



12th ANNUAL LVAC GOLF OUTING

MAKES BIG NEW CONTRIBUTION

Monday, August 8, 2011

Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, PA

Greatly buoyed by matching last year's record turnout of golfers (95), the Lehigh Valley Athletic Club golf committee headed this year by Club Coach, **Jason Kutz** brought the average net income for the last two outings to around **\$20,000**. This significant growth above the LVAC's early averages of \$3k-\$5k was again boosted by the 2nd Annual Riviera Country Club Raffle generously sponsored by **Ted Howells '68**. Contributing half the outing's profit, the trip this year was won by **Jonathan & Sandra Berger**, parents of the popular graduating wrestler, Mitch, who'll pursue a master's in I.E. this Fall. The prize is for two round-trip air fares, three nights hotel and three rounds of elite golf in CA, including Riviera and Bel Air Country Club.

This success blends in superbly with another Club record set by the 2010-11 Annual Fund, which enjoyed an impressive 1-year jump of 35% in these uncertain economic times. The Fund quadrupled our average levels of 2005-07. The golf outing net is part of the newer, more fun approach to raising funds -- included **player fees, hole and event sponsorships, items donated for auction and the raffle, plus business ads placed in the printed program**. Total revenue for four new fun events since August, 2010 (2 outings & golf raffles; an Antigua raffle and a wine tasting event) soared to \$71k in '10-11, up from the average golf revenue of around \$5k to 7k.

The tax deductible net proceeds support the LVAC budget, which this past year included three coaches or athletes living in Bethlehem: Head Club coach **Jason Kutz**; LU Volunteer Coach **Steve Mocco** (2008 Olympic Team member) and competing resident/athletes, **Keith Gavin**. Steve and Keith placed 2nd and 3rd to earn alternate spots on the **2011 U.S. World Team** (an LVAC first to have two in one year, for a total eight, including Kerry McCoy). Other LVAC athletes received travel and competition stipends, as our Club continues to be warmly lauded by USA Wrestling as an emerging freestyle team and a USA Wrestling approved **Regional Training Center**.

Ten former wrestlers joined in the day's events, including NCAA champs, **Pat Santoro, John Hughes, Keith Gavin and Greg Strobel**, All-American **Brad Dillon** (4th, 5th), EIWA champions, **Jason Kutz and Pascal Perri, plus Paul Weibel, Jon Bruno and Larry Sheridan**. **Steve Mocco** was scheduled to appear but missed two flights while returning from the Olympic Training Center.

The outing success was largely due to more hard work done by our Golf Committee, comprised of Kutz, **Linda Robbins, Dick & Camille Moll, Bruce & Jo Ann Haines and Julie Santoro**.

(Event photos below)

BALANCE OF LVAC OUTING PRIZE & RAFFLE WINNERS:

Low Gross Teams:

1st place (score: 59): **Tom Dillon, Greg Strobel, Bob Handschue, Craig Franklin** (\$100 ea.)

2nd place (60): **Jon Bruno, Brian Schiller, Jon Masters, Mark Keough** (\$75 ea)

3rd place (62): **Larry & Bill Sheridan, Cas Camarda, Pascal Perri** (\$50 ea)

Low Net Team score: 1st place (59): **Ed & Dick Moll, Mike Flynn, Ivan Mills** (\$100 ea.)

Long Drives: **Rich Frabel**, 300+ yds (men); **Julie Malandro**, 200+ yards

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's:

Hole #6 – **Brian Schiller** (5 ft, 10 in)

Hole #15 – **Tom Dillon** (20 in.)

Hole #17 – **Dennis Udicious** (11 in.)

SILENT AUCTION WINNERS:

Hotel Bethlehem Suite Packages (donated by **Bruce & Jo Ann Haines**): **Bob Benner**; and **Bob Bevan**
Trump National Country Club Golf Outings: **Mike Flynn**; and **Jason Kutz**
\$700 Microsoft Basket of Cheer raffle (donated by **Chris & Kelly French**): **Bob Richardson** (Julie's Dad)
Wine Packages (donated by **Ned Huber**): **Paul Weibel** and **Bobbi DeAngelo**
Two Philadelphia Eagles Tickets (donated by **Dick, Camille Moll**): **Bob Benner**

LINE 'EM UP !!

That seemed to be the theme for the day, whether signing in, putting carts in place for a shotgun start, getting pics taken, or putts measured and made:



Lehigh Wrestling Club Prez and committee guru, **Bruce Haines '67** (left) entrusts giving orders to new golf outing leader, **Jason Kutz '96** who, as a former U.S. Army Sargeant, learned a thing or two about line-ups.

Lined up (*almost* alphabetically and by height):
Committee member, **Jo Ann Haines**, is part of an All-American line-up, from left: **Brad Dillon**, LU '04; NCAA 4,5 at 174; **John Hughes**, PSU '96 (who goes around 174), NCAA 7,2,1 at 142/150; **Keith Gavin**, Pitt '08, NCAA 2,1 at 174; **Robert Hamlin**, LU '13, NCAA 2 at 174, the beneficiary of all that support, on and off the mats.



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Gavin (left) adroitly shared with Julie Santoro (at right) how well-versed he'll be on the art of marital bliss, once he gets married to Carrie Foster in October in the same city as the Santoros (Pittsburgh). "Did you have a vote on picking the invitations, Keith?" ("nope") "Help pick out the wedding cake?" ("nope"). Smooth sailing, Keith

Who wouldn't line putts carefully, as Dave Kelley's doing below, as part of the good-looking crew at right? (he's West Point, though he's pointing East). See if you can ID the golf pro in the foursome (Lt-to-Rt): John Dobrota LU '61, Kelley, Larry Wise, Vic Pratt '61. Hint: who's wearing the pants in the family?



(All photos by J. Dobrota, except the last, at right, by D. Diehl)