



# Eastern Seniors Golf Association

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## 2009 Bear Lakes Tournament

This year's Two-Man tournament had a smaller field than in past years, but the camaraderie and competition was as enormous as ever. Bear Lakes was in wonderful shape, but the weather threw us a curve. On day two, our afternoon schedule, ran into a storm which literally bombarded the Palm Beach area. There was hail, thunder, lightning, and weather reported a series of tornadoes hit down a few miles north of us. Needless to say, that afternoon was scrubbed, and the tournament reduced to 27 holes. The overall champions, Denis Johnson and John Hendricks from Northwood Club in New Jersey prevailed with a gross score of four under par 104. Diana Daniels prevailed on the women's side. Scoring summary is listed below.

Your Board met for three hours at this tournament site, discussing membership issues, tournament formats, and future plans for the ESGA's 50th anniversary celebration next year. One of the outcomes was the resurrection of our version of the FedEx Cup. We will be awarding points to all participants for attendance at each of our tournaments as well as points for placing in the top five. The winners of the points race at the end of the season, will be awarded with free entries into next season's tournaments. The current points standings, as well as a schedule of points appears later in this news letter. So, to all of our members, get out there and accumulate some points. Be the ESGA points winner for the 2009 season and play free next year.



Women's Results	Bear Lakes	March 10-11
<b>Overall Champion</b>		
	<b>Diane Daniels</b>	<b>54</b>
2nd place	Anna Bellantoni	41
3rd place	Myna Van Kellick	40



Gross Results	Bear Lakes	March 10-12
<b>Overall Champions</b>		
	<b>John Hendricks &amp; Denis Johnson</b>	<b>104 gross</b>
1st flight 1st	Daniels & Pommier	93 net
1st flight 2nd	Cunningham Van Kleeck	96 net
1st flight 3rd	Peelor & Pretak	104 net
(tie)	Bensel & Rice	104 net
2nd flight 1st	Germano & Lippert	92 Net
2nd flight 2nd	Ritter & Woythaler	93 net
2nd flight 3rd	Rosen & Kett	94 net



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JUNE 2009

Time really does fly when you are having fun! This is true for the 2009 Season for the ESGA events to date at Palm Beach Polo Club, Bear Lakes and the victorious Bermuda trip and a outstanding opening day in the north at Plandome. Please join for some fine days of golf for the remainder of the year.

Your board is working to have 2010 a very special year, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To date we have commitments from Blind Brook, Old Oaks, and a gala celebration will be next may at the founding fathers club at Siwanoy. Other dates will be added in addition to the Florida events.

The board will be holding a long range planning retreat this summer. It is our intent to focus on retention of members, attracting new members and increasing participation at our fun days of golf. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed. Please forward them to pou-quagpete@aol.com. Thanks or your support and see you on the links.  
Peter Van Kleeck

### Plandome One-Day Tournament

It was one of those rare nice days in April this spring. They have been few and far between. Sixty-four hardy soles played that day. Matthew Novarro & Woody Rodriguez triumphed overall with 72 gross. Here are the winning results:

1st Gross	Matthew Novarro Woody Rodriguez	Plandome	72
2nd Gross	Dave Christie Peter Sanders	Stanwich	74
3rd Gross*	Peter Lynch John Miller (G)	Dutchess	75
4th Gross *	Richard Sgarzi David Bergeson (G)	Ridge Plymouth	75
1st Net	Lloyd Slackman (G) Don O'Neil (G)	Bonnie Briar	63
2nd Net	Jim Peelor Peter Van Kleeck	Meadows Dutchess	65
3rd Net*	James Casey Barry Seaman (G)	Sleepy Hollow Ardsley	65
4th Net*	Hank Alexander Herb Fall	Nassau Picatinny	65
* = Match Cards			

### 2009 ESGA Points Race

In an attempt to increase participation in ESGA tournaments, the Board has decided to resurrect our version of the Charles Schwab Cup — **the ESGA Points Race!**

Points toward the year-long ESGA points race will be awarded as follows:

Each player will receive 10 points for participating in an event. Additional points will be awarded for placing in each tournament based on the following schedule:

**Individual events:** Overall gross 150  
1st to 5th net — 100, 90, 80, 70, 50

**Four Ball Events:** Overall Gross 100 each  
1st to 5th net — 70, 50, 40, 30, 10 each  
(multiple day events will award multiple points)

There will be a category for 70+ as well, so everyone will be competitive!

Current Standings 5-20-09— through Plandome		Attend	Total
Hendricks	John	20	270
Johnson	Denis	20	270
Van Kleeck	Peter	30	180
Daniels	David	20	160
Germano	Joseph	20	160
Kett	Herbert	30	160
Pommier	Paul	20	160
Ritter	Alan	30	160
Cunningham	T.J.	20	120
Novarro	Matthew	10	110
Rodriguez	Woody	10	110
Pfeister	Raymond	20	100
Pretak	John	20	100
Rosen	Eugene	20	100
Christiano	Joseph	20	90
Lynch	Peter	40	90





Caffray	Robert	10	80
Peelor	James	30	80
Sanders	Peter	10	80
Harrison	Edward	10	60
Howard	Edwin	10	60
Nyberg	E. George	30	60
Toole	David	10	60
Amato	Joseph	10	50
Casey	James	10	50
Dungan	Albert	10	50
Dwyer	Denis	10	50
Schrafel	Alfred	10	50
Alexander	Henry	10	40
Berk	Leonard	10	40
Fall	Herbert	10	40
Sgarzi	Richard	10	40
Bellantoni	Nicholas	20	20
Bensel	Francis	20	20
Darrow	Maynard	20	20
Davis	Donald	10	20
Folberth	William	20	20
Gesner	Charles	20	20
Gifford	John	20	20
McAdams	Edward	20	20
Morandi	Louis	20	20
Nichols	Frank	20	20
O'Connor	James	10	20
Rice	James	20	20
Rogers	Frank	20	20
Sussman	Jay	20	20
Wallden	Larry	20	20
Christie	David	10	10
Harris	Jeffrey	10	10
Kupper	William	10	10
Palumbo	Felix	10	10
Schmitt	Charles	10	10
Slaight	Thomas	10	10
Stone	James	10	10

**Eastern Seniors Win Rathburn Trophy**

On their 12th bi-annual visit to Bermuda, a team led by Bill Storff beat the Bermuda Seniors by a score of 13-11. This was our first win since the trophy was inaugurated in 2003. Bill was our only member to win both his matches and is automatically grandfathered for our next match in 2011.

On Tuesday, May 5th, we played for the Anniversary Shield and lost 18 1/2 to 5 1/2. Quite a turnaround!

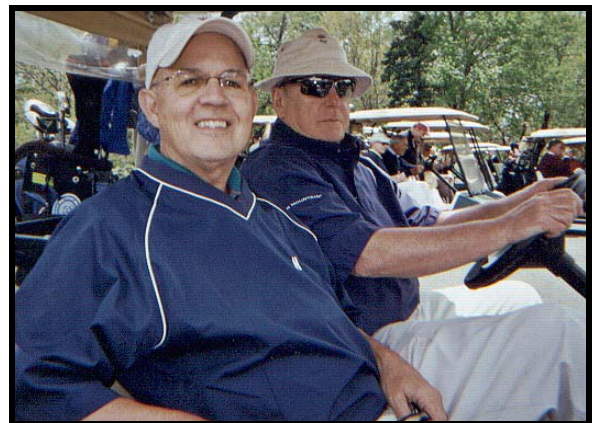
This year we had only only 15 players — more than half from Nassau and Huntington. Our four new members from Huntington: Messrs Giaccone, Irvine, Marini, and Santemma were welcome additions to our team.

On Wednesday, May 5th we held our usual “friendly” at the fabulous Mid Ocean Golf Club with one Mid Ocean member in each foresome. The winning team with 131 included Donald Williamson, Jay Sussman and Tony Giaccone. Second place with 142 points went to J. Garrett De Graff, Jon Santemma, and Alan Ritter, and in third place was Butch Darrow, Chick Gessner, and Charles Luyster with 146 points.

Overall it was a great event. Our weather was spectacular — sunny and warm every day without a drop of rain and, of course, a little wind to make things interesting. Bermuda’s hospitality was outstanding and we look forward to our next competition in 2011. Hopefully by then the economy will be better and we can field our usual team of 24 golfers.

We have challenged the Bermuda Seniors to come to the U.S. next year to compete for the Jim Morrison Trophy which we won at Seview Country Club in 2005.

Wright Olney,  
International Team Captain



**Gentlemen, start your engines! Plandome 2009**



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*Smiles from Plandome*

**Upcoming Events:**  
**July 14th**  
**New Haven Country Club, CT**  
**1:00 PM Shotgun**  
**2 Best Balls of Foursome**  
**11:30 Registration & Luncheon**

**Wykagyl Aug 10**

**Tuxedo Sept 17**



*More smiles from Plandome*

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