



Oswego Lodge #271 recently donated \$300 to the Erik Cole Dream Big Foundation. The donation will be used to sponsor the annual Ice Cream Social held during the youth 3-on-3 hockey tournament held at the SUNY Oswego Campus Center as part of the Dream Big Hockey and Golf Classic. This marks the 3rd year in a row that the Elks Club has sponsored this event. The ice cream social gives each hockey player an opportunity to meet and greet Erik Cole and other NHL hockey players that attend the event. "It's one of my favorite parts of the weekend," Cole said. "My foundation is all about the kids and helping them realize their dreams. I am proud to partner with the Elks Club in this effort." The public is invited to visit the traveling exhibit of the Hockey Hall of Fame at the Campus Center and later Erik Cole and his NHL friends will take the ice at 7 p.m. while the hockey-rock band The Zambonis perform live in concert. Pictured above Denise Izyk, Volunteer Coordinator for the Erik Cole Dream Big Foundation, accepts a check for \$300 from Exalted Ruler Colleen Rinaldo of the Oswego Elks Lodge. Admission is a donation of \$5 for adults and children are free.



Smithtown Lodge #2036 – Drug Awareness Poster Contest - 5th Grade student Ilysa Sirota honored the Elks and her family by placing 2nd in the New York State Poster Contest. Ilysa attends Nesconset Elementary School. We congratulate Ilysa on her outstanding performance and wish her well in all her future endeavors. Pictured above from left to right – Exalted Ruler Andy Wolke, Drug Awareness Chairwoman Marlene Wolke, Ilysa Sirota, Robin Koch (Ilysa's teacher), Ilysa's brother Matthew and mother and father Michele and Seth.



Wellsville Lodge #1495 - The 2011 'Golf for the Kids' Tournament was held Saturday, August 13th at the Wellsville Country Club. A total of 90 golfers including 60 Elks members from Wellsville Lodge 1495 joined together to raise \$3,855.57 for the Variety Kids Telethon to be held next March. Co-chairmen Butch Cozzi and Tim Colligan, PDDGER deemed the event a huge success. Once again it proves that Elks Care...Elks Share as we help the sick and handicapped children of Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania. Pictured above golf carts lined up for the start of the tournament.)

2011 Junior Golf Tournament Results

The 56th New York State Elks Jr. Golf Tournament was held Monday August 15, 2011 at the Fairways of Half Moon Golf Club in Mechanicville, NY. This year's contest was sponsored by Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge # 1403. The NYSEA extends appreciation to the Lodge for hosting the tournament and for the Lodges outstanding effort in organizing the contest. Many of the golfers participated in a practice round the Sunday before the event. Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge then treated the golfers and their families to a Dinner Reception at the Lodge. On the morning of the contest, the golfers and family members were treated to a complimentary breakfast at the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge. The golfers also received a complimentary lunch. An awards banquet, with a buffet dinner, was held at the Golf Club at the conclusion of the contest. Past State President Michael Bloss and Exalted Ruler Tom O'Neil presented awards to the 1st-3rd place finishers in each division. A sincere thanks goes out to the staff at the Fairways of Half Moon Golf Club for accommodating the tournament, for the meal and course preparation and the professionalism that was extended to everyone involved with the tournament.

Congratulations are extended to each of the forty four golfers that competed and especially to this year's Champions: Jacquie Hoey – Plattsburgh Lodge #621 (Girls 15-16), Sarah Adamowski – Amsterdam Lodge #101 (Girls 17-18), Dylan Patch – Watertown Lodge #496 (Boys 12-14), Corey Purcell – Amsterdam Lodge #101 (Boys 15-16) and Justin Ward – Watertown Lodge #496 (Boys 17-18). Despite playing under adverse weather conditions throughout the day, Dylan Patch had the low score in the boys division with a score of 72 and Sarah Adamowski had the girls division low score of 81. Jacquie Hoey of Plattsburgh repeated as champion in the girl's 15-16 division. Top finishers in each age division were as follows:

Girls 15-16		
Jacquie Hoey (88)	1st	Plattsburgh #621
Tess Gordoni (106)	2nd	Oswego #271
Courtney Kelly (106)	3rd	Oswego #271
Tracy Anderson (107)	4th	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Girls 17-18		
Sarah Adamowski (81)	1st	Amsterdam #101
Taylor Thompson (92)	2nd	Watertown #496
Erin Conklin (93)	3rd	Watertown #496
Boys 12-14		
Dylan Patch (72)	1st	Watertown #496
Mathew Espey (89)	2nd	Mechanicville Stillwater #1403
Quinton Kapper (98)	3rd	Greenwich #2223
Garrett Hayes (101)	4	Potsdam #2074
Don Espey II (102)	5	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403,
Aidon Clothier (105)	6	Potsdam Lodge #2074
Daniel Leek (111)	7	Watertown #496
Jack Cutri (114)	8	Rochester #24
Eamonn Higgins (118)	9	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Ryan Zacher (134)	10	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Boys 15-16		
Corey Purcell (77)	1st	Amsterdam #101
Alex Hann (78)	2nd	Watertown #496
Bradley LaLonde (79)	3rd	Watertown #496
Arthur Griffin (81)	4th	Saranac Lake #1508
Joseph Schrowang (82)	5	Catskill #1341
Robert Stickney (83)	6	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Nolan Reid (85)	7	Plattsburgh #621
Gene O'Brien Jr. (87)	8	Saratoga-Wilton #161

Tyler Otis (87)	9	Ogdensburg #772
MacCullen Hope (89)	10	Plattsburgh #621
Elliot Hansen (89)	11	Greenwich #2223
Connor Kane (90)	12	Saratoga-Wilton #161
Brien Gorman (92)	13	Oswego #271
John Hoin (93)	14	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Jack Harper (96)	15	Rochester #24
Nico Dumas (101)	16	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403,
Mathew Waldron (103)	17	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Shane Quackenbush (117)	18	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Josh Heller (118)	19	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Boys 17-18		
Justin Ward (76)	1st	Watertown #496
John Young (79)	2nd	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Connor Jubert (79)	3rd	Plattsburgh #621
Lucas Wood (80)	4th	Plattsburgh #271
Brock Marvin (87)	5	Plattsburgh #621
Dean Smith (87)	6	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Thaddeus Piskutz (90)	7	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403
Dominic DeVito (96)	8	Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403

Watertown Elks #496 presented a check to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the amount of \$330. Members of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts volunteered to help clean up the area outside of the Watertown Lodge. In appreciation, The Watertown Elks donated \$30 for each child that volunteered. Scout Master Brian Clukey is pictured receiving the check from Loyal Knight, Paul Nutting and Exalted Ruler Kathy Converse.



Marc Lapoint of Boy Scout Troop 709 was recently honored at an Eagle Scout ceremony. He is pictured receiving an award from his father and **Oswego Lodge #271** member Mike LaPoint and Grandfather William LaPoint, Exalted Ruler from Potsdam Lodge 2074. One of the awards presented was a Grand Exalted Ruler Congratulatory letter. Marc father Mike is a Scoutmaster and his grandfather recently became a Merit Badge Leader for Troop 77 in Potsdam.



Potsdam Lodge #2074 held an end of the school year Youth Recognition Day. The Lodge presented awards to 105 area high school seniors for their achievements in academics, art, scouting, music, sports and citizenship. Distinct Citizenship Awards were presented to Jackie Evans-Welpe, Alexandra Socia, Jessica Sullivan, Erin Hutchins and Elizabeth Bastien. They are pictured receiving their awards from State Sgt. At Arms Chair Tim Welp and Exalter Ruler William LaPoint.