



President's Report

John Wolkowski

I wish you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and I welcome you to 2015 and the beginning of a new golfing season. It does not really seem possible, but our Foundation turns 60 this year. I invite all of you to celebrate the momentous year and again ask for your financial support for the benefit of our scholars. 2014 was another successful year that provides impetus for continued growth and the prospects of further accomplishment. Year after year, the interview process and having the opportunity of meeting our scholars is a true joy. They are incredible individuals and provide the incentive to expand our mission of providing financial support to our students who have diligently worked at golf courses throughout the state of New Hampshire as they strive to further their education in colleges and universities throughout New England and beyond. Our scholars have worked to support our country clubs and golf courses in many positions. Our scholarship awards are greatly appreciated to defray the ever-increasing costs of education. The awards go directly to the individual student in order not to adversely affect other financial aid they may receive. That factor is very important.

I enter my seventh year as president. I am proud to have served in that capacity. In moving forward, we have upgraded our presence on the internet. We will explore becoming a part of social media. We have learned how much our scholars depend and rely upon the internet and strive to expand the ability to contact and communicate with student and alumni. Please check us out and update your contact information in order to keep our lines of communication open. Year after year, we seek to leave no stone unturned in seeking new avenues to raise money. Regardless of the outcomes, we forge ahead driven by this labor of love

for the game of golf and recognizing the genuine affection to providing scholarships. I commend the diligent efforts by our all volunteer Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is well established, but is always interested in speaking with any of you who may be willing to serve. We have a great group who represent both private and public golf courses. We will all be fortunate enough to return Bald Peak Colony Club this summer. Our initial event last year was well received and the graciousness displayed made the decision to return an easy one. A June event is planned. This is a chance to play a great course that becomes available on very rare occasions. Please take advantage of that opportunity. More information will be forthcoming.

Glenn Walton completed his first year as our Managing Director. Glenn has continued the tradition set by Jim Kinhan in our contacts with clubs all over the state. Though “retired”, Jim continues to donate his time and resources in working to expand our presence in the North Country. We are looking at establishing a relationship with the New Hampshire Charitable Trust as a possible source of funding. We had to say farewell to Kerri Coughlin as our Administrative Assistant, but welcomed Sarah Schmidt in January of 2014. She picked up where Kerri left off without a hitch. Her husband Matt is the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Golf Association and has already assisted us in fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between the two organizations.

We have been consistently able to give in excess of \$100,000.00 to our scholars each year. We hope that will carry on and increase annually. We always need your help. No donation is too small. When you see a student at the club, think about sending in a contribution.

When a student does something special for you at your course, think about sending in a contribution. Golf is very special to each one of you receiving this Annual Report and reading about McDonough. My request is to keep our Foundation high on your list of priorities when making charitable contributions. We will always rely upon and honor your support for many years to come.

McDonough scholarships totaled \$105,000.00 last year. We have now exceeded \$2,000,000.00 in awards. That amount of money is amazing. I recall so many years ago receiving financial assistance going through college. All recipients and their families should be proud but, frankly, now have an obligation to preserve the McDonough Foundation by helping us out. As wonderful as that is, it is clearly no time to rest on our laurels. We hope to stage special events in 2015 to honor special individual golf professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their love of the game and the dedication to our Foundation.

The major component of fundraising is attributable to Club Donations under the Club Relations Committee. The contributing clubs have expanded recently and we continue to seek assistance from every club in the State. Increasing revenues and financial support from clubs is paramount in the continuation of McDonough. The Board wishes to increase club contributions and approach clubs whose students have benefitted but have not raised corresponding funds. I have suggested each year on how clubs can increase their financial assistance. The Board of Directors would be happy to discuss any type of option for tournaments, contributions, fun times and the like.

I express special thanks to the members of Manchester Country Club, Bald Peak, Nashua County Club, Laconia Country Club and Abenaki Country Club for their always impressive annual donations.

These Clubs are the cornerstone upon which our Foundation thrives. This recognition by no means is an intentional slight of all of our New Hampshire clubs who provide us with annual support in many different measures. Let's keep up the good work! Our goal this year is to bring in more clubs from the western part of the State in addition to the North Country.

Nashua Country Club hosted our two major events of the season, beginning with our Annual Dinner. The ambience, collegiality and food were absolutely wonderful. The board was able to honor Thomas Boucher with the Stan Lencki Award, who served as our Treasurer for many years and established a financial template that has proven incredibly successful. We were also graced with the presence of Portsmouth's own Jane Blalock as our guest speaker. She was terrific and shared some wonderful stories of her life on the tour and her work presently for the female Senior Tour.

At press time, we are looking at May dates for The 2015 Annual Dinner. We have discovered the later date provides a greater opportunity for those returning from warmer climates to attend and we are also looking at getting more of our scholars and their families to attend, as well. McDonough Alumni and professional golfer Kirk Hanefeld will, depending on dates, be our special guest.

Nashua also hosted our annual tournament in September. The weather and the event could not have been better. Glenn Walton will continue to spearhead the tournament in 2015. We are looking at different options for the 33rd Annual McDonough Pro-Am Tournament. We will maintain the concept of playing your own ball with a New Hampshire pro, but may expand the event into something other than a shotgun start. The Board feels this may expand the playing field and

allow more people to join in the fun. We hope you will respond by getting a group together. We also have a number of Sponsorship Levels, beginning at a mere \$100.00. As I said before, every financial contribution, though appearing miniscule on its face, is of great benefit.

Our Permanent Fund continues to grow. We will always seek options of establishing named Scholarship Funds. Our Board of Directors have successfully established a Fund named on behalf of all past and present Board members. As of year-end, that fund now exceeds \$24,000.00. Thank you so much for the effort. Further donations are still being accepted and will allow this fund to grow. If you have served in the past, I recognize your commitment and seek continued assistance in this particular scholarship. If anyone has questions, please contact us and we will fill you in on the details.

I remain hopeful and optimistic in our 60th year. Our Committees work tirelessly throughout the year. We are on the right road as we focus on helping the youth who make our life playing golf more pleasurable. Our Governance Committee is seeking to recruit new board members. If you are interested or think of individuals who would be interested, please give us a call. Talk us up to others who may be interested. We are working diligently to develop a long-term plan for the organization to increase our viability for many years to come.

I am honored to continue my service for our scholars and can assure all of you, the Foundation is committed to our mission. I am anxious for what the future holds for the Foundation and I ask for your continued support, financially and otherwise to expand our McDonough Family. Those of us who serve on the Board do so with a level of dedication and passion and I know all of you who receive this Annual

Report share that sentiment. I wish all of you well and much success during the 2015 golf season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Wolkowski", written in a cursive style.

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