

Saturday,  
May 1, 2021

# SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB



## Monthly News and Events Update

### THE SPRING PARTY HAS MOVED TO FRIDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT NOCO PAVILLION

#### SIGN-UP FOR CLUB EVENTS

Event sign-up will be by these links or emailing the club at [sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com). Sheets will be posted in the clubhouse if we get access. Links for the sign-ups will also be posted on social media and emailed to all members.

#### 2-Man Presidents' Cup 5/8

All 32 Spots are Full.

See you on May 8, 2021

#### 4-Man Kickoff Scramble (5/23)

Teams are formed randomly by handicap.

Last day to sign up is May 16, 2021

#### Presidents' Cup (Singles)

Maximum of 64 Players. As of 4/30/21 there are 21 spots left. Last day to sign up is May 9, 2021

#### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Saturday, May 8: 2-Man Presidents' Cup

Friday, May 21: Spring Party - NOCO

Sunday, May 23: 4-Man Kick-off Scramble

Sunday, June 13: Memorial 2-Man Scramble

Sunday, June 27: Stableford / Skins Game

Sunday, July 11: Senior Club Championship

Sunday, Aug 1: Club Championship Day 1

Saturday, Aug 7: Club Championship Day 2

Sunday, August 8: Club Championship Day 3

Wednesday, Aug 11: Steak Roast - NOCO

Sunday, Sep 12: Memorial 4-Man Scramble

Sunday, Oct 3: Nightmare 2-Man Scramble

Sunday, Oct 22: Fall Party - NOCO

#### SHERIDAN INVITATIONAL

The board has decided to cancel this year's Invitational and will work to create a new and improved event in 2022.

#### ON THE TEE

#### MIKE ZIMMER - VICE PRESIDENT



Welcome back fellow members! As a 21-year member, Past President, and three-time Club Champion (in my class), I'm very proud of our Club and I am excited about where we're at and where we're headed! I currently serve as Club Vice President, Handicap Chairman, and I do all our emails and manage the Website.

I want to extend a special welcome to our new members - **THANK YOU** for joining! I would also like to thank those members who helped us in recruiting the largest yearly group of new members that we've had in 20+ years! New members, I encourage you to start playing and posting scores so you establish a handicap as soon as possible which will allow you to start playing in tournaments. I also recommend attending the Spring Party on May 21st and playing in the 4-Man Scramble on May 23rd (which you can do even if you have not yet established a handicap). Those are great opportunities to meet fellow members and find members who play at times you like to play. Please email the Club with any questions - we want you to love being a member of SPGC!

I would encourage everyone to explore the updated Club website at <http://www.sheridanparkgolfclub.com>. I have done a lot of work over the past few months adding some color, better organizing it, and making it easier to use. There's lots of great new photos of the course, some with incredible Fall colors, others from the early 1960s. I personally love the photo of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole from the 1960's. It was a much different hole with how small the trees on the left side were back then! I am also trying to make it easier to access information from your smartphone by adding BIG graphics you can click on to access key things such as: Tournament Schedule, Signups, Results as well as Course info, Local Rules, and Handicap Tables. I hope you find that as valuable as I do.

I would also like to urge members to volunteer to help out at our events. One of the biggest challenges we always have in running tournaments is getting people to man the check-in and scoring table. Please volunteer to help out periodically, it goes a long way towards making the Club better for everyone!

Lastly, a **GIGANTIC** thank you to all our sponsors! We greatly appreciate your sponsorship! I strongly encourage all members to go out and support their businesses! Links to our sponsors can be found on the website and at the bottom of this Newsletter.

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# THE SHERIDAN BIRDIE

## SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB

(Getting to know past and present members and sponsors)



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## MEET LENNY ZON

By James Duggan

**“History is a kind of introduction to more interesting people than we can possibly meet in our restricted lives; let us not neglect the opportunity.” - Dexter Perkins**

Some twenty years ago I considered joining Sheridan Park Golf Club and, as fate would have it I wound up during a rain delay at a table in our opulent Clubhouse. Several of the “older guard”. Jimmy Lipps, Henry Bogdan, Joe Haroney and Lenny Zon began to reminisce on the “glory days” of Sheridan and their passion for the game and the Club made it clear to me that Sheridan would be a good fit.

Times change, yet history remains. For this installment I decided to revisit the past with Sheridan’s oldest member, Lenny Zon. Over a beer and a sandwich at Mitchell’s I listened to a retinue of Lenny lore that brought to life some 50 years of golf at our

course. A product of Riverside’s Black Rock neighborhood, Lenny Zon was the younger of 2 boys who resided at 76 Peter Street. His youth was spent in unfettered bliss as he and his countless friends enjoyed the fruits of sport in pick-up games in this close knit community. He readily recounted his Assumption School baseball squad winning the Diocesan championship in his 6th and 7th grade only to lose the following year to St. Thomas Aquinas before a sizable crowd at Offerman Stadium. The fact that he clearly recalled the opposing pitcher “sticking him in the ribs” led me to know that this interview would be a fun journey. In his high school years this McKinley Mack would go on to star in baseball, basketball and track. Upon completion of his coursework in plastering he began a working career as a machinist that would span some 45 years at Wickwire, Westinghouse and Liston Manufacturing. Recalling his first job fresh out of high school he remembered making more money (\$2.50/hour) than his father. Upon further questioning he found that the job to which he had been assigned was one no one else wanted. He was manning the controls for a coal pit which, as he put it was a simple job. The reason he was selected was because it was also most likely to have an explosion. Where was OSHA when he needed it?

Lenny met and married the love of his life, Loretta and they settled in the family home on Ross Street in Black Rock where they began raising their two children, Gary and Sharon. Later they would move to June Road in the Town where Lenny still resides some 55 years later. His beloved Loretta passed away some 9 years ago. The Game. That’s what they called it. Everyone knew the rules and everyone wanted to play. We talked about how Nick Sebek and Lenny set up the game, handled the money, assigned teams and policed the fakers. He spoke of one chap who came to Buffalo on a business trip of 4 days, fell in love with Sheridan and stayed the entire summer. Another yokel from Florida with a 7 handicap played in the game, shot 95 and said: “This is the toughest damn 6,400 yard course I’ve ever played. Yes, they came from near and far to play Lenny’s way or the highway. He assured me that there were often as many as 56 players in the game. Big money with often only one skin and dogmeats the eventual payout. When asked what was the money hole, without hesitation he said “#16”. His favorite hole was #7 on the Old Course, a 469 yard Par 4 with water down the left side. What also was as clear as Lenny’s memory was, and remains, his reverence for the game and for the many friends he made at Sheridan, friends who have since played their final hole yet remain steadfast in his fond memories. He spoke of course Superintendent, Chet Krempa and of John Scive’s uncle Red Ashburn, a past president who, along with Dave Spindler were “guys who gave their all to make this a special place to be a member”. Nick Montanara stood out as “one of the best of the many greats to play at Sheridan” and Billy Lindner’s streak of Club Championships in an era of great sticks is unmatched.

Lately, Lenny’s play has been restricted by a shoulder that prevents rotation but the memory of that smooth swing and purposeful stride is part of the rich history that makes playing Sheridan and being a part of its membership so very rewarding. Let us never neglect the opportunity to meet interesting people who have been instrumental in who we are today. Lenny, thanks for the passion, the game and the history you have imparted.

## ELECTRONIC SCORING

We will be using electronic scoring for the **4-Man Kick-Off Scramble on 5/23**. Each group will need one member with a smart phone to input their scores, hole by hole. There will be a live scoreboard that anyone can access. We will be using <https://golfplaythru.com/>. An event specific link will be shared prior to the event.

## HOLE IN ONE CLUB

The cost to join the Hole-in-One Club is \$10 for the season. The Hole-in-One Club will close out at the end of the day on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Prizes will be handed out at the Fall Party on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

## WNY PUBLIC LINKS

5/15/21 - Bill Boyle Better Ball - Dande Farms  
 6/26/21 - Barton Team Championship - Hyde Park  
 7/9/21 - Senior 2-man Best Ball - 18-Mile Creek  
 7/27/21 - Senior Individual - Seneca Hickory Stick  
 8/28/21 - Two-Man Scramble - Elma Meadows  
 9/10-11/21 - WNYPLGA Championships - Grover

## WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

The 2021 Weekly Tournaments will begin the week of May 24th.  
 The Weekly's will conclude every Sunday night. Details on how to submit your scores we be available soon.

## EVENT NO-SHOW OR WITHDRAWL

If a member of the Club fails to show up for an event, or withdraws from a multi-day event, they will be required to either address the Board at the Monthly meeting, or submit a letter to the Board, explaining why they failed to show up, or withdrew. Penalty for an infraction shall be ineligibility for that event the following season.

## NEW CLUB SECRETARY

At the April 19, 2021 meeting, the Board has named John Haberman, Jr. the new Club Secretary, effective immediately.

## **WE ARE UP TO 13 SPONSORS !!!**

Thank you Scott Wilson for all your hard work !!!

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

We have welcomed 14 new members already, and there's room for more. The website has links to a new Membership Recruitment Flyer and a new Membership Application. They can be accessed on the new "Club Membership" page. [\(LINK\)](#) We encourage everyone to share the Membership Recruitment Flyer and Membership Application with anyone you know that may be interested in joining.

## **SPGC "HALL OF FAME"**

The Club is currently forming a Hall of Fame committee. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please email the club at: [sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com)

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