APPLY FOR A CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP

The NJSGA Caddie Scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors and in-college students who have caddied at an NJSGA member club for at least two seasons. Full-time attendance as an undergraduate at an accredited institution that is a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities is required.

Caddie Scholars are selected based on the length and quality of service as a caddie, financial need, and academic performance.

In 2022, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. Since its establishment as the charitable arm of the NJSGA, the Foundation has awarded over $17 million in scholarships to more than 3,200 NJSGA Caddie Scholars. For the last academic year, we raised $1.2 million and awarded $687,450 in scholarships to 155 academically qualified caddies.

I want to express my gratitude to the NJSGA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for their unwavering support of the Foundation over the years. It is also crucial to acknowledge Sheila and Mike Menendez, our indispensable Directors of Education. Their contribution is invaluable, and we couldn’t have come this far without them.

Once again, I want to thank the Mary Reinhardt Stackhouse Foundation for its continued generosity with this year’s donation of $95,000. As a result, we were able to award 20 Mary Reinhardt Stackhouse Scholarships.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kugler Family, the Norma and Sol Kugler Scholarship has been established for a deserving NJSGA Caddie Scholar.

The past year has been one of transition, with our Director, Bill King, retiring. I want to thank him for his dedication and service to the Foundation over the years. We welcome Jeff Knapp as he assumes the new position of Director of Development.

The NJSGA CSF and the Western Golf Association’s Evans Scholarship Foundation continue to co-sponsor full-tuition and housing NJSGA/Evans Scholarships to qualified caddies from New Jersey clubs. We are thrilled to work closely with the Evans Foundation in a joint fundraising initiative to establish the NJSGA/Evans Scholarship House at Rutgers University. Last year, we awarded 19 full-tuition and housing NJSGA/Evans Scholarships to New Jersey caddies. Three of these caddies are members of the inaugural Evans Class at Rutgers.

All of this has been possible because of your continued support and generosity. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for giving deserving caddies an opportunity to change their lives. What greater impact can one leave to future generations!

Thank you again for a successful year.

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Sheila Menendez is a graduate of Brooklyn College with a major in Sociology and a minor in Education. She retired from her position at Rutgers University after 26 years as a Senior Financial Aid Officer. Sheila has been selected to join the Board of Directors of the Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury, NJ. She is also a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the largest national organization dedicated to the advancement of women through education, advocacy, philanthropy, and research. As of 2012, Sheila has assumed the role of Director of Education of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. Sheila is happily married and has four grandsons.

Michael Menendez, Associate Director of Education
Michael Menendez received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Seton Hall University. He subsequently worked in the administration there, becoming the Director of Student Financial Aid. After leaving Seton Hall, he worked as an educational software consultant for SCT. His primary client was the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. His specialty at UMDNJ was training and supporting the financial aid staff on the use of their database software. Michael, who no longer works full-time, has been pursuing his lifelong love of photography. He’s had several exhibits and has won many awards for his images. He’s also an avid golfer, persistently pushing for a lower handicap index. In good weather, he prowls the Monmouth County courses two or three times a week. Being experienced in database design, he loves helping his wife, Sheila, manage the Caddie Scholarship applications.

Jeffrey Knapp, Director of Development
Jeffrey Knapp was appointed Director of Development of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation in July 2022. In this role he manages the Foundation’s daily operations, fundraising initiatives, donor relations, stewardship, and alumni engagement. A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross with degrees in History and Spanish and Felician University with a Master’s degree in Business Administration. Jeffrey has spent 20 years as a fundraiser at private, college preparatory schools and universities in New Jersey, where he managed annual fund and capital campaigns, alumni relations, special events, stewardship programs, scholarship funds, communications, and databases. When not enjoying a round at his home club, Forest Hill Field Club, he can be found enjoying the laidback lifestyle of the Jersey Shore.

The NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
It was another great year for the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. Through the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations over $1.2 million was raised, enabling the Foundation to provide scholarships to 155 young men and women. Total contributions continue to increase year after year and donations to the Par Club, the lifeblood of the Foundation, have grown steadily over the years.

For 75 years the Caddie Scholarship Foundation has recognized the hard work and determination of young men and women on the golf course and in the classroom with scholarships to attend some of the country’s top colleges and universities. Our scholars currently attend 86 different colleges and universities across the country. You will find them at academic institutions from Piscataway to San Diego. Having spent time visiting with them this year, I’m proud to say that they are thriving and achieving remarkable success. They are mature, confident, articulate, and poised to make a difference in the world immediately upon graduation.

Your support of the Foundation directly benefits these young men and women. They are the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity. You are helping to make their dreams of a college education a reality. Every scholarship that is awarded has a direct, lasting, and positive impact upon the lives of these young men and women. The Foundation would not be able to fulfill its mission without your generosity and for that I humbly say, “Thank you.”

From its very humble beginnings in 1947, the Caddie Scholarship Foundation has given the gift of education to over 3,200 young men and women who are now leaders in the legal, medical, financial, education, and public service communities. Your thoughtfulness and kindness has not only preserved one of golf’s greatest traditions, but it has positively impacted hundreds of thousands of lives.

On behalf of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and our current scholars, thank you for all that you do to “keep the caddie in golf.”

Jeffrey H. Knapp
Director of Development
NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation
CSF Chairman and CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp present the Foundation’s Club of the Year Award to Laura Benevento of Canoe Brook Country Club.

CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp presents the Foundation Top Par Club of the Year Award to Gene Benzenberg of Ridgewood Country Club.

CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp presents a Top 5 Par Club flag to Rick Jenkins and Rick Wolfe of Baltusrol Golf Club.

CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp presents a Top 5 Par Club flag to Jack Farr of Manasquan River Golf Club.

CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp presents a Top 5 Par Club flag to Brian Steller of Echo Lake Country Club.

CSF Director of Development Jeff Knapp presents a Top 5 Par Club flag to CSF Chairman Brian Hunt of Upper Montclair Country Club.
Celebrating a Distinguished Career

It was 1974. Blazing Saddles was the box office blockbuster. Barbara Streisand’s "The Way We Were" topped the Billboard 100. Gary Player added a second green jacket from Augusta to his wardrobe. Hale Irwin won the first of his three U.S. Open titles in historic fashion, posting a +7 for the tournament dubbed “the massacre at Winged Foot.” Gerald Ford moved into the White House following Richard Nixon’s resignation amid the Watergate scandal. In September of that year, a freshman from Verona High School, Brian O'Toole, arrived at Essex Fells Country Club after his first day of high school to caddie and work part-time shining shoes in the men’s locker room, an opportunity provided to him by long-time Essex Fells head golf professional, Russ Helwig, a lifelong friend who always referred to Brian as “the cog” that drove everything at Essex Fells. Thus began a tenure at Essex Fells that, unbeknown to him, would span five decades.

The O'Toole Family has woven itself deep into the fabric that is the rich tapestry of Essex Fells Country Club for the last 90 years. To say the O'Tooles are a fixture at Essex Fells is an understatement. Brian’s grandfather began working at the club in the 1930s. Brian’s uncle, Augie LeMaire, began his lengthy tenure in 1943, serving as Locker Room Manager for four decades. Brian’s brothers, Frank and Danny, continued to make Essex Fells a family affair, also working in the locker room, Frank for 33 years.

From caddie yard to locker room, Brian faithfully and dutifully served the membership of Essex Fells for 49 years, rising to the position of Caddie Master in 1984 and Outside Operations Manager in 2017. There is hardly a member at The Fells who can remember a time when Brian was not the first person to greet them when they arrived at the club.

In an era when people are likely to have a dozen or so employers during their working years, the fact that Brian O'Toole’s resume only lists Essex Fells speaks not only to the love he has for the club and its members, but also his love for the game of golf. Brian became a true “golf addict,” playing as much golf as he could after work and on his days off. Golf for Brian became more than a job, much more than a career. It became a passion, a passion fueled by the relationships he formed with every golf professional, every staff member, every general manager, every grounds crew member, and most importantly, every member at Essex Fells.

Brian Gaffney, PGA, Head Golf Professional at Essex Fells and O'Toole's long-time colleague remarked, “Never one to shrug off the hard or dirty work, Brian was always there just ‘taking care of it.’ He added value to the operation as he knew the genesis behind the decisions made and why things were the way they were. He will surely be missed but all of us are happy he will be able to relax, spend time with family, and finally play more golf!”

Brian’s work at Essex Fells was certainly multi-faceted, but the aspect of his job that he enjoyed the most was mentoring his caddies. As Brian noted, he quietly observed the “gradual transformation from boy to man” that each caddie made under his careful tutelage. Over the years, Brian was boss, teacher, and mentor to countless caddies who “looped” at The Fells. As Brian remarked, “all learned something as they came through the yard, whether it was interpersonal skills, maturity, time management, responsibility, or a work ethic.” For Brian, the time spent mentoring his caddies was both fun and rewarding.

“It is hard to fathom the lives Brian O'Toole has touched at Essex Fells,” remarked Dan Pasternak, PGA, General Manager. In addition to dutifully serving the members of Essex Fells, Brian will most be remembered for the numerous caddies he mentored and helped receive the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship. “Quietly and without fanfare, Brian has been instrumental in helping to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship contributions, facilitating the education of caddies throughout the state who have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, and business leaders,” Pasternak wrote in a letter to Essex Fells’ membership announcing Brian’s retirement.

Reflecting upon the many lives he touched, Brian recalled one young man whose father worked in the locker room, who approached Brian to become a caddie. Both the young man and his father spoke broken English. Brian took the young man into his charge, teaching, mentoring, and encouraging him to work hard, not only on the golf course, but also, more importantly, in school. Brian guided him through the Caddie Scholarship application process and was thrilled to learn that not only was he admitted to a college, but he was also selected to receive a Caddie Scholarship. Today that man, whose identity Brian kept to himself, is an executive with an accounting firm in Dallas, Texas. He is but one of many success stories Brian helped author over the last five decades.

Brian is a true family man, dedicated to both his Essex Fells family and his own family. Such dedication is what most significantly influenced his decision to retire. Brian did not plan on “taking early retirement,” as he considers it,
although most would hardly regard retirement after five decades as “early,” but Brian feels he needs to spend more time tending to his mother’s care. Brian shared that his mother lives in a memory care unit at an assisted living facility in Florida. The long days that Brian logged for so many years prevented him from being as actively involved in his mother’s care as he would have like to have been, so he will join his sister in caring for his mother.

When asked what he will miss the most about no longer working at Essex Fells, Brian quickly answered, “the great members and employees of the club, who have become true friends over the years, and all the caddies who add so much to the golf experience at Essex Fells.”

Brian and his wife, Laura, plan to relocate permanently to Florida, but they will make frequent trips back to New Jersey to visit friends and spend time with their son, Jack, a former Essex Fells caddie, who has now embarked upon his professional career in the financial services industry. This summer, Brian and his brother will travel to California on a baseball and golf junket, going to baseball games and playing some West Coast golf. Brian hopes that retirement will afford him the opportunity to work on his golf game and get his handicap back to where it was 20 years ago.

On the evening of Saturday, November 26, 2022, members of Essex Fells gathered in the Grille Room to celebrate Brian’s distinguished career and to honor his many years of dedicated service. Addressing those who gathered at the celebration, Essex Fells’ General Manager, Dan Pasternak, PGA said, “Brian and the O’Toole Family are an important part of the history of Essex Fells Country Club. We are a better club for his service, dedication, and loyalty.”

Brian truly loved Essex Fells and, without a doubt, the membership of Essex Fells loved him.

In grateful appreciation of his five decades of service to Essex Fells and his remarkable commitment to providing educational opportunities to the caddies at the club, Essex Fells has established the Brian O’Toole Scholarship. This scholarship, which the Caddie Scholarship Foundation will award annually to a caddie from Essex Fells, will recognize the hard work and determination of an Essex Fells caddie and will honor Brian’s long-standing support of the Foundation, his commitment to youth caddying, and his unwavering loyalty to Essex Fells Country Club.

Patrick Conforti, President of Essex Fells Country Club, stated, “Our Club is the club it is today thanks in large part to Brian O’Toole’s efforts throughout his distinguished career. His passion for the caddie program was evident in everything he did. He was far more than a Caddie Master; he was a true friend and mentor to many ‘loopers’ throughout the years. While we will miss him as he begins his well-deserved retirement, he will forever be connected to the caddie program at Essex Fells through the Brian O’Toole Caddie Scholarship. Nothing seems more appropriate than to honor Brian’s efforts in service to our membership and caddies than to establish this scholarship, which recognizes those young men and women who embody Brian’s commitment, dedication, and loyalty to Essex Fells.”

Joining with others that evening in announcing the scholarship in Brian’s honor, Bill Frese, past President of the NJSGA and an Essex Fells member, noted that Brian, throughout his career, has annually been one of the most generous individual contributors to the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. Continuing, Bill noted that during his career Brian “personally advised, counseled and mentored more than 100 Essex Fells caddies who received CSF scholarships, many of which were truly life-changing for the recipients.”

When asked how he felt when he learned that the club had created the scholarship in his name, Brian simply said, “surprised and emotional.” He struggled to express his heartfelt appreciation to those gathered at the celebration when the announcement was made because was so choked up. Brian recalled, “I couldn’t wait to tell my wife and my mom about the scholarship. What an honor! Essex Fells is a great family club, and it was my privilege to have served the club for so many years.”

The New Jersey State Golf Association and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation wish Brian a long, happy, and healthy retirement and sincerely thank him for his countless contributions to the game of golf and for constantly striving to “keep the caddie in golf.”

Best of luck, Brian! We hope you hit them straight and long and that all your putts are true.
The New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Foundation and the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation are proud to announce the newly co-branded NJSGA Evans Caddie Scholarship.

You are invited to participate in the annual

New Jersey Evans Caddie Scholars Golf Classic

Hawk Pointe Golf Club
Washington, New Jersey

Monday, July 17, 2023

11:30 a.m. Registration and Auction Browsing
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Range Opens
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program

Format: Best Ball of Four
Senior Tees and On-course Contests

Ava Geissel is a junior pursuing a double major in Finance and Management at Seton Hall University’s Stillman School of Business. She is also a member of the University’s highly selective Buccino Leadership Institute. Following graduation, Ava intends to pursue a career in finance.

While attending Freehold Township High School, Ava was a member of the Varsity Golf Team. Since the school didn’t have a girls team, Ava played on the boys team. One afternoon, while practicing at the team’s home course, Charleston Springs, with her twin brother, William, also a caddie, the caddie manager at Metedeconk National Golf Club approached her and asked her if she had ever heard of Metedeconk National and if she had any interest in becoming a caddie. He then invited Ava and her brother to join him for a round of golf. “I was so nervous I could barely tee up my ball on the first tee box,” recalled Ava. By the end of the round, Ava had made such a strong impression that she was invited to visit Metedeconk the next day. “Metedeconk National is the most beautiful golf course I have ever seen,” said Ava. Ava certainly will never forget her first visit to Metedeconk and the opportunity she was given to become a caddie. She finds it hard to believe, but she has caddied for the last five years and is beyond grateful for the opportunities it has given her.

Besides spending summer days on the picturesque links of Metedeconk National, Ava finds her favorite aspect of caddying to be the people she has met and the conversations she has shared with them during their rounds. “As a finance major in a business school, I know how important it is to be able to network. Caddying has been a huge outlet for me to meet people of all different backgrounds and industries. Since becoming a caddie, I have built relationships with members at Metedeconk who mentor and inspire me.”

For Ava, Metedeconk is more than a golf club. It is more than the place where she works. It has become a second classroom, where she has learned not to be afraid of taking chances, to try something different and new, and to be open to and accepting of new opportunities. “When I was first a caddie, I doubted myself and my abilities, as I had never caddied before or even been to a private golf club, but I recognized that this was an amazing opportunity and I took the chance,” Ava said, reflecting upon her early days as a caddie. “I couldn’t be more grateful that I was offered the job and more proud of myself that I took the risk. Caddying has affected my life in more ways than I could ever imagine.”
It has taught me never to doubt myself or let fear hold me back from trying new things.”

The members at Metedeconk are the primary reason why Ava returns to caddie every season. She looks forward to catching up with the members, telling them about her year at school and hearing about their off-seasons. “Being a caddie is not always easy. It can be challenging and exhausting at times, especially in the heat and rain; however, it is rewarding in so many ways,” said Ava, who noted that caddying has helped her improve her life skills, most notably her communication skills.

Ava strongly encourages anyone in high school to become a caddie because of the positive impact it will have upon their life now and for years to come. She is truly grateful for the opportunities she has been provided through caddying and golf. One such amazing opportunity that she would never have had if she didn’t go beyond her comfort zone, expand her horizons, and try something new was caddying in the LPGA ShopRite Classic Pro-Am at the Bay Course at Seaview in Galloway, New Jersey in June 2022.

Ava is just one of nearly 160 Caddie Scholars who received scholarships from the New Jersey State Golf Association’s Caddie Scholarship Foundation for the 2022-2023 academic year. Caddie Scholars attended 86 colleges and universities across the country during the 2022-2023 academic year. They were on campuses from Piscataway, New Jersey to San Diego, California, pursuing a variety of majors, excelling academically, engaging in campus life, and preparing themselves to make a difference in the world that awaits them after graduation.

Ava takes great pride in being a Caddie Scholar, something she regards as a true point of personal distinction. “I am very grateful to have an outstanding association like the New Jersey State Golf Association supporting me through my college education. It is meaningful to know that the people of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation believe in me and my ability to be successful in college and beyond,” said Ava, who looks forward to giving back to the Foundation and supporting future generations of Caddie Scholars.

The scholarship Ava has received is not only inspirational and transformative, it also has eased the financial burden of her college education. “My twin brother and I entered college in the Fall of 2020, six months after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which created a significant financial hardship for my parents,” said Ava. “When my brother, who also caddies at Metedeconk and attends Stevens Institute of Technology, and I received the Caddie Scholarship, my parents were both proud and relieved at the same time because thanks to the generosity of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and its benefactors, the financial burden of our college tuitions was significantly lessened.”

The Caddie Scholarship Foundation is proud to count Ava Geissel among one of its outstanding scholars. We celebrate her accomplishments and thank all our benefactors for preserving one of golf’s greatest traditions by “keeping the caddie in golf.”
Thank you for selecting me to receive the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship. The college application and decision process brought out emotions that I never knew could be felt. From confusion to frustration, when it came to making that pivotal final decision, money was a relentless factor in determining my future as well as my whereabouts in approximately the next four to five years. With your help, I feel that I am able to breathe a little deeper and be more at ease.

Your generosity has single-handedly rewritten my future and I’m not sure of what more I could do to express my gratitude for your support.

Ever since my first day as a caddie, caddying has not only brought recurring excitement and thrill, but variety, which has opened more doors than I could ever imagine. As many can agree, everyone has bad days, but it’s those small moments that make you come back the next day smiling. The intricacies of caddying leads me to believe that it’s an art in itself, where it is merely impossible to master all sectors of the position. Over the years, caddying has become a lifestyle and the relationship I’ve built with this craft makes me a proud and honored recipient of the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship.

Thank you for your support. The foundation you have furnished allowed me to begin construction on whatever I can envision. Thank you for your kindheartedness and generosity.

Josh Salkin
Metedeconk National Golf Club
Seton Hall University, Class of 2025

I am honored to be a recipient of the Caddie Scholarship and would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support of students who are in financial need.

I am a Junior majoring in Medical Diagnostics and I hope to one day work in an Emergency Department providing care to trauma patients. At some point, I may want to work in the field of Orthopedics. I am currently volunteering at the Rockaway Township Fire and Rescue as a Firefighter and EMT. I also volunteer as a firefighter and am employed as an EMT.

This scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to look ahead to a Master’s program and will play a key role in shaping me into a person who can contribute to the community. Donors like you make life brighter for us and I can only hope that one day, I too can pay it forward and bring a smile to another needy student.

Nicholas Torres
Rockaway River Country Club
University of Delaware, Class of 2024

I want to take this opportunity to thank the New Jersey State Golf Association for granting me a Caddie Scholarship. As a caddie not only have I learned about the game of golf, but it has also taught me so much about people. I genuinely believe my experience as a caddie has placed me in a much better position to succeed at The Ohio State University.

As a caddie and active golfer, I believe very strongly in the work done by the NJSGA and I intend to “pay it forward” for many years to come by providing my support to the NJSGA. On behalf of my family, thank you again for granting me this scholarship.

Jack W. Fine
Edgewood Country Club
The Ohio State University, Class of 2025

I am very honored and grateful to receive the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship. I would like to personally thank the New Jersey State Golf Association for providing me with the opportunity to attend college. I would also like to thank all the members of Hackensack Golf Club along with the caddie manager, Denis Sweeney, who have supported the caddie program and who have made this scholarship available to me.

I am currently attending Fairfield University, majoring in Finance. I am a member of the Finance Club, the Sports Analytics Club, and the Golf Club, which provides me with opportunities to play at local courses, helping me to continue my love for the game of golf.

Kevin Sweeney
Hackensack Golf Club
Fairfield University, Class of 2026
I want to thank the New Jersey State Golf Association and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation for honoring me with a Caddie Scholarship. Your generosity will allow me to pursue an education in Engineering at Penn State University.

I am deeply appreciative of your support and will not disappoint!

Michael Day
Beacon Hill Country Club
Penn State University, Class of 2025

I am sincerely honored to have been selected to receive an NJSGA Caddie Scholarship and wish to express my utmost gratitude for your continued support.

I am currently a Junior at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business, pursuing a degree in Finance and ultimately a career in investment banking. This scholarship has lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more intently on my studies and has afforded me the opportunity to work toward my goals. I am humbled and thankful to receive this scholarship. It motivates me to excel academically, knowing that I have your support.

They say if you do what you love, then you will never work a day in your life and this illustrates my experience as a caddie at Plainfield Country Club. It is a privilege to work for Dave Preacher. I always look forward to walking the fairways each summer and the opportunity to play such a prestigious course. Golf is a life-long sport that will always be an essential part of who I am.

Matthew Kattan
Plainfield Country Club
Indiana University, Class of 2024

I want to thank the New Jersey State Golf Association and every member at Upper Montclair Country Club for their generosity in supporting the Caddie Scholarship Program. I was very pleased, appreciative, and happy to learn that I was selected to receive this scholarship. I am currently a Freshman at Montclair State University, majoring in Computer Science with a concentration in Cyber Security.

I am grateful to be a part of the Upper Montclair Caddie Family. I enjoyed my summer days at Upper Montclair, caddying next to my dad, Juan, and my grandfather, Jose. It is an experience I can’t explain. I cannot thank the members at Upper Montclair for constantly encouraging me to pursue my dreams. I also want to thank, in a special way, my bosses, Mark and Sherif.

This scholarship has reduced the financial burden of my education, which allows me to focus more on my coursework and not worry so much about how I am going to pay for school. I hope that one day I will be able to help caddies achieve their goals of a college education by assisting them in the same way you are helping me.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Carlos E. Rodriguez
Upper Montclair Country Club
Montclair State University, Class of 2025

I want to thank the New Jersey State Golf Association and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation for honoring me with a Caddie Scholarship. I was so excited to learn that I had been selected and I am deeply appreciative for your support. I am very thankful for your generosity, which will assist me greatly in funding my college education.

I am a Junior at Marywood University, where I major in Business Management with a focus on Entrepreneurship.

Caddying has instilled in me patience, determination, hard work, and confidence. Attending college would not be possible without your generous support. Thank you for making this a reality. Thank you for investing in me.

I hope that I can make a difference in people’s lives the same way you have made a difference in mine.

Michael Romano
Knickerbocker Country Club
Marywood University, Class of 2024

Thank you for selecting me to receive the Ed Batta Scholarship. It allows me to pursue my academic goals without being weighed down by the stress of high tuition. I promise to keep studying hard in my final year at the University of Vermont and to uphold the standards of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation.

Jack Baker
Rockaway River County Club
University of Vermont, Class of 2023

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Michael Romano
Knickerbocker Country Club
Marywood University, Class of 2024
Like many golfers, Vincent DiGiano’s love of the game of golf can be traced back to his days as a caddie. Growing up in Cranford, New Jersey, DiGiano spent his summers caddying at Echo Lake Country Club and Shackamaxon Country Club. Encouraged by his father, a high school teacher and golfer, DiGiano approached Marty Crown, caddie manager at Echo Lake, and asked him if he could become a caddie. When DiGiano first arrived at the caddie yard, he was a shy and timid teenager, but that would soon change as caddying quickly introduced him to a variety of people with a wide array of personalities and golf games. The once quiet teenager, DiGiano quickly became an outgoing young adult, capable of engaging anyone in conversation and interacting with diverse people, a life skill that would serve him well long after his days looping ended.

Looking back upon his days as a caddie during his high school and college years, DiGiano is filled with nostalgia, but as a rookie caddie, he remembered how much he hated it at first. He hated waiting around the caddie yard for a loop. Sometimes he would go days in between loops, but he was determined and soon those hours of waiting translated into steady rounds with regular members. He proved his merit on the bag and word spread throughout the club’s membership of DiGiano’s ability to accurately estimate yardages long before the advent of range finders and to adeptly read the contours of the most vexing greens.

Through caddying DiGiano’s love of golf grew. He was able to play golf on Mondays at Echo Lake and at other clubs where his friends caddied. This undoubtedly aided him considerably when playing on Cranford High School’s golf team and helped him maintain a 3 handicap. As DiGiano said, “the caddie yard and the golf course were interesting places to learn about life.” He found caddying to be “aspirational.” It showed him what he wanted out of life and golf. He wanted to make golf a part of his life and set a goal to become a member at a private club so he could experience club life “from the other side of the bag.”

When the time came for DiGiano to choose a college, his love of golf drew him to Arizona State University. While in high school, he participated in summer instructional programs conducted by members of the university’s golf team including future golf legend, Phil Mickelson, who was playing for the Sun Devils at the time.

A recipient of a Caddie Scholarship, DiGiano recalls that not only was the scholarship the only aid he received to attend college, but that it was a “modest scholarship with a significant impact upon his life.” In total the scholarship amounted to about 20% of his tuition at Arizona State, which when coupled with the income from jobs at a golf club and driving range near campus, ensured that he would not be saddled with crushing college loan debt, something for which his is truly grateful considering the debt burden carried by many of today’s recent college graduates.

DiGiano embarked upon a career in public accounting, rising through the ranks of Arthur Andersen and earning an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin, but golf always remained central to his life. He became a member of Suburban Golf Club in Union, New Jersey, where he won the club championship in 2005. He competed in New York and New Jersey for several years, playing in numerous mid-amateurs and amateurs until he and his wife, Jennifer, relocated to Oregon in 2011.

Now an active member and competitive player at Waverley Country Club in Portland, Oregon, DiGiano left the day to day work world behind him when his daughter, Piper, was born. DiGiano spends his days being a great father and ensuring that his daughter has everything she needs to be successful in life, including the encouragement to become a caddie when she is older.

DiGiano is committed to giving back to the game that has given him so much. Since his graduation from Arizona State, DiGiano has been a loyal and generous donor to the Caddie Scholarship Foundation, making annual gifts that at least match the scholarship he received. While he considers himself to be very lucky, DiGiano believes that through true “Jersey grit and determination” we make our own luck and because of the luck he created, he gives generously of his time, talent, and treasure to ensure that today’s caddies have access to the same mentorship and educational opportunities he had.

As a member of the City of Portland’s Golf Advisory Committee, serving two three-year terms, DiGiano witnessed and supported the growth of youth caddie programs at the city’s public golf courses. The caddies who have participated in these programs have distinguished themselves academically and in service to the game of golf. Their efforts have been rewarded with scholarships from the Western Golf Association’s Evans Scholars Foundation.

Waverley Country Club boasts an extensive youth caddie program, making DiGiano feel truly at home and reminding him of his younger days at Echo Lake and Shackamaxon. His membership enables him to give back by helping the
caddies grow as young men and women. DiGiano explained how he will take a young caddie into his charge and show him “the basics” during a relaxing and fun round. If the caddie shows strong aptitude and interest, he’ll take the caddie out for another round. During the subsequent rounds, conversations about school, home, life, goals, and the future take place. If the caddie sticks with it, DiGiano sticks with the caddie and the caddie becomes one of his regulars. DiGiano states, “it is the responsibility of us as golfers to help caddies become not only better caddies through on-course education, but also to help them become better people by supporting and encouraging them to seek success in life.”

While DiGiano doesn’t share many of his stories from his days in the caddie yard with his caddies at Waverley, he continuously reminds them that perseverance and stick-to-it-iveness are the keys to success in anything they hope to achieve. He tells his caddies that they have to “pay their dues” both as caddies and in the “real world” and that they have to work hard in order to prove themselves to others. “We become better at anything in life through a commitment to continual improvement,” said DiGiano, who believes that life’s most important lessons are “acquired, not taught.”

DiGiano advises caddies today to persevere and stick with it until you break through, advice applicable not just to caddying but also to life in general. As he bluntly, yet succinctly stated, “As a caddie, if you show up, shut up, keep up, and have a willingness and openness to learn, not only will you become a successful caddie, but you will be successful in life as well.”

Thank you, Vincent, for your generous and loyal support of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and for all that you have done and continue to do to “keep the caddie in golf.”

Thank you for the generosity scholarship from the New Jersey State Golf Association's Caddie Scholarship Foundation. This scholarship will help me with my education at West Virginia University.

Golf is a big part of my life. The game helped me get through the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine. I caddied every day that I could.

I love my job at Hackensack Golf Club and am grateful for this scholarship.

Dale Yehle
Hackensack Golf Club
West Virginia University, Class of 2025

It is an honor to be chosen as a recipient of the New Jersey State Golf Association’s Caddie Scholarship!

I attend San Diego State University and major in Marine Biology. Not only does the location present opportunities for my degree, but also my passion for the outdoors, golfing, surfing, snowboarding, and rock climbing. With the amazing San Diego weather, I will be able to play golf and caddie year round.

Thank you to the New Jersey State Golf Association and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation for your continued support and generosity.

Casey Heintz
Echo Lake Country Club
San Diego State University, Class of 2024

I am truly honored to be one of the recipients of the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship. Words cannot even begin to describe my thankfulness for this amazing opportunity. The generosity that has been shown to me by the NJSGA is unmatched by any other scholarship organization.

My true feelings of gratitude for the NJSGA’s generosity cannot be expressed in words alone. The opportunity to build a solid foundation for my future has been presented before me. It is my duty to make the most of my college years.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime.

Kevin McCarthy
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship to assist me in furthering my education at Central Connecticut State University. My mom and I are grateful for this scholarship and we cannot thank you enough.

I have enjoyed caddying at Essex Fells Country Club and I give special thanks to Brian O'Toole, Caddie Manager at Essex Fells. I look forward to caddying for years to come.

Tyler Logan  
Essex Fells Country Club  
Central Connecticut State University, Class of 2024

I want to take a moment to personally thank the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation for awarding me this scholarship, which has enabled me to focus on my studies while attending the University of Michigan. I am studying Industrial and Operational Engineering. Thank you for providing me with countless opportunities.

Markus Truumees  
Rockaway River Country Club  
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I can honestly say that the gift of the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship was the nicest thing that anyone has ever done for me. Even to have a job as a caddie was a privilege for me.

I hope to support the Caddie Scholarship Foundation as a way to give back for all you have given me. Thank you for my scholarship. I promise to give 100% of myself to my studies.

Michael Besante  
Plainfield Country Club  
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Thank you for the generous NJSGA Caddie Scholarship. I am very happy and appreciative to have been selected to receive the scholarship.

I attend Berklee College of Music and plan to pursue a career in music production. I will continue to caddie in the summer at Manasquan River Golf Club.

By awarding me the New Jersey State Golf Association Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden of attending college. Your generosity has helped me achieve my goal of continuing my music education.

Sergio Rojas  
Manasquan River Golf Club  
Berklee College of Music, Class of 2025

I am honored to have been selected as one of this year’s recipients of the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarships.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Foundation for its generous support of caddies through its scholarship program.

Golf and caddying have always been an important part of my life and thanks to this scholarship, I am able to pursue a college education, specializing in engineering at Cornell University.

Nicholas Hernandez-Torre  
Ridgewood Country Club  
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I would like to sincerely thank the New Jersey State Golf Association and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation for their generosity and the help given me toward my college education through the scholarship I have been awarded. The scholarship will be a fantastic help in paying for my college education and in assisting me in securing my future.

The scholarship I have received is a substantial relief toward my college tuition expenses. As I continue my college education, I will always hold gratitude for the NJSGA's assistance in giving me the opportunity to grow and better myself.

Raymond Roberts  
Echo Lake Country Club  
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The Caddie Scholarship Foundation is proud to induct Baltusrol Golf Club as the inaugural member of the Foundation’s Diamond Society, which recognizes those clubs whose members have contributed $1 million since the Foundation’s Golden Anniversary in 1997 and celebrates the Foundation’s Diamond Anniversary in 2022.
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This page is dedicated to those who went before us.

The men and women who taught us the traditions of golf and instilled in us the passion and spirit of the greatest game of a lifetime.

So many individuals have dedicated countless years of service to the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation.

Let us take a moment to remember and honor their legacies.

It has been charged to us to keep the traditions of the game alive. One of the oldest of these is the caddie.

Keep the caddie in golf!
Edward J. Batta Scholarship
The Edward J. Batta Scholarship was created to honor his many years of service as the Chairman of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and as a past President of the NJSGA. Ed was a proud graduate of Villanova University and a long-time member at Essex Fells Country Club.
Jack B. Baker  2023  Rockaway River  $10,000

Steven Benevento Memorial Scholarship
The Steven Benevento Memorial Scholarship was created by his family as a result of generous donations from family, friends, and colleagues. This scholarship encompasses Steve’s love of golf, his support of Canoe Brook’s caddies, and his belief in the importance of receiving a quality education. The scholarship benefits a Canoe Brook Country Club caddie.
Nicholas Werbaneth  2024  Canoe Brook  $6,000

Robert J. Burke Memorial Scholarship
The Robert J. Burke Memorial Scholarship was created by the support of his children and long-time friends. Bob was a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame and an advocate of quality education. The scholarship benefits a Plainfield Country Club caddie, where Bob was a long-time member.
Conor Larkin  2023  Plainfield  $7,500
Christopher Larkin  2024  Plainfield  $7,500

Michael Carter Memorial Scholarship
Benefitting Baltusrol Golf Club caddies, the original Carter Scholarship was established in 2002 to honor son Michael, a student-athlete at Penn State and rising New Jersey amateur. Subsequently, the scholarship was expanded to also honor Michael, Sr., who served as President of Baltusrol and the Metropolitan Golf Association. A special investment account was funded by substantial memorial donations for both Carters to support the scholarship.
Matthew Snyder  2024  Baltusrol  $7,000

Chadwick Family Scholarship
The Frank Chadwick Family Scholarship was created by the NJSGA to honor Frank Chadwick for his many years of service, both as a Trustee and active Tournament Committee official past his 100th birthday. A successful corporate executive, Frank also consulted with many New Jersey clubs on horticultural beautification. Just prior to his passing, Frank was honored on the Yankee Stadium scoreboard as the oldest living player in the Yankee organization. The Chadwick Scholarship benefits a caddie at Spring Brook Country Club.
Jack McKenna  2026  Spring Brook  $4,500

Roger Chandler Memorial Scholarship
Roger Chandler created this scholarship for Echo Lake Country Club caddies in appreciation for the newspaper carrier scholarship he earned as a young lad. A successful top executive with Exxon Mobil, Roger originally funded the scholarship in April 2007 with significant shares of his own company stock and, after his passing, his wife, Beverly, continued yearly contributions that actually expanded the number of available scholarships.
John Freer  2022(Dec)  Echo Lake  $2,500

Babs & Warren Collins Caddie Scholarship
The Collins’ were long-time members of The Rock Spring Club and the first Lifetime Sustaining members of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship was funded by the Collins’ estate – the largest, single gift made to the Caddie Scholarship Foundation.

Bruce N. Crichton Memorial Scholarship
The Bruce N. Crichton Memorial Scholarship was created through substantial memorial donations from his fellow members at Navesink Country Club and classmates at Lehigh University. These monies are segregated in a special investment account to benefit Navesink caddies.
Marc Cardano  2026  Navesink  $4,500
William Y. Dear, Jr. Memorial Academic Award
Awarded annually, the Dear Scholarship is our other top award among incoming freshmen. Better known as “Billy,” Mr. Dear was a prominent figure in the New Jersey amateur golf for many years. He won the NJSGA Amateur Championship in 1951 and finished second in the State Open that same year. Billy was runner-up in the Amateur four times and partnered with four different players to win the NJSGA Four-Ball Championship five times. A true benefactor of the game, Billy fostered competition for young boys with his own championship and our Junior & Boys Championships are named in his honor. He gave generously to the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and, after his death, his widow, Thelma, served as a trustee of the Foundation. Truly a family commitment, Bill and Thelma’s daughter, Susan, has continued their legacy of assisting young men and women achieve their aspirations.

Tyler Logan 2024 Essex Fells $6,000
Kevin McCarthy 2025 Rumson $6,000
Luke Tappen 2023 Spring Brook $6,000
Alexander Werbaneth 2026 Canoe Brook $6,000

Richard B. Fahey Memorial Scholarship
The Richard B. Fahey Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a deserving young caddie in the Somerset Hills area where Mr. Fahey and his family has lived for over 50 years. Better known as “Dick,” Mr. Fahey fell in love with the game when he was a young caddie working as a teenager at Crestmont Country Club. He passed his love of the game on to his four daughters and five grandsons. His encouragement, optimism, and enthusiasm made him a wonderful teacher to many of his friends and family who so generously created this caddie scholarship in his honor. Dick was an accomplished golfer and proud member of Roxiticus Golf Club for 34 years and the Kiawah Island Club for 15 years. Dick’s passion for golf, fun-loving spirit, and dedication to achieving will live on through helping young caddies to further their education and their love for the game.

Morgan Gleniewicz 2022 (Dec) Roxiticus $2,250

Peter Famiano Scholarship
The NJSGA created the Peter Famiano Memorial Scholarship to honor Peter’s legacy and to recognize his contributions to the Caddie Scholarship Foundation and to the Board of the Trustees as its first NJPGA advisor in his role as President of that organization. Head Golf Professional at Crestmont Country Club for more than three decades, Peter devoted his life to promoting the game, proudly serving his membership, and helping youngsters coming into the game, be they players or caddies.

John Hall 2023 Colonia $4,500

Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship
The Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship was created in 2008 through memorial donations and two consecutive yearly outings conducted in his honor by his fellow members at Colonia Country Club. The scholarship benefits either a newly matriculating caddie at Fairleigh Dickinson University or a caddie at Colonia Country Club or Plainfield Country Club.

John Hall 2023 Colonia $4,500

Claude Fusco, III Memorial Scholarship
Claude moved to Westfield, NJ when he was 6 years old. As a young boy, he learned the game of golf at Echo Lake Country Club, where his family were members. When he was finally old enough, Claude began to caddie at Echo Lake Country Club and loved it from day one! He graduated from Westfield High School in 1998, where he was a member of the golf team. He attended Boston University and Rutgers University before starting his career working with children at The Little Gym. Because of his passion for golf, his love of being a caddie, and teaching young children, this scholarship was created in his honor.

Jack Resnick 2026 Echo Lake $4,500
Vince Gilligan Memorial Scholarship
The Vince Gilligan Memorial Scholarship was created by Vince’s family, long-time members of Echo Lake Country Club. Vince Gilligan, Jr. had a successful career that took him all over the world. He conducted his business the same way he lived his life: with humor, integrity, and honesty. He loved golf, Echo Lake, and especially the caddies who worked there. The scholarship benefits Echo Lake Country Club caddies.

James Bagdonas  2023  Echo Lake  $5,500

Eugene Harkins Memorial Scholarship
The Eugene Harkins Memorial Scholarship was established in 2012 to honor Gene for his many years as a caddie and a caddie master at North Jersey Country Club and to recognize the special, mutual affection between Gene and the membership. The scholarship was funded by a substantial gift from the Club. The scholarship benefits North Jersey Country Club caddies.

Arthur “Red” Hoffman Memorial Scholarship
The Hoffman Scholarship assists students who are committed to the study of journalism and maintain high academic standards. “Red,” as he was affectionally known, was the dean of New Jersey golf journalists and, undeniably, the greatest golf historian New Jersey has ever been privileged to read. He worked as golf editor for the state’s two largest newspapers and wrote for many national golf publications. He served as President of the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association of America. “Red” received the Distinguished Service Awards of both the NJSGA and the MGA. He received the distinguished Lincoln Warden Golf Journalism Award and also served as editor of the NJSGA Open Championship program book. He was an ardent supporter of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation in both work and deed.

Nicholas Galati  2024  Plainfield  $4,500

Hospitality Financial Technology Professionals Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded annually in memory of Edward J. Batta, Past President of the NJSGA and Chairman of the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation, to a caddie who is pursuing an undergraduate major in the fields of accounting, finance, or hospitality.

Joshua Salkin  2025  Metedeconk  $5,000

Norma and Sol Kugler Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of Norma and Sol Kugler, by their son, Adam, this scholarship is awarded annually to either a caddie from Alpine Country Club or a caddie, who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrates exemplary service to the membership of the club where he/she caddies and leadership among his/her fellow caddies.

Nicholas Nuzzi  2026  Spring Lake  $8,500

Arthur Lynch Memorial Scholarship
Arthur Lynch was a valued Trustee of the NJSGA, long-time Tournament Director, President of Rockaway River Country Club, and duly recognized rules official at the MGA as well. The scholarship was funded by a substantial bequeathment from Arthur’s estate, at his request, and benefits Rockaway River Country Club caddies.

Nicholas Torres  2024  Rockaway River  $4,500
Nestor J. MacDonald Memorial Scholarship
The scholarship pays special tribute to Mr. MacDonald, an original founder of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation, its chairman from 1957 to 1967 and previously the donor of the second largest single gift in the history of the Foundation. Mr. MacDonald, who died in 1991, had a most distinguishable career of more than 50 years with Thomas & Betts Co., rising from salesman to Chairman of the Board. He was a member of the Rock Spring Club and Baltusrol Golf Club, a member of the Scottish Trust and a recipient of the British Royal Order of Merit. Awarded annually, each scholarship is for 4 years and recognizes the top academic freshman scholar.

Joseph Gisoldi 2026 Manasquan River $6,000
Drew Valsamedis 2024 Manasquan River $6,000
Daniel Voigt 2025 Rockaway River $6,000
Ryan Walsh 2023 Manasquan River $6,000

Colonel John McHugh Memorial Scholarship
Colonel John McHugh lost his life on May 18, 2002, defending his country in Afghanistan. He is the highest ranking military officer to lose his life in a military conflict. An outstanding student-athlete at Caldwell High School and West Point, John caddied at Essex Fells Country Club with his brothers Frank and Jim, who was an NJSGA Caddie Scholar at Rutgers University. The scholarship was initially funded by members of Essex Fells and the McHugh Family and benefits Essex Fells Country Club caddies.

John F. Rochford Memorial Scholarship
John Rochford served as the Chairman and a Trustee of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation from 1987 until his passing in 2019. John was known to all he met for his dedicated service to the NJSGA and was the recipient of the NJSGA Honey Gantner Award. This scholarship honors John Rochford’s four decades of service to the NJSGA and the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship was started by his daughter, Robin, and his son-in-law, Walter Wolak. This scholarship benefits an Echo Lake Country Club caddie scholar.

Raymond Roberts 2024 Echo Lake $6,000

Paul Samanchik Memorial Scholarship
Paul Samanchik was a long-time member of the North Jersey Country Club and a highly recognized rules official at the NJSGA and the MGA as well. Paul was honored with the NJSGA Honey Gantner Award for his dedicated volunteer service to the Association as an official and club representative for the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. This scholarship benefits a North Jersey Country Club caddie scholar.

Matthew T. Toriello Memorial Scholarship
The Matthew T. Toriello Memorial Scholarship honors Matt, who was a beloved caddie at Echo Lake Country Club. This award was created by Matt’s parents, John and Marilyn, members of Echo Lake Country Club. He loved golf, Echo Lake Country Club, and especially the caddies that he shared time and loops with on the course. The scholarship benefits an Echo Lake Country Club caddie scholar.

Rock Valian 2023 Echo Lake $5,000

Chris McAndrew Memorial Scholarship
Chris McAndrew was the long-time Caddie Manager at Spring Brook Country Club for 23 years. Chris was well-known for his mentoring of the caddies, but most of all for his generosity toward those in need. The scholarship benefits a Spring Brook Country Club caddie scholar.

John Karlo Estrada 2023 Spring Brook $4,500

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John Karlo Estrada 2023 Spring Brook $4,500
The Mary Stackhouse Scholarships benefit primarily in-college men and women who have demonstrated academic excellence by achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Mrs. Stackhouse was a most avid and accomplished amateur golfer, an environmental preservation enthusiast and benefactor, and a devoted and generous supporter of the Caddie Scholarship Foundation. While a member of Baltusrol Golf Club and Canoe Brook Country Club, she won multiple club championships, served on the Board of the Metropolitan Women’s Golf Association and the Women’s New Jersey Golf Association, and served as President of the latter. Since 2004, the Mary Reinhart Stackhouse Foundation has awarded over $1.2 million in scholarship grants to over 137 New Jersey Caddie Scholars.

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   Purdue
   University of Delaware

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   Rowan

4. Notre Dame
   The College of New Jersey

5. Clemson
   Seton Hall
   Indiana

6. Pennsylvania State

7. Ohio State

8. Rutgers

9. Stevens Institute of Technology
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Shane Darby  Eckerd College  2025  $3,500
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Nicholas Horowitz  Indiana University  2025  NJ Evans

UNION LEAGUE NATIONAL
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WHITE BEECHES
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Galloping Hill Golf Course
Kenilworth, New Jersey
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
8:00 a.m.  Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Shotgun Start
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