

Tuesday,  
July 1, 2021

# SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB



## Monthly News and Events Update

### PRESIDENT'S CUP BRACKETS UPDATE

For the Individual President's Cup - we have three brackets this year. For the 2-Man President's Cup - we have two brackets this year. Each bracket sheet is posted in the Men's Locker Room in the Clubhouse and a link to a photo of each bracket is below.

[INDIVIDUAL CLASS A&AA BRACKET](#)

[INDIVIDUAL CLASS B BRACKET](#)

[INDIVIDUAL CLASS C BRACKET](#)

[2-MAN FLIGHT 1 BRACKET](#)

[2-MAN FLIGHT 2 BRACKET](#)

**Important:** The Club doesn't schedule these matches. It is the responsibility of members to contact their opponent, schedule the match, and write the result on the sheet in the Locker Room. If you need a phone number or email for your next opponent, email the Club at [SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com](mailto:SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com).

Matches must be completed by the following dates:

**Round 1: June 13, 2021**

**Round 2: June 27, 2021**

**Round 3: July 11, 2021**

**Remaining Rounds: TBD**

If a match is not completed by the date - the Tournament Committee reserves the right to flip a coin to determine the winner of the match to keep the tournament progressing.

### 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). Links are also emailed out and put on social media

[Senior Club Championship \(7/11/21\)](#)

Sign-up closes on July 6, 2021.

[Club Championship Aug 1, 7 & 8](#)

Sign-up closes on July 25, 2021

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Sunday, July 11 - Senior Club Championship  
Sun, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Club Championship (Round 1)  
Sat, August 7<sup>th</sup> - Club Championship (Round 2)  
Sun, August 8<sup>th</sup> - Club Championship (Round 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

### ON THE TEE

#### JOHN HABERMAN JR. - SECRETARY



Howdy SPGC members, John Haberman Jr. here. I am the current Secretary of the men's club and have been a board member for the last 3-4 years. I have been a member of the Sheridan Park Men's Club for 13 years now but have represented Sheridan Park for 20+ years when combining Jr. Club, High School Golf, Buffalo District tournaments and other local tournaments over the years. I am a past AA club champion and the only person to ever hold both Sheridan and Brighton championships at the same

time. This however was short lived and only lasted 8 days!

My father, John Haberman introduced me to the game when I was a youngster, so I owe all my golf accolades to him. I am not officially a Jr. - and really only go by this at the course. The decision was made so Habes Sr. does not get all the credit when you see the "Haberman" name in the results columns (although he is on the Championship board twice)!!! I was never a country club kid, I never had lessons, I was self-taught hacking it around Sheridan and Brighton as a kid. Golf was always fun to me growing up, but I never took it really seriously until I began to play with my good friends Kris Boyes, Mike Knott, and Scott Moser. Playing with better players elevated my game and got me to be the player I am today.

I joined the board primarily to be a piece of the puzzle to get the Sheridan Park Golf Club to where it once was. Recruiting new - younger members to fill the void of past members who have moved on, help manage and come up with new tournament formats has been my focus. We are pretty much halfway through the club schedule, and I think we've done a ton of impactful things to better the club.

As a competitive golfer I have often been asked, "John, why don't you join a country club. Better players, better course conditions and overall better experience". My answer has always been the same ... "Sheridan is home". This is primarily due to our awesome members and the comradery that we've developed. Sheridan is the only place you can tee off anywhere between 7AM - 10AM and somehow end up leaving the parking lot at the same time (thanks Ray and Larry)!

**Looking forward to seeing everyone on the course!**

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Members must post a minimum of three rounds at Sheridan, and five rounds overall, to be eligible to play in the Club Championship.

These rounds must have been played in 2021.

Saturday,  
May 1, 2021



# THE SHERIDAN BIRDIE

## SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB

(Getting to know past and present members and sponsors)



## MEET JOE AND HENRY

**“We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow. Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields”**

By: James Francis Duggan

This installment, on the eve of Independence Day, was to have been an interview with three of Sheridan’s Viet Nam vets: Larry Noonan, Frank “Fairway” Buell and Kevin Mulvey. Alas, they demurred, and I now find myself penning a tribute to two of Sheridan’s legends.

Joe Star Haroney was a long-time member of our Club and succumbed in recent days to, of all things, age. Joe was 91. In his heyday Joe played regularly at Erie Downs (now Bridgewater) and Cherry Hill where his membership was sponsored by a local Buffalo insurance company. He once confided that he played far more golf with clients than he did selling insurance. Often, he wintered in Florida, again playing more golf and fishing than insurance work. Like our own Norm Nieminen, Joe was a superb distance runner having competed for the Belle Watling (you need to check out the origin of Belle Watling as in *Gone With the Wind*) and Checkers Running Clubs. Running well into his 70’s, Joe competed in nearly one hundred marathons as his slight frame and sinewy structure seemed ideally suited to the grind of distance running. In his late 80’s he could be seen regularly in mid-afternoons, a Sunday bag hung rakishly from his shoulder, strolling the fairways of our magnificent course. He almost always walked. “Curmudgeon” is a word that comes to mind when describing Joe. He did not mince words but his honest approach to virtually any subject under the sun was a refreshing reminder of the superb intellect and quick wit of a man well versed in areas far reaching. The introductory passage to today’s piece is a stanza from Lt. Col. John McCrea’s famous, “In Flanders Fields”. Joe recited the entire poem to me on the first tee one day and proceeded to parse its background as we continued down #1. He loved playing with the late Robbie Sutton whom Joe always contended was Buffalo’s best “Keeper of the Mahogany” and who amply plied his playing partners with a generous pour of the “best damn Bloodies I ever tasted”. He enjoyed playing with the younger guys as “they kept him sharp” and weren’t nearly as stuffy as some of “those old geezers”. It was another reason why he so loved our course - the members know how to laugh without getting a nose full of rain and “damnit, they can sure play golf”.

Henry Hank John “Bugsy” Bogdan was cut from a slightly different cloth. He certainly shared Joe’s love for the game, competed into his 80’s, enjoyed a Bourbon Manhattan (or several), especially if they were free, and he was passionate about the players and friends whom he had met at Sheridan. Therein the similarities begin to ebb. While Joe was distinctly austere, Henry danced with the elves and pranksters and delighted in a well told story. His unmistakably rectangular face and impish grin were the calling cards of the man who loved to tell any and all of his lengthy retinue of jokes....and then tell them again, and again, and again. Tonto Jankowski and New Blue Cheer never got old and, each time, the inflection and delivery elicited gales of laughter from the after-round crew. Unlike Joe, Henry worked for a living. He was a re-upholsterer, a machinist, a store owner, a realtor and a diesel fitter. He loved games of chance and was wont to bet on almost anything, including golf. He was proud of victories he chalked up in Buffalo District events and inter-club matches and could typically recount stroke by stroke his earliest matches. Perhaps his proudest moment came in an end of the season 4- Man when he was paired with Steve Jensen, Glen Gast and Jeff Frey. Henry was in his eighties, had to use 3 of his tee shots and eagerly pulled out his 7 iron on the Par 3 6th hole. Jeff Frey quickly replaced the 7 iron with Hank’s driver and the venerable one put his shot to within 6 inches; winning, not only the closest to the pin but the day’s only skin. Of course, he promptly put the winnings into his pocket.

Henry also served our country during the Korean Conflict and was heralded as the best emcee in the Incheon Province. He recalled, with a quaver in his voice, the final 100 days of his tour of duty. His unit, in foxholes, was under enemy fire and bombing for each of those 100 nights. He recalled how coming home to his dear Delores was one of the greatest joys of his life. Hero, no, patriot, for certain. He smiles today from his latest round with Joe. He smiles knowing that his son, Bob is now a member at Sheridan, the course he loved so well.

We celebrate our independence with the recognition of the many men and women who courageously served, the unfortunate many who never came home or came home ravaged by the horror that war bestows, those who loved and were loved, those who lie in Flanders Field.

## 6/13/21 - LEGENDS 2 - MAN SCRAMBLE - RESULTS

### LINDNER FLIGHT:

1<sup>st</sup> - (60) Haberman Jr / Haberman Sr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - (61) Conwell / Ticco  
3<sup>rd</sup> - (61) (MOC) Pellegrino / P Henesey  
**Skins \$70:** Conners/Gantress (3) #2  
Conwell/Ticco (3) #10; Gugino/B Lindner (3) #15

### SAWYER FLIGHT

1<sup>st</sup> - (56) Abbarno / Nieminen  
2<sup>nd</sup> - (57) Nettina / K Sawyer  
3<sup>rd</sup> - (59) Stefanick / Nolle  
**Skins \$35:** Harrington / Sweeney (3)#3  
Charles/Cody(3) #4; Abbarno/Nieminen (4) #7;(3) #9  
Nettina/Sawyer (3) #10; Rechin Sr./Rechin Jr (2) #13

### SLEDGE FLIGHT

1<sup>st</sup> - (54) B Smith / T Smith - 54  
2<sup>nd</sup> - (55) P Rechin / Schukraft - 55  
3<sup>rd</sup> - (55) (MOC) Dominguez Sr. / Kopec  
**Skins \$55:** Noonan /O'Callaghan (2) #6  
P Rechin / Schukraft (3) #9; (3) #17  
Wilson / Souter (2) #13

**CTTH \$170:** (6<sup>th</sup>) Mulvey/Trimper Jr  
(8<sup>th</sup>) Pellegrino/Henesey; (13<sup>th</sup>) B Cohan/R Reed  
(16<sup>th</sup>) Connors/Gantress

## 6/27/21 - STABLEFORD / SKINS GAME - RESULTS

### A Flight:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kris Boyes - 39 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (MOC): Joe Gugino - 36 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (MOC): John Haberman Jr. - 36 points  
4<sup>th</sup> place: (MOC): Jim Abbott - 35 points

### B Flight:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Norm Nieminen - 41 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tim Dean (MOC) - 35 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Brad Smith (MOC) - 35 points  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Jerry Ricketts (MOC) - 35 points

### C Flight:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Bob Cieri - 35 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Paul Stefanick - 33 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jim Schreckenberger - 31 points  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Larry Noonan (MOC) - 30 points

**CTTP:** #6 (Sangduk Kim); #8 (Joe Gugino)  
#13 (Ray Souter); #16 (Kris Boyes)

## 6/26/21 - WNY PUBLINKS - BARTON TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - HYDE PARK - RESULTS

### A Flight Team Championship

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Sheridan #A1 (-6) (Jeff Frey, Glen Gast, John Haberman, Jr., Brian Engl, Joe Gugino, Ron Pellegrino)

### B Flight Team Championship

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Sheridan #B2 (+15) (Norm Nieminen, Mark Dominguez, Bob Cohan, David Rechin, Sr., Robert Trimper, Sr. Bobby Trimper)

A-Flight - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (-5) Jeff Frey & Glen Gast

A-Flight - T2<sup>nd</sup> Place (-4) John Haberman, Jr., Brian Engl

B-Flight - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (E) Mike Zimmer & Brian Spencer

B-Flight - T4<sup>th</sup> Place (+4) Bob Cohan & David Rechin, Sr.

B-Flight - T4<sup>th</sup> Place (+4) Robert Trimper, Sr., Bobby Trimper

**Sheridan Park Golf Club was very well represented, as usual.**

## FUTURE WNY PUBLINKS EVENTS

7/9/21 - Senior 2-man Best Ball - 18-Mile Creek

7/27/21 - Senior Individual - Seneca Hickory Stick

8/18/21 - Two-Man Scramble - Elma Meadows

Sep 10 & 11, 2021 - WNYPLGA Championships - Grover

## HANDICAP COMPUTER

The computer posting system is running in the Clubhouse. As always, you can always post your scores to the [GHIN Website](#), GHIN App.

## LOCAL RULES ([Local Rules Link](#))

The Club's Local Rules have been updated and there are a few changes Please read the updated Local Rules at the link above or on the website.

## NYSGA AMATEUR SERIES

Our own **Dave Rechin, Jr.** won the Men's Division (0 - 9.9 Gross) with a +2. He also won the Net Score -2. The event was played on 6/21/21 at Stafford CC in Rochester. Congratulations Dave!

[\(RESULTS LINK\)](#)

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

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

**A Larger Club = A Stronger Club**

## EVENT NO-SHOW OR WITHDRAWL

If a member of the Club fails to show up for an event that they signed up for, or withdraws from a multi-day event, they will be disqualified from that event the following year. To avoid being disqualified the next year, they are required to either address the Board at a monthly meeting, or submit a letter to the Board, to explain why they failed to show, or withdrew.

### **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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