



29th Annual MMAAA Captain "Al" Wilson Memorial Golf Classic

The 29th Annual MMAAA Captain "Al" Wilson Memorial Golf Classic to benefit the MMAAA Annual Scholarship fund was held for the 6th year in a row at the beautiful and challenging Willowbend Country Club (WCC) in Mashpee, Mass. on Friday September 29, 2017. Similar to last year with regards to weather, we had another perfect day for golf. In addition to beautiful weather, this year's annual Alumni golf event raised the most ever for the MMAAA Cadet scholarship fund and we had a hole in one (1st time that we are aware of). Per usual, the Annual Captain Al Wilson Memorial Golf Classic was SOLD OUT by the mid-July, with 216 paid golfers. As a result, the 29th Annual MMAAA golf classic raised \$18,303, which is the largest ever. In addition, Kevin Giovanucci '85, hit a hole in one on the Bend course, 6th hole. He stated "It was 142 yards, 6 iron, breeze was in my face, one hop and it was in". Congratulations to Kevin! (and he did purchase a round of beers for everyone, at that moment because the beer cart girl just pulled up). The MMAAA is so proud of this event and it would never be so successful if it wasn't for such dedicated and supporting Alumni, our families and our friends.

As the MMAAA has done every year, since renaming this golf event to the Captain Al Wilson Memorial Golf Classic, a foursome is donated by the MMAAA to the Wilson family in order for them to participate. Al's wife, Ellen, his son, Gary and (2) of his grandsons all were there for this year's event. It was especially touching, when I acknowledged their presence at the luncheon, the entire room gave them a standing ovation. We are so grateful that the Wilson's participate. They will always be part of our MMA family. This year's guest speaker was a returning speaker. The MMAAA and its Golf Committee were honored again, when MMA President RADM Francis X. McDonald accepted our invitation. As always, he did a great job updating our Alumni on how the Academy is doing.

As seen in the past, we had several Alumni representing the Homecoming Alumni Reunion Classes of '72, '77, '87, '92, '97, and '07 at the golf classic. As always the Class of '68 was well represented and they continue to support this Alumni scholarship event year after year. We also had a great turn out by the Class of '87. I also want to acknowledge Paul Ojala '60, Fred Walsh '60 and their sons, Paul Jr. and Kevin (Green Team) for their continued support of this event. Finally, I want to recognize our oldest alum playing, Jerry Scannell '55. Thank you Jerry!

This year we had total of (18) Major sponsors and a total of (15) Corporate sponsorship. The most ever for this event and Matt Valcourt '85 was an Individual /Small Business sponsorship. We are so grateful for all these Major, Corporate and Individual sponsors. Without them the Captain "Al" Wilson Memorial Golf Classic would never be a success. The Major, Corporate and Individual/Small Business Sponsors are as follows:

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In addition to our Major, Corporate, Individual/Small Business sponsors, we could not have a great Raffle (post golf) if it wasn't for our Raffle Sponsors.

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As with every year and with every type of fundraising event, total success is the direct result of the people involved with organizing every aspect of it. I cannot say enough about our hardworking and dedicated MMAAAA Golf Committee. Every year I am amazed with the amount of time and effort that each committee member volunteers in order to ensure we have a successful and first class Golf event. As Chairman, I am proud and deeply grateful to have such an outstanding group of Alumni on our committee. The 2017 MMAAAA Golf Committee consists of the following: Russ Jacobson 92', Bruce Greenhalgh 90', Barry McDonough 85', and Stephanie (Lyons) Leblanc '99/'00. On the day of the Golf classic, we require a lot more help and I want to thank the continued efforts of our volunteers, Laura Marshall (parent of an Alum golfer), Jess Bigelow '99 and MMAAAA V.P., Heather Twiss '97. This year we had a special guest volunteer, Tim Griffin '10 and for a second straight year, my beautiful wife of 30 years, Diane, joined our great group of volunteers, "thank you Di".

Many thanks to our Golf Committee, and all our volunteers. In addition, the MMAAAA would like to thank the Willowbend Country Club for the great facility, course, and food (and booze). Terry Morris, Event Planner and Mike Vidal, Club Pro, perform an outstanding job each year.

In addition to the funds raised through the Sponsorships and Raffles, we again conducted a silent auction with sports memorabilia. The silent auction was operated independently by Bill Parks with the MMAAAA Scholarship fund taking a percentage of the bids. We again invited back a unique fundraising activity we introduced last year, – an Air Cannon. On (2) of the holes (a Par 3 and a Par 4), golfers could pass on using their driver/golf club for their traditional Tee shot and use the Air Cannon for a fee to shoot it

towards the green (for which the scholarship fund received a total of \$1390). The air cannon promotion is a service provided by "Leader Board of Boston". Again our golfers really enjoyed the air cannon.

I am so proud to be associated with the incredible MMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, our membership and all that participated and helped with this popular Alumni Homecoming weekend event.

In order to accommodate 216 golfers and maintain delay free golf, WCC established (3) individual competitive Golf Courses. The following is a list of all winners:

- Bend to Bay Course:
 - 1st Place: Brendan O'Connor '93, Scott May '93, Jeff Jadul '93 & Jack Corbett
 - 2nd Place: Rob Melchiondo , Mike Snee & Tim Crowley
 - Longest Drive Women: Ellen Wilson
 - Longest Drive Men: Mike Buckley
 - Closest to Pin Women: Jess Bigelow '99
 - Closest to Pin Men: Kevin Giovanucci '85 (Hole in One!)
- Bay to Bog Course:
 - 1st Place: Paul Preziosi '85, Peter Callahan '99, Steve Igo, & John Murphy '85
 - 2nd Place: Tony Guzlielmo, Norm Beauregard '73, Chris Payette & Joel Cooper
 - Longest Drive Men: Kerry McDonough '84
 - Closest to Pin Men: Matt Snyder
- Bog to Bend Course (Overall winner w/ score of 58):
 - 1stPlace: Chris Corsetti '97, Robert St. Peter, Robert Nigro '94 & Mike Watson
 - 2nd Place: Kevin Slein '85, Kevin Giovanucci '85, Charlie Parnell '84 & Ed Slein '81
 - Longest Drive Men: Peter Callahan '99
 - Closest to Pin Men: Kerry McDonough '84

Submitted by John Prendergast 85', Chairman of Golf Committee and MMAAA President