



# NEW JERSEY GOLF FOUNDATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





# FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

Founded in 2004, the New Jersey Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) and the charitable arm of the New Jersey Section, PGA of America, was created to postively impact lives and communities through golf with a focus on three core pillars, youth, military and special needs, under the guidance of PGA Professionals.



## YOUTH

Youth player development programs include Golf in Schools, PGA Jr. League, Boys & Girls Club and the Father English Community Center.

More than 129,000 boys and girls experience the game of golf each year in a welcoming environment under the guidance of PGA Professionals.



## MILITARY

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), the flagship military program of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.

Led by PGA Professionals, PGA HOPE is a proven activity that has helped thousands of Veterans assimilate back into their communities through the social interaction golf provides.



## SPECIAL NEEDS

The New Jersey Golf Foundation is committed to making the game of golf accessible for all, including individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The New Jersey Golf Foundation’s programs include Els for Autism, Special Olympics New Jersey and World of Work, an initiative that provides golf industry internships and employment for individuals with special needs.

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## LETTERS FROM LEADERSHIP



While golf programming for youth, military Veterans and individuals with special needs will always remain central to our mission of positively impacting lives and communities through the game of golf, the global pandemic prompted a pivot in 2020, and we made an intentional decision to focus more resources on supporting organizations in need throughout our communities.

We hosted the “All In Challenge,” in conjunction with the New Jersey State Golf Association and Greenside Experiences, generating more than \$45,000 to support The Salvation Army of New Jersey, First Responders Children’s Foundation and the Father English Community Center in Paterson, with each charitable organization receiving \$15,000.

Additionally, our signature fundraising event, the 2020 NJGF Golf Classic, took on special meaning this year, as we honored the heroic efforts of Healthcare Heroes from RWJBarnabas Health and donated \$20,000 to the RWJBarnabas Health Emergency Response Fund. It was a privilege to recognize the Healthcare Heroes who continue to work tirelessly on the frontlines to keep our communities safe.

The global pandemic has impacted on so many segments of our economy, but, the golf industry actually experienced a surge after the initial economic shutdown, with rounds played increasing and newcomers entering the game like never before. While there are still many challenges we face, and we must adapt to new safety protocols set by the CDC and local Health department guidelines, I remain optimistic that our event schedule and line-up of core programming will resume in a safe and responsible way in 2021.

To all partners, donors, PGA members, program participants and supporters of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, thank you for your continued support and your commitment to our cause.

I am so proud of how we adapted, while enduring many challenges throughout the year. If you are interested in learning how you can support NJGF programs and events in 2021, please contact Executive Director, Chris Hunt, at [chunt@pgahq.com](mailto:chunt@pgahq.com) or (732) 465-1212.

Sincerely,  
Dan Pasternak  
NJGF President



Impacting lives and communities through the game of golf certainly took on new meaning in 2020, and while we had to pause core programming due to the global pandemic, it was truly refreshing and inspiring to see how quickly we pivoted and redirected resources, providing nearly \$70,000 to support community partners in need.

I’m proud of how the NJGF handled the adversity brought on by the pandemic after the initial economic shutdown. The Back2Golf initiative,

developed by the PGA alongside allied partners, essentially reignited the golf industry while establishing new protocols to operate golf in a safe and responsible manner. This allowed us to restart PGA HOPE, PGA Junior League and Special Olympics Golf in 2020 and I’m optimistic that our full line-up of golf programming, designed to provide youth, military Veterans and individuals with special needs an opportunity to experience the game of golf in a welcoming environment, will be back and stronger than ever in 2021.

Golf programming for military Veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI has become a therapeutic part of their rehabilitation process, and we continue to work hard to expand PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) in hopes of positively impacting more Veterans. It’s also great to see U.S. Navy Veteran Jose Renderoskieffer, our new PGA WORKS Fellow, play such an integral role spearheading the HOPE program.

In spite of the pandemic, we continued to give back, while honoring the legacy of former NJPGA President Peter A. Famiano through a Memorial Scholarship for junior golfers that showcase professionalism, integrity, volunteerism, and willingness to help others; and the Bruce Lieberman Memorial Scholarship given annually to student-athletes that excel both academically and athletically.

2020 was about pivoting, teamwork and perseverance, and humanity. I want to thank our generous partners, volunteers and donors for sticking by us during such uncertainty. Your continued support truly allows us to make a more meaningful impact in the communities we serve. If you are interested in supporting the NJGF or learning more about programs and special events, please feel free to contact me at 732 465-1212 or [chunt@pgahq.com](mailto:chunt@pgahq.com).

Sincerely,  
Chris Hunt  
Executive Director

## NJ Golf Foundation Honors Healthcare Heroes - Donates \$20,000 To RWJBarnabas Health Emergency Response Fund



Photo from (L to R) Glenn Miller, Chief Development Officer, Executive Vice President, RWJBarnabas Health; Amanda Dall, Nursing Patient Care Coordinator, Saint Barnabas Medical Center; Chris Hunt, Executive Director, NJ Golf Foundation; Andreline Ayson, R.M., Saint Barnabas Medical Center; Dan Pasternak, PGA General Manager, Essex Fells CC & President, NJ Golf Foundation; Stephen P. Zieniewicz, FACHE, President and CEO Saint Barnabas Medical Center

The New Jersey Golf Foundation donated \$20,000 to the RWJBarnabas Health Emergency Response Fund - supporting COVID-19 relief efforts.

The RWJBarnabas Health Emergency Response Fund was created to provide the necessary resources to help treat the most critical patients; ensures the safety of all caregivers, frontline workers and staff, and manages ongoing preparation to protect surrounding communities for any potential resurgence of the virus or other emergencies.

The donation supported frontline healthcare workers, in-

cluding doctors, nurses, patient representatives, security guards, social workers, hospital food services and hospital housekeeping staff, among others, who continue to tirelessly protect New Jersey and keep communities safe throughout the pandemic.

“With golf programming on pause, this donation reinforced our commitment to positively impacting lives in the surrounding communities, while recognizing the TRUE heroes who continue to step up and inspire us all to help make a difference,” said Dan Pasternak, President, NJ Golf Foundation.



## “All In Challenge” - Raises more than \$45,000 in Support of COVID-19 Relief Efforts

The NJGF and NJPGA teamed-up with the New Jersey State Golf Association and Greenside Experiences to host the “All In Challenge,” generating more than \$45,000 to support COVID-19 relief efforts.



The live auction featured rounds of golf at a selection of premier private golf clubs in NJ; lesson packages with accomplished PGA Teaching Professionals; golf equipment & merchandise; signed sports memorabilia and golf club membership packages, among others. The proceeds were distributed to The Salvation Army of New Jersey, First Responders Children’s Foundation and the Father English Community Center in Paterson, as each charitable organization received over \$15,000.

“The golf industry has always been a key driver of charitable giving in the US, and although our operations are not fully functional at this time, it was important for us to find a way

to support these incredible charitable organizations during unsettling times,” said Jason Fiore (Forest Hill Field Club) & Michael Holiday (Upper Montclair CC), Co-Chairs, NJPGA PR Committee. “Our original goal was \$25,000, and it’s truly inspiring to see the golf community come together, as we nearly doubled our goal by raising over \$45,000 for organizations in need of help.”

“On behalf of the 2.8 million first responders on the front lines of the pandemic, thank you for your generous pledge of support to First Responders Children’s Foundation,” Scott Perrin, Executive Director, First Responders Children’s Foundation.

“This is such wonderful news! On behalf of all those we are serving, thank you so much to all involved, we are sincerely grateful,” said James W. Betts, Major, Divisional Commander, The Salvation Army New Jersey Division.



## ALL IN CHALLENGE DONATIONS

### PGA PROFESSIONAL

Andrew Bostrom

Andy Brock

Andy Bulizak

Andy Bulizak

Bill Britton

Bill Hook

Bobby Kauth

Brad Sumenek

Brent Studer

Brian Dobbie

Brian Gaffney

Chad Fleming

Chris Dymek

Chris Hunt

Craig Lindsey

Dan Ashley

Dan Pasternak

Dan Schleichert

Daniel Joseph

David Reasoner

Drew Jordan

Garrett Carpenter

Jason Fiore

Jason Fiore

Jason Poyner

Jeff Fortunato

Joe Gothmann

Joe Kelly

Joe Porter

Joe Porter

Joe Porter

Joe Testa

John Mascari

Kathleen Ricci

Katie Rudolph

Foursome w/ Lunch and Carts at Green Brook Country Club

3 - 1 Hour Lessons w/ Andy Brock, PGA

Patrick Reed Signed Masters Scorecard Framed Collage

The Masters Tournament “Golf Fans Only” Sign

Lesson Package for 3 People w/ Bill Britton

Knickerbocker Country Club Foursome w/ Carts & Lunch

Putting Lesson w/ Bobby Kauth, PGA

Foursome w/ Lunch & Carts at Watchung Valley Golf Club

Foursome to Metedeconk National Golf Club

1975 Jack Nicklaus Framed Painting by Coby Whitmore

5 - 1 Hour Lessons w/ Brian Gaffney, PGA

Foursome w/ Carts at TPC Jasna Polana

Threesome at Manasquan River Golf Club w/ Chris Dymek, PGA

Threesome at Laurel Creek Country Club w/ Chris Hunt

Callaway Mack Daddy Jaws Tour Grade Wedge: Winner

selects loft & 2 Dozen Titleist Pro V1s.

Full Day Golf & Recovery Session w/ Dan Ashley, PGA

Foursome w/ Lunch at Essex Fells Country Club

Foursome to Liberty National Golf Club

“A Day on the Mountain” At Somerset Hills & Roxiticus

27 Hole Golf Experience at Ridgewood Country Club - Foursome

Foursome w/ Carts to Hamilton Farm Golf Club

Lesson w/ Garrett Carpenter, PGA

\*RAFFLE\* to Win: Forest Hill Field Club 2020 Weekday

Membership

Foursome at Forest Hill Field Club w/ NY Giants Punter

Riley Dixon

Foursome w/ Carts at Essex County Country Club

Foursome to Saucon Valley Country Club: Choose Your

Course!

3 - 1 Hour Golf Lessons w/ Joe Gothmann, PGA

Threesome at Mendham Golf & Tennis Club

One Hour Golf Lesson w/ Joe Porter, PGA

Golf Improvement Program w/ Joe Porter, PGA

Four Golf Lesson Package w/ Joe Porter, PGA

Ping Hoofer Golf Bag

Foursome to Alpine Country Club

Brand New Ping Sigma 2 Putter

Three Lesson Package for Juniors w/ Katie Rudolph,

PGA/ LPGA

### GIFT

### PGA PROFESSIONAL

Keith Stewart

Kevin Beirne

Kevin Beirne

Kieran McCarthy

Len Siter

Lou Kubisa

Mark McCormick

Marty Vybihal

Matt Green

Matt Hardy

Michael Hunt

Michael Knight

Michael Knight

Michael Knight

Michael Knight

Michael LaBrutto

Mike Andrusin

Mike Attara

Mike Holiday

Mike Slomienski

Nick Bova

Pat Keenan

Paul LeJeune

Pete Busch

Reed Lansing

Ricky Mosel

Rudy Virga

Ryan Hager

Sam Kang

Scott Paris

Sean Callahan

Todd Hojnacki

Tommy Monteverdi

Tony Perla

Tony Santillo

Tyler Hall

Vince Ramagli

Walt Baker

Pat Fillian

Broadcaster Experience w/ Keith Stewart, PGA of Fox Sports Radio

Set of Wilson Staff D300 Irons w/ Wilson Cart Bag

Lesson Series w/ Kevin Beirne, PGA

1 Hour Golf Lesson w/ Kieran McCarthy, PGA

2021 Foursome to Mountain Ridge Country Club

Foursome w/ Lunch at Knob Hill Golf Club

Brand New TaylorMade Sim Driver

36 Hole Foursome w/ Carts at Preakness Valley Golf Club

Foursome to The Ridge at Back Brook

Playing Lesson w/ Matt Hardy, PGA

Lesson Package w/ Michael Hunt, PGA

Jack Nicklaus & Tony Jacklin Signed Golf Balls

Foursome to Oak Hill Golf Club

Hat Signed by Jack Nicklaus & Tom Watson

Limited Edition Pink Ping G30 Left-Handed Driver

Foursome to Cobblestone Creek Country Club

Foursome at Sunset Valley Golf Course

Foursome to Makefield Highlands Golf Club

Threesome at Upper Montclair Country Club w/ Mike

Holiday, PGA

Threesome w/ Lunch at Baltusrol Golf Club

Three Lesson Package w/ Nick Bova, PGA

Deal Golf & CC

3: 1-Hour Lessons w/ Paul LeJeune, PGA

Brand New TaylorMade Spider S Blue Putter

Foursome at Canoe Brook Country Club

2021 Weekday Membership at Lake Mohawk Golf Club

Foursome at Bayonne Golf Club

Lesson Package w/ Ryan Hager, PGA

2 - 1 Hour Lessons w/ Sam Kang, PGA

Foursome at Plainfield Country Club

3 - 1 Hour Lessons w/ Sean Callanan, PGA

“A Day on the Mountain” At Somerset Hills & Roxiticus

Foursome at Glen Ridge Golf Club

Lesson w/ Tony Perla, PGA

\$250 Gift Card to Spring Brook Country Club Pro Shop

Brand New Mizuno Wedge Set

2 - 1 Hour Lessons w/ Vince Ramagli, PGA

5: 1-Hour Lessons w/ Walt Baker

Foursome at Echo Lake Country Club



## New Look Golf In Schools Program Seeks Partnerships with Local Clubs/Facilities

The NJGF operates one of the nation's most prolific Golf In Schools programs, impacting more than 120,000 children (K-8th grade) at more than 200 schools in New Jersey each year.



Golf In Schools introduces the game of golf to children, by incorporating it into the physical education curriculum at elementary and middle schools. To support this initiative, the NJGF provides each school with an allotment of equipment that allows golf to be learned and played in non-traditional venues, such as a school gymnasium and limited-space outdoor areas. While golf programming was canceled in 2021 due to COVID-19, plans call for golf to return to the physical education curriculum across the state,

Prior to the nationwide shutdown, the NJGF team enjoyed the opportunity to present the Golf in Schools Program to dozens of Physical Education teachers at the NJAHPERD Annual Convention. Future plans call for the NJGF to imple-

menta golf facility sponsor program, essentially matching schools with partner golf facilities in their regions, to extend the Golf In Schools program, beyond gym class, with adhering to all local and state health and safety protocols.

This new program enables a golf facility to “sponsor” a local school while further supporting the NJGF’s on-going commitment to player development programs. This new look program will offer more potential opportunities for the boys & girls to experience clinics and play days at the partner facility.

For more information on getting your facility and/or school district involved with this program, please visit [njgolffoundation.org](http://njgolffoundation.org) or call 732 465-1212.

The program is fully funded by the NJGF and offered at no cost to school districts.



## After School Programming - Father English

Brian Dobbie, PGA Professional at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, is passionate about opening new doors for boys and girls that excel in the classroom, and the after-school golf program at Father English Community Center has become a sought after activity for kids in Paterson. Thankfully, COVID-19 did not shut down this 6-week player development program, offered as a reward to select students based on their performance in the “Virtual” classroom. While Dobbie had to adapt the sessions to follow new safety protocols, it was a pleasure to see the kids active and teeing it up. Each year, more than 20,000 boys & girls (K-8) in Paterson are introduced to the game of golf in physical education class. While the Golf In Schools program was cancelled this year, the Father English after-school program delivered an opportunity for kids to continue their golf development with the hopes of sparking greater interest in the game.





## PGA Junior League Golf presented by RWJBarnabas Health

Despite the initial economic shutdown due to the global pandemic, a series of new operational procedures and best practices were established to support a safe return to the golf course.



More than 520 boys and girls (13-and-under) participated in PGA Junior League Golf, presented by RWJBarnabas Health in New Jersey this season. To complement the 13-and-under age group, another 50 boys and girls competed in the 17-and-under division, as 46 teams represented 27 facilities across all age groups.

Through this program, kids have a unique opportunity to stay active, while learning and enjoying the game of golf in a fun and social environment alongside their friends (socially distanced) - under the direction of PGA and LPGA Professionals. Similar to other youth sports, kids wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with friends, while the two-person

scramble format is designed to accommodate players of all skill levels.

The Section Championship took place at Fiddlers Elbow CC on September 2nd, as the Bergen 1 All-Star Team, captained by PGA Professional, Mark Thornewell, from Haworth

Country Club, captured the 2020 PGAJL Section Championship.

Bergen 1 Team members:

Avery Hood - Haworth  
Olivia Lee - Haworth  
Quinlan Hood - Haworth  
Elizabeth Kim - Haworth  
CJ Antifonario - Haworth  
Aaron Koo - Haworth  
Rory Asselta - Ramsey  
Michael Asselta - Ramsey



## NJGF Receives \$50K from Panther Valley GC in Bucky Kavanagh's Honor to Benefit Military Pillar

On November 11, the New Jersey Golf Foundation hosted a PGA HOPE Pro Am in honor of Veteran's Day and PGA National Day of HOPE.



Before the Pro Am started, Panther Valley Golf & Country Club generously donated \$50,000 to the New Jersey Golf Foundation, in honor of the recently deceased Bucky Kavanagh, an active Golf Professional who had a special love for the military. Dan Pasternak, President of the New Jersey Golf Foundation and General Manager at Essex Fells Country Club, shared his thoughts on Bucky's life and his lasting impact on Veteran Programming, "Bucky was a great ambassador for the game of golf, members, and guests at Panther Valley Golf & Country Club, for nearly fifty years. He made

the game fun and had the uncanny ability to remember everybody's name. Bucky had great respect for our Veterans, volunteering his time freely in teaching and fundraising to support the well-being of our troops. We are proud to honor our friend in support of those for whom he did so much for."

Francis "Bucky" Kavanagh died Sunday, November 10, 2019. The well respected and much loved Bucky, was the Golf Professional at Panther Valley Golf & Country Club since 1977. He began his 41-year career in the Golf Shop soon after winning the 1977 Club Championship at Panther Valley. Bucky was known for his intense love for golf, his infectious smile, and most of all, his ability to remember the name, face, and preference of each golfer at Panther Valley. According to former members and guests, Bucky was always welcoming and accommodating in any way possible.

Chris Hunt, Executive Director of the New Jersey Golf Foundation shared his deep appreciation to Panther Valley Golf & Country Club for their generous donation, "I need to thank the members of Panther Valley Golf & Country Club and all of Francis "Bucky" Kavanagh's friends. Funds raised in Bucky's name will be earmarked for the New Jersey Golf Foundation's Military Pillar. We look forward to working with Panther Valley's owners and members to continue to recognize Bucky's commitment to the game of golf and his love for our American heroes."

As part of the Veteran's Day event, a group of 24 Veterans were honored with breakfast and 9 holes of golf at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club. The event was part of the PGA's Helping Our Patriots Everywhere (HOPE) program. PGA HOPE, the flagship military program of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.



## Military Veterans with PTSD Celebrate Veterans Day on the Golf Course, Tee-it-up in Support of PGA National Day of HOPE

On Wednesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day) 20 Military Veterans in the Rehabilitative Golf Program - PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), participated in a spirited 9-Hole golf match at Fiddler's Elbow CC, alongside PGA Professionals.

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. Learning and playing the game of golf is a proven activity that has helped thousands of military Veterans assimilate back into their community through the social interaction the game of golf provides.

PGA National Day of HOPE is a nationwide celebration that has two goals: Commemorate our nation's heroes who protect our freedom; and raise awareness and support for PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), the flagship military program for the NJ Golf Foundation and PGA REACH, the charitable Foundation of the PGA of America.

\*PGA HOPE is the flagship military program of the New Jersey Golf Foundation (NJGF), the charitable Foundation of the NJPGA section. Sessions are offered at NO cost to Veterans.

Currently, there are 132 active PGA HOPE program locations nationwide, positively impacting more than 2,500 military Veterans each year. More than 350 PGA Members have been trained to specifically train Veterans.

The HOPE program is also championed by 20 PGA HOPE Veteran Ambassadors who have graduated from local PGA HOPE programs and participated in the four-day advanced golf instruction and wellness training program at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., as part of the 2019

PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week.

Chris Solivan (UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS CORPORAL 1995-2003) is the PGA HOPE Ambassador for New Jersey. As a PGA HOPE Ambassador Solivan will actively discuss and advocate for the PGA HOPE program, recruit Veterans in their home community and educate interested individuals about PGA HOPE. Additionally, he will help empower other Veterans to embrace healthier, more positive choices.

Click [here](#) to watch News 12's feature on the New Jersey Golf Foundation and PGA HOPE.



## New Jersey PGA Section Names Decorated U.S. Navy Veteran Jose Renderoskiewer as PGA WORKS Fellow



The NJGF—in conjunction with PGA REACH, the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America—named U.S. Navy Veteran Jose Renderoskiewer, of Edison, as a PGA WORKS Fellow. Renderoskiewer served in the U.S. Navy from 2004-08 as an Airplane Mechanic and Firefighter.

The PGA WORKS Fellowship is the flagship program of the inclusion pillar of PGA REACH. Focused on engaging a diverse demographic of participants with consideration to gender, age, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability and Veteran status, the PGA WORKS Fellowship is designed to establish a deep bench of talent that is prepared to ascend into key employment positions within the business of golf.

Renderoskiewer's responsibilities include supporting and executing philanthropic initiatives and player development

programs for the NJGF headlined by PGA HOPE and junior golf initiatives, such as PGA Jr. League and Drive, Chip & Putt.

A Fairleigh Dickinson University graduate, Renderoskiewer earned his Master's in Sports Administration and Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Sports Administration. During his time at FDU, Renderoskiewer volunteered for two years with Special Olympics New Jersey and worked in the Veteran Services Office.

“Golf is proven activity that supports the rehabilitation process for many of my fellow Veterans, and I'm thrilled that in my new role, I'll have the opportunity to promote the game and positively impact the lives of Veterans and individuals from all backgrounds across New Jersey,” said Renderoskiewer.



## John Giuliano Awarded Prestigious Peter A. Famiano Memorial Scholarship



**J**ohn Giuliano of Basking Ridge, was the 23rd recipient of the prestigious Peter A. Famiano Memorial Scholarship. Peter Famiano was the Head Golf Professional at Crestmont Country Club for over 35 years. In his honor, the NJGF created the Peter A. Famiano Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes worthy New Jersey junior golfers for their professionalism, integrity, volunteerism, and willingness to help others.

The \$2,500 annual scholarship is open to college students of any class year, provided they continue to meet the standards set forth by the NJGF Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria: scholarship achievement, qualities of character and leadership, financial need, volunteer history and future in golf.

John has grown up connected to the game, as his father Mark has been a PGA Professional at Fairmount CC since 1990, serving as Head Professional since 1994.

Volunteering is nothing new to John. He has been an active member of his Church since childhood and spent the past three summers on mission trips to Maine. Additionally, John has worked tirelessly with The Outreach Program under the tutelage of Ted Swartwood, Regional Manager for NJ & NY. The Outreach Program's mission is to provide safe water, food, medical care and education to those in need at home and abroad.

John served as a key member of his high school golf team and was known for mentoring underclassmen. His ability to motivate teammates and perform under pressure is why his coach named him captain of his high school hockey team. Although COVID-19 disrupted his senior season, John is continuing his education at The University of New Hampshire.

## Catherine Buren and Max Cataldo Named the 2020-21 Recipients of the Bruce Lieberman Memorial Scholarship



**C**atherine Buren (Scotch Plains HS) and Max Cataldo (Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan) were the 2020-21 recipients of the Bruce Lieberman Memorial Scholarship.

Created by The New Jersey Golf Foundation, the Bruce Lieberman Memorial Scholarship is given annually to an individual(s) that excels both academically and athletically, and is in financial need for college. The recipient will be one who exemplifies the traits that were so important to Bruce: loyalty, dedication, integrity, honesty and professionalism.

This is a \$2,500 annual scholarship (\$10,000 maximum) which is open to students of any class year provided they continue to meet the standards set forth by the scholarship committee.



Buren, who will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, was a 4-sport varsity athlete, earned the NJ Scholar Athlete award and serves as volunteer EMT for the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Cataldo, who earned first team all-league, all-county and all-north jersey, as a member of the high school golf team, also captured the prestigious Dan Luciano Golf Championship (Individual Bergen County Champ). Cataldo will attend Bentley College, where he will compete for the Men's Golf team.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS NJ GOLF



In September, the Plainfield West Nine played host to a SONJ Sectional Championship, as SONJ athletes enjoyed the opportunity to compete with pride and passion, while adhering to safety protocols due to COVID-19.

Additionally, Fiddlers Elbow CC hosted the 4th Annual Special Olympics New Jersey Level 1 Skills Challenge, as 25 SONJ Athletes tested their golf skills in the following competitions: Iron Shot, Chip Shot, Pitch Shot, Long Putt, Short Putt. All competitors received medals for their incredible achievements.

The SONJ State Championship in late October was canceled due to COVID-19, but, we look forward to seeing all athletes back on the course in spring 2021.

Click [Here](#) to see more images from the SONJ Sectional Championship.

Click [Here](#) to see more images from the 4th Annual Special Olympics.





## South Bergen Jointure Commission Teaching Day & Virtual Classroom



While wearing masks and adhering to social distancing requirements, students from the South Bergen Jointure Commission enjoyed the opportunity to tee it up and experience the game of golf outside of their facility. Members of the NJGF Staff visited with the students, delivering tips on the fundamentals of the game, and helping the students work on their chipping and putting using SNAG equipment.

To further support this program, the NJGF hosted a virtual classroom for the 30 students, where NJGF staff members shared personal stories and educated the students about the golf industry. This virtual session turned into an interactive Q&A with the students.

## NJGF Golf Classic Honors Healthcare Heroes



The NJGF Golf Classic is the signature fundraising event on the New Jersey Golf Foundation's annual calendar. While the event looked a bit different this year (adhering to local health guidelines) with scheduled tee times replacing the standard shotgun start and boxed lunches on-course in place of family style gathers, among others.

Each year, the New Jersey Golf Foundation presents the Chairman's Award – the Foundation's highest annual honor – honoring an individual who works tirelessly behind the scenes to support programs and initiatives for youth, military and individuals with special needs.

Due to the global pandemic, the NJGF embraced the opportunity to pivot, and in lieu of honoring an individual, the Foundation used the NJGF Golf Classic, which took place at Baltusrol Golf Club, to support community relief efforts

- donating \$20,000 to the RWJBarnabas Health Emergency Response Fund. Additional money raised will support future NJGF programming for youth, military and individuals with special needs.

The 2020 NJGF Golf Classic honored the heroic efforts of healthcare workers and first responders throughout RWJBarnabas Health, who have been on the frontlines battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emergency Response Fund provides the necessary resources to help treat the most critical patients; ensures the safety of all caregivers, frontline workers and staff, and manages ongoing preparation to protect surrounding communities for any potential resurgence of the virus or other emergencies.



## 100 Hole Marathon

On November 17th, 4 Golf Professionals from Forest Hill Field Club played 100 Holes of golf - in one day - to raise money for NJGF programming. A huge thank you to Jason Fiore, Chris Sommer, Sean Lawrence, Bryan Cameron, and the passionate Forest Hill membership for their continued support of the New Jersey Golf Foundation.

In addition to Forest Hill, Brian Skorochocki, Head PGA Professional at Cherry Valley CC and the staff for the New

Jersey PGA/NJGF (Greg Zohovetz, Mark Dharte, PGA, Christina Paulsen and David Miller) also participated in 100 hole marathons, raising \$25,000 to support player development programs for youth, military Veterans and individuals with special needs.

Click [here](#) to check out some footage.



## NJPGA Professionals Lace 'em Up against Philadelphia PGA Professionals in Charitable Hockey Game



On February 6th, a group of 15 PGA Professionals from the New Jersey Section competed in the 3rd Annual Charity Hockey Game at the Wells Fargo Center (home of the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, taking on the team from the Philadelphia PGA Section. The hockey game was founded in 2014 by the New Jersey Golf Foundation, and over the past three years, has morphed into a "cross-section" battle. The New Jersey Section's captain Bob Downey, Head Professional at Crestmont Country Club, commented on the significance of the event, "We formed our hockey team 6 years ago to raise money for our charity, the New Jersey Golf Foundation, rather than another golf event. It was 3 years ago we found out that the Philadelphia PGA wanted to put together a team to play us. Between our two sections, we raise money for charity which is a good reason to play hockey and to have some fun together. We had a great game this year at the Wells Fargo Center and to raise money for charity is a huge bonus."

The Philadelphia Section had taken a commanding 9-5 lead after 2 periods, but the New Jersey Section made a charge, scoring 3 goals in the 3rd period with the help from Plainfield Country Club's Director of Instruction, Ryan Hager. With the New Jersey Section down 9-7, Hager had a break-away and scored a through-the-legs goal. Hager added his thoughts on experiencing his very first NJGF Charity Hockey Game, "Playing hockey on NHL ice was one of the coolest, most unique experiences I've had on skates! It was pretty special getting to link my two favorite sports to benefit the New Jersey Golf Foundation and Philadelphia PGA REACH."

Despite the New Jersey Section's late push, the Philadelphia Section ultimately pulled out the victory, winning 10-8. Although the outcome was not in favor of the New Jersey Section, there was more to the event than just hockey. All proceeds from this year's Charity Hockey Game benefited the Philadelphia PGA REACH, the charitable arm of the Philadelphia PGA Section.



## ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

### HOLE-IN-ONE: \$10,000

*Panther Valley Golf & Country Club*

*Cherry Hill Country Club*

*Pine Barrens Golf Club*

### EAGLE: \$5,000 - \$9,999

*Forest Hill Field Club*

### BIRDIE: \$1,000 - \$4,999

*Watchung Valley Country Club*

*Morris County Golf Club*

*Deer Run Golf & Tennis Club*

*Spring Brook Country Club*

### PAR: \$1 - \$999

*Cedar Hill Country Club*

*Forsgate Country Club*

*Peace Pipe County Club*

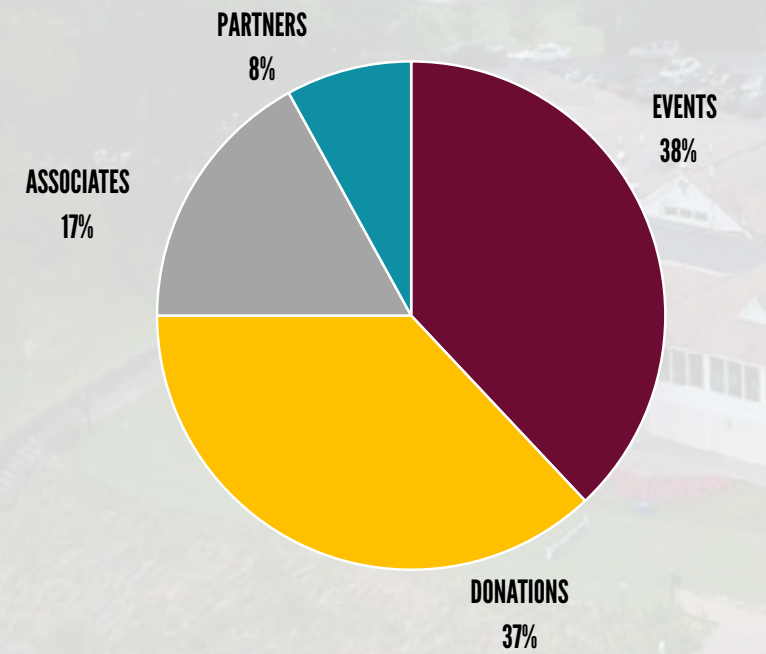
## CURRENT PARTNERS





# OPERATING REPORT

## TOTAL REVENUE



**Total Revenue = \$528,669.85**

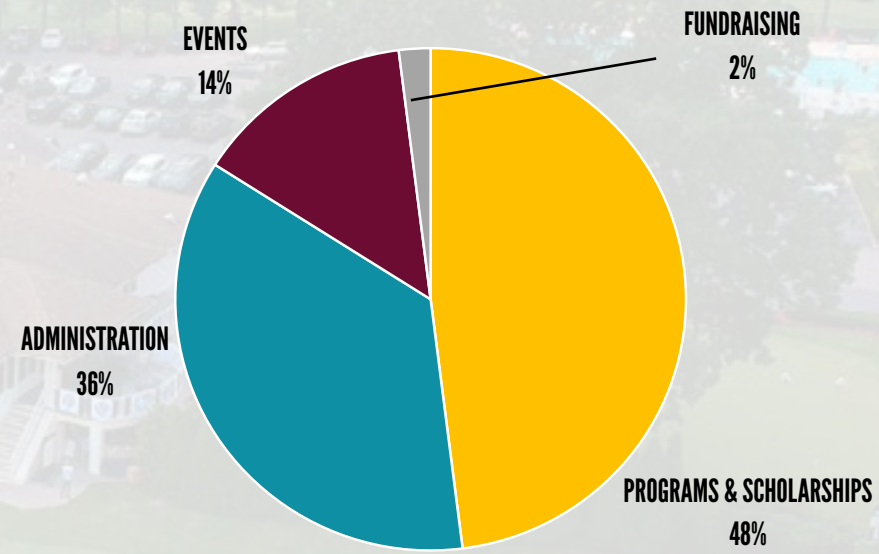
*Events = \$203,821.33 = 38%*

*Donations = \$194,559.29 = 37%*

*Associates Program = \$89,877.77 = 17%*

*Partners Program = \$40,411.46 = 8%*

## TOTAL EXPENSES



**Total Expenses = \$483,468.07**

*Programs & Scholarships = \$231,272.05 = 48%*

*Administration = \$174,344.43 = 36%*

*Events = \$69,601.13 = 14%*

*Fundraising = \$8,250.46 = 2%*





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