

2009 Jr. Golf Tournament Results

The 54th New York State Elks Jr. Golf Tournament was held Monday August 17, 2009 at the Chili Country Club. Rochester Lodge #24 hosted the event. A sincere Elks thank you is extended to the Rochester Lodge members who prepared a welcoming chicken BBQ for the Golfers and their families the evening before the contest and officiating the event. Also, a special thanks to Don Schirtz and Betty Brock Porter for their superb efforts in coordinating the event. The event would not have been a success without the generous sponsorships provided by Potsdam Lodge #2074, Rochester Lodge #24, Rensselaer Lodge #2073, Wellsville Lodge #1495, Guilderland Lodge #2430, Plattsburgh Lodge #621, Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403, Endicott Lodge #1977, Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161, Lyons Lodge #869, Glens Falls Lodge #81, Watertown Lodge #496, Bath Lodge #1547, Albany Lodge #49, Catskill Lodge #1341 and Middletown Lodge #1097. To each of the aforementioned Lodges – Thank you!!! Lastly, congratulations to each of the golfers that participated and especially this year's Champions: **Kristen Bromley** (Girls 12-14), **Erin Conklin** (Girls 15-16), **Kyle Bromley** (Boys 12-14), **John Young** (Boys 15-16) and **Mark Sabatino** (Boys 17-18). Mark Sabatino had the contest low score with a 70. In the boy's 15-16 division, Mike Chambers and John Hickey finished tied for second with an 82. Hickey was awarded second based upon a tie breaker best hole score. Final results are as follows:

Girls 12-14

Kristen Bromley (87) (1st) Rochester #24
Jackie Hoey (97) (2nd) Plattsburgh #621

Girls 15-16

Erin Conklin (94) (1st) Watertown #496
Sara Adamowski (99) (2nd) Amsterdam #101
Jessica Wennstrom (109) (3rd)

Boys 12-14

Kyle Bromley (86) (1st) Rochester #24
John VanValkenburg (87) (2nd) Mechanicville #1403
Devon Delisle (88) (3rd) Potsdam #2074
Corey Purcell (91) Amsterdam #101
Nolan Reid (95) Plattsburgh #621
Pearce Parsons (95) Watertown #496
Jesse Meath (96) Middletown #1097
Wilson Lockwood (99) Jamestown #263
Bradley Lalore (101) Watertown #496
Tyler Otis (102) Ogdensburg #772
Ben Knapp (106) Rochester #24
Sean Harrigan (112) Plattsburgh #621

Boys 17-18

Mark Sabatino (70) (1st) Mechanicville
Matthew Horton (76) (2nd) Mechanicville
Shawn Thomas (79) (3rd) Watertown
Tyler Newell (94) Watertown #496
Michael Triassi Rochester #24

Boys 15-16

John Young (77) (1st) Mechanicville #1403
John Hickey (82) (2nd) Plattsburgh #621
Mike Chambers (82) (3rd) Potsdam #2074
Connor Cook (86) Middletown #1097
Patrick Kernam (86) Watertown #496
Ben Stone (88) Potsdam #2074
Connor Jubert (89) Plattsburgh #621
Alex Triassi (102) Rochester #24

Article submitted by: Tim Welpe,
Youth Activities Chair

The Hornell Lodge #364 sponsored it's annual Kids Fishing Derby at the Hornell Reservoir. 37 children under the age of 12 participated. Hot dogs, homemade chocolate chip cookies and refreshments were provided to all. The Hornell WalMart co-sponsored the event and supplied worms for bait and tackle boxes as a first place prize for each age group. The proud winners are pictured at right.



Poughkeepsie Lodge #275 and Haverstraw Lodge #877-

State Editor Jack McClurken, PDDGER, Treasurer of Poughkeepsie Lodge and Dominick Posillipo, Leading Knight from Haverstraw Lodge presented dictionaries to the third grade classes at West Nyack Elementary School. The dictionaries are donated each year in memory of the late Fred Lodini, DDGER, who was instrumental in starting the Dictionary Project in Rockland County.

Patchogue Lodge #1323-

honored two students from the local area with The Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" award. Scholarship Chairperson Barbara Watson recognized Margaret-Anne Logan for her finalist scholarship which entitles her to a four year award of \$1,000 per year. Ariel Aicher was the recipient of a \$1,000 allocated award for the academic year 2009-2010. At the same time, Scholarship Chairperson Barbara Watson presented Derek Winnes, a Patchogue-Medford Student, with Patchogue Lodge's C. John Wolfarth, PER, Memorial Scholarship. This award, for \$500.00, was given to Derek for his high achievements. Recognition of these fine students were delivered at the school's assembly with hundreds of friends, students, teachers and parents in attendance.



New Hyde Park, NY Lodge #2107

Does Club recently gave its yearly \$1000 college scholarship to Gemma Ann Inguanta of New Hyde Park Memorial High School. Gemma, who will be attending Marymount Manhattan College as a sociology major, was a member of the Key Club, Editor of the school yearbook, a member of the National Honor and Foreign Language Honor societies, and a Top Soccer volunteer. (L-R) Ann Inguanta (mom), Dorothy Guiliano, Does President, Gemma, Emily Zizzo, Does Scholarship Chair, Victoria Inguanta (sister).



Drug Awareness Program

I have recently returned from the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland Oregon, where my wife Judy and I attended the convention. I also had the pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program training session for

two days, Saturday and Sunday July 4th and 5th! The Drug Awareness Training for State Chairpersons was fantastic! Our National DAP Director Kent Gade and his Asst Directors Doug Mantalee and William Bryan did a great job.

In this edition you will find some information on the various programs that we run from year to year and a very new program with Milton Creagh and some stars in the music and entertainment industry.

My first priority this year is to ensure that every lodge in New York State has a Drug Awareness Program Chairperson and that we have a functioning address, phone number and email address for that chairperson. Next I want to make sure that information is sent to me especially the name and email address, so that I can forward the email address to the national program so everyone can receive our electronic newsletter.

My next priority is to get every lodge in the state to join and participate in at least one Coalition in their community (Area of Jurisdiction). And of course report it to me, I would like to create a list of all of the coalitions we partner with and share that information with the national DAP Director and with our friends at the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse services.

My next priority for the year is to have every lodge participate in the Poster and Essay Contest. Keeping in mind that there are some school districts that do not cooperate, I am asking every lodge to participate, even if you only submit one or two entries. Work with the local Brownie or Cub Scout troop, or the children of our own members. It doesn't have to be a huge program, just do something to get some participation. Remember, our success comes one child at a time.

Finally, I would like to encourage all District chairs to conduct at least one training session and nominate one Police Officer for the Enrique Camarena Award. Last year New York State's nominee was Runner up in the National Program. That nominee came from the small Village of Ossining, NY in the South District. Please take the time to write and submit a worthy nomination.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

TOM MEIER
Chairman

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Honorable Mention, SVP Louis Christie and PDDGER Tony Thanopoulos.

The next award is presented to the Ladies of the East District for the donation of \$ 17,000.00 raised in one afternoon.

Highest Lodge Donation: Rotterdam #2157 \$ 24,700.00.

DISTRINGUISHED COMMITTEE PERSON: Thomas Meier
STATE VICE PRESIDENT AWARD Louis Christie, SVP

CP PERSON OF THE YEAR Richard Crudele, PER, Canandaigua #1844

