrath of the New York City department said he and a group of colleagues were at the funeral service because they wanted to honor Mr. Jeffery and show support for a fallen firefighter. He noted that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of firefighters from Connecticut attended the services for their

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\$325,766 Distributed To Families in 2003

The Hundred Club reached a milestone last year when it passed the \$7 million mark in total distributions to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Since its founding in 1967, the club has disbursed \$7,009,619, according to figures compiled at the close of 2003.

During the past year the club, through its various programs for widows and their families, expended \$325,766. Of this amount \$149,395 was spent for the scholarship program. For the 2003-04 school year, 15 students are participating.

Since the club launched its computer program for students seven years old and older the cost has been \$82,000. Last year three computers with access to the Internet were installed at a cost of about \$4,800. At present there are 23 students taking part in

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Annual Meeting Oct. 21 At Radisson

The annual meeting of The Hundred Club will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Cromwell.

President Ralph A. Giansanti, Jr. and past President Peter H. Guerra, chairman of the committee planning the event, said that the general format will consist of a cocktail party and a brief speaking program during which the president for 2005 will be introduced.

Mr. Guerra and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said that members voiced approval of the informal atmosphere at the 2003 meeting and centralized location. Both indicated that the committee welcomed the suggestions offered by members and said efforts will be made to put viable ideas into practice.

Additional details will be published in future issues of The Hundred Call.

Memorial Service Honors Firefighters



Chief Wayne Fletcher

The 307 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty in Connecticut since 1852, were honored during the first annual State Firefighters Memorial Service at the Connecticut Fire Academy, Windsor Locks.

The names of the fallen firefighters are engraved on the black granite memorial at the front of the Fire Training Academy. The memorial was dedicated late in 2002.

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the program at an annual cost of about \$11,000.

At Christmas the club provided checks totaling \$100,150 for 129 widows and 17 children. The club also spent \$11,815 for Thanksgiving baskets for families of "Fallen Heroes" and \$5,876 for remembrances on Mother's Day and Valentine's Day.

Seventeen children received U.S. Savings Bonds on their birthdays at a cost of \$1,700. Each bond will be worth \$200 at maturity. The club also provided camping experiences for youngsters at a cost of \$4,463.

When the club was founded in 1967 by the late Anthony Ustjanuskas, a Hartford businessman, families of a line-of-duty victim received a check for \$1,000. The death benefit is presently \$10,000.

A modest scholarship program, with recipients receiving between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a year, was started in 1970. As costs for education have risen, the club has increased its financial participation and currently provides up to \$25,000 a year. Participants can study at a college or vocational or technical school.

Membership dues were set at \$250 per year in 1967 and have not changed. ■

At that time the names had not yet been etched into the stone.

Due to a heavy rain it was necessary to hold the ceremony last Oct. 19 in the auditorium at the academy. Chief Wayne E. Sandford of East Haven, the keynote speaker, noted that the firefighters whose names are on the memorial lost their lives in a variety of ways, Mr. Sandford offered the opinion, "Each was probably patriotic and religious." In death, he observed, "some made headlines, while others did not." All he emphasized, were dedicated to duty.

Rev. Edward C. Goetz, Chaplain of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, told the gathering of approximately 200, "These are souls who gave their lives and truly made a difference."

A memorial wreath was placed by Chief Wayne Fletcher of the Ashford Fire Department. He succeeded his brother, Bruce S. Fletcher, who died in the line of duty in 2002. Representatives of the West Hartford and Wolcott departments also participated. Members of those departments lost their lives in the line of duty in 2002. ■

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professional brethren in New York who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001 as a result of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Mr. Jeffery's love of his profession was obvious. Not only did he serve as chief of his hometown department, he was also the assistant chief to the Fire Department at the U.S. Submarine Base, Groton, and an instructor at the Connecticut Fire Academy, Windsor Locks. In 1988 he received the Meritorious Award from the U.S. Navy for his role in limiting the damage from a fire in a "critical building" at the sub base.

As a high school student, Mr. Jeffery expressed his desire to some day be chief of the Windsor Locks Fire Dept. At age 16, he joined the Civil Defense Fire Dept. and four years later became a regular member of the Fire Dept. He advanced through the ranks and in 1998 fulfilled his goal when he became chief.

Hundreds of people attended the wake for Mr. Jeffery and St. Mary's Church was filled for the Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Robert O'Grady, the celebrant, declared in his eulogy that Mr. Jeffery's life was centered on service to others. He expressed the belief that Mr. Jeffery had within him "a special love" for friends.

Mr. Jeffery was born in Hartford Dec.

Police Memorial Event May 19 In Meriden

The annual ceremony to honor Connecticut law enforcers who lost their lives in the line of duty will be held Wednesday, May 19 at the memorial on the grounds of the Police Training Academy, Meriden. Chief (Ret.) Robert Kosienski of the Meriden Police Dept. said the event will start at 11 a.m.

Mr. Kosienski also announced that the Memorial Committee dinner will be at The Aqua Turf Club, Southington, May 3. A social hour will start at 6 p.m. The cost will be \$40.

An unusual aspect of the memorial ceremony this year will be the addition of the name of a police officer who died in the line of duty more than a century ago. Danbury Police Officer Gary Guertin, while researching the history of the department, discovered evidence that Officer Florence B. Sullivan died Sept. 8, 1896 from injuries sustained during an assault by four disorderly men.

Danbury Chief Robert L. Paquette brought the information to the attention of the Criteria Committee which approved the request to add Mr. Sullivan's name. ■

2, 1952, the son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Walsh Jeffery. He was a lifelong resident of Windsor Locks and graduated from Windsor Locks High School in 1971. He was a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and several civic organizations.

Mr. Jeffery is survived by his wife Catherine Matuszak Jeffery; a son, Timothy M. Jeffery and a sister, Catherine Brown of Windsor Locks. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Windsor Locks.

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

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Protective Association.

He leaves his wife Rita Burns Kureczka; their two children, Alicia Jean and Edmond Kureczka, III; his parents, Edmond H. Kureczka, Sr. and Margaret B. Kureczka of Hartford; a brother, Gary Kureczka of Hartford; four sisters, Kathy Kureczka of Newington, Andrea Kureczka of Ellington, Margaret Roy of Ellington and Susan Green of North Reading, Mass.

Mr. Kureczka and his family moved to the Amston section of Hebron a few years ago.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the family. ■

Golf Tournaments Set Wednesday, July 28

The Hundred Club's two separate golf tournaments will be played Wednesday July 28 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. The application appears on Page 4 of this issue of The Hundred Call.

The events on the White and Green courses will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Prior to the start of play, the practice range and putting green will be open. Also, coffee and breakfast pastry will be available.

At the conclusion of the tournaments there will be a social hour followed by the traditional awards dinner at Table Green, the sheltered outdoor dining facility within the Tunxis complex.

During the awards ceremonies the popular free raffle will be conducted.

The cost is \$125 per golfer. This fee covers the greens fee, use of a golf cart, the on-course lunch and the steak dinner. Non-golfers are invited to the lunch and dinner. The charge is \$40.

Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said that entry into the tournaments will be on a first-come first-served basis. He also emphasized that golfers should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of play and should go immediately to the registration desk.

In addition to prizes for the best gross and net scores on both courses, 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. ■

Sponsors Sought

The Golf Committee announced that its hole-sponsorship program will again be a part of The Hundred Club's two separate tournaments. The events will be played Wednesday, July 28 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said that with two courses being used at the same time a total of 36 holes will be available to sponsors. A blue and gold banner is prominently displayed on each hole that is sponsored. It bears the emblem of The Hundred Club and the name of the sponsors as mementos.

In the past, individuals as well as businesses and organizations have participated in the program. Parties interested in becoming sponsors should contact Mr. Sydenham at headquarters. ■

Atty. McQuillan Honored By CCSU



CCSU President Richard L. Judd and Atty. Paul J. McQuillan

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) bestowed one of its highest honors on a past president of The Hundred Club. Atty. Paul J. McQuillan of New Britain was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Criminal Justice Degree Feb. 23 during ceremonies in the Lawrence J. Davidson Administration Building.

Mr. McQuillan, president of The Hundred Club in 1985, has remained active as a member of the Board of Directors. His long and valuable involvement in the organization was noted in the official citation, which stated that Mr. McQuillan has made it a lifetime practice to "do right" in his city, state and country. It declared that his service "has been to the betterment of many people."



Gov. (Ret.)
William O'Neill

Gov. (Ret.) William A. O'Neill, in remarks, recalled that in 1958 he and Mr. McQuillan were fellow students on the former Teachers College of Connecticut campus in New Britain which is now CCSU. He praised Mr. McQuillan not only for the service he rendered to "my administration over a period of 10 years" but also to those of Govs. Thomas J. Meskill and Ella T. Grasso.

In addition to fulfilling gubernatorial appointments, Mr. O'Neill said, "Paul was extremely helpful to me." He explained

that he sought and received Mr. McQuillan's counsel on many matters and that he cherishes his friendship with Paul and the McQuillan family.

CCSU President Richard L. Judd presented Mr. McQuillan as the candidate for the degree, which was conferred by Chairman Lawrence D. McHugh of the CCSU Board of Trustees.

In his acceptance speech Mr. McQuillan said that as a young undergraduate at Teachers College he considered a career in foreign service, but wound up practicing law in New Britain and with his wife, Mary, raising six children in their home a short distance from the CCSU campus.

Following his studies at Teachers College, Mr. McQuillan graduated from Georgetown University and subsequently from its School of Law.

Mr. McQuillan gained considerable statewide publicity as the special prosecutor in the one-man grand jury investigation into the murder of Mrs. Barbara Gibbons in 1973. The grand jury's decision helped clear her son, Peter Reilly, who earlier had been convicted of the crime.

Later, Gov. Grasso called on him to serve as chairman of the State Police Citizens Advisory Committee.

A past president of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Mr. McQuillan served as corporation counsel in New Britain and on several state boards. Known for his success in courtrooms in criminal and civil cases, Mr. McQuillan, as was noted during the ceremony, has done "more than his share of pro bono work." ■