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## Ouimet Fund Sets \$1.5 Million Scholarship Record With 7% Expense Ratio

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund announced that it plans to award a record \$1.5 Million in Scholarships in the 2008-2009 academic year. It represents a 15% increase from the previous year's \$1.3 Million which was awarded to 278 scholars. There were 68 "Honorary Scholars." Honorary Scholars do not have official financial need and hence do not receive a cash award, but are still recognized. The \$1.5 Million will bring The Fund to more than \$19.2 Million in 59 years to 4,500 students.

Ouimet Fund President Ted Highberger made the announcement at The Fund's 59th Annual Banquet on May 19. He also explained that he was equally thrilled to be able to do this with an administrative expense ratio of only 7% - a highly admirable ratio for a charity.

"We're thrilled we can increase our scholarships so much while keeping costs down. This is made possible because we have such a great hardworking board and a staff that keeps so many things on track," he said. The Fund has set a new scholarship record 17 of the last 18 years, and the \$1.5 Million is more than double the awards of 2004-2005.

He went on to explain that The Fund is going to be continually aggressive in increasing its fundraising. "Tuition has gone up an average of 9% or so annually over the past twenty years. Now, this is compounded by the fact that student loans have become more difficult to obtain and home equity lines are drying up – both are ways that families have traditionally secured funds to help with tuitions. The hardworking Ouimet Scholars are in need of help, now, more than ever."



### Scholarships Awarded

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| 2004 | - | \$700,000   |
| 2005 | - | \$1,000,000 |
| 2006 | - | \$1,150,000 |
| 2007 | - | \$1,300,000 |
| 2008 | - | \$1,500,000 |

## Dick Connolly to be Presented Spirit of Golf Award



The Ouimet Fund considers itself fortunate to have many wonderful donors and supporters, but the name that everyone always associates with "The Fund" is Dick Connolly.

Richard F. Connolly, Jr. will be honored with a major banquet at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on Monday, November 10. The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's "Spirit of Golf" Award honors individuals who love the game of golf and are deeply committed to charitable and community support in the spirit of the classic Ouimet motto, "From what golf has given you, let us give something back to golf."

Mr. Connolly is, simply, The Ouimet Fund's Most Valuable Player, and also helps scores of other charitable causes in New England. The "giving back to golf" credo is, as he says, one of the greatest mottoes of any charity and one he quotes often.

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## Dick Connolly to be Presented Spirit of Golf Award *(Continued from front page)*



Dick Connolly was one of The Fund's scholarship recipients 51 years ago, and considers it one of the proudest moments of his life. He started as a caddie at age eight at Woburn Country Club and then joined the course superintendent crew. He worked 15 years there and the scholarship helped him go on to the College of the Holy Cross.

"Other than my mother and father, golf has been the most influential thing in my

life," he said. He went on to speak of people he caddied for and learned from, the financial Ouimet help and being associated with Mr. Ouimet, and playing competitive golf in college. "So, you see, I really love the game and owe so much to it," he explained.

Mr. Connolly started his career with Ford Motor Corporation after receiving a Masters degree at Babson College. He left Ford to pursue opportunities in the financial services sector as a stockbroker and financial advisor. His client list has grown to become one of the most impressive in the industry. He is a leader at his company, Morgan Stanley, and has been ranked as one of the top ten overall brokers in the country.

Over the years Mr. Connolly has personally been the greatest donor to The Ouimet Fund, and served as President, Director, and

on many committees. Here are a few of his contributions to The Fund:

- For 30 years he has been the Chair of the Francis Ouimet Memorial Tournament.
- He has endowed a scholarship in the name of his family.
- He jump started our Annual Banquet, once a small affair, to become the top golf dinner in the US by inviting Arnold Palmer, one of his financial services clients, to receive the inaugural "Francis Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf" in 1997. The honorees since are a golf "who's who" including Former President George H.W. Bush, Greg Norman, Barbara and Jack Nicklaus, and recently, Gary Player.

Mr. Connolly shares the key banquet sponsorship with his company every year. He also sells many of the other sponsorships of the event that has raised approximately \$5 million over the years.

In 2000, the Ouimet Fund created an award for someone who has given great service to The Fund, and appropriately named it the "Richard F. Connolly, Jr. Distinguished Service Award."

"I've been fairly fortunate in my life, and have tried to give back to the Ouimet Fund and other charities. I've served with many great people on the Ouimet Board. We've sent many kids to college that maybe couldn't have gone, or to a school they couldn't have afforded otherwise, and it's been very rewarding," he concluded.

Former Ouimet President Ted Hansberry is chairing a committee for the Spirit of Golf dinner. Please call The Fund for ticket and sponsorship information.

## Gary Player Gift and Student Speaker Highlight Banquet



Gary Player and Ouimet Student Speaker Ryan Durkin provided some of the most memorable moments in Ouimet Banquet history on May 19 as 1,450 guests attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.

In an electric moment that stunned the audience, Mr. Player opened his talk by speaking to the creation of the Harry and Muriel Player Scholarship. In their honor he announced a gift of \$100,000 from the Gary Player Foundation to the endowment created in his parents' names.

"Gary Player is truly an inspiration. He traveled back and forth from South Africa – 21,000 miles – to speak at our banquet. The Gary Player Foundation gift is one of the largest we've ever had," said Ouimet President Ted Highberger.

Ryan Durkin of Indian Ridge Country Club and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst won the hearts of all the attendees. He outlined his life in golf after his father died of cancer when Ryan was just five years old. He described starting by finding and selling golf balls for 50 cents, and being exposed to so many wonderful role models as a caddie, and how it

taught him so much. He went on to speak of high school and college track experiences and then, in one of the most emotional moments in Ouimet Banquet history, of a brother who is serving in Iraq in the Marines and how he will also be going to Marine officer training shortly.

## A Ouimet Scholar, his Grandfather, and Tiger Woods

Ouimet Scholar Ellis Jones has had a remarkable journey, and his experiences with Tiger Woods have certainly helped pave the way.

The College of our Lady of the Elms senior was first exposed to the game by his grandfather, Alfred Hayes, a long time "regular" at the William F. Devine Franklin Park Golf Course in the Dorchester section of Boston. "He taught me so much about the game of golf but more about how the game could be applied to my everyday life. He knew that golf would teach me values such as honesty, diligence, proper dress, courtesy, respect, as well as getting up at the crack of dawn to park carts in the morning for go-getter golfers. He's the most influential person in my life," said Ellis.

### Tiger at Franklin Park

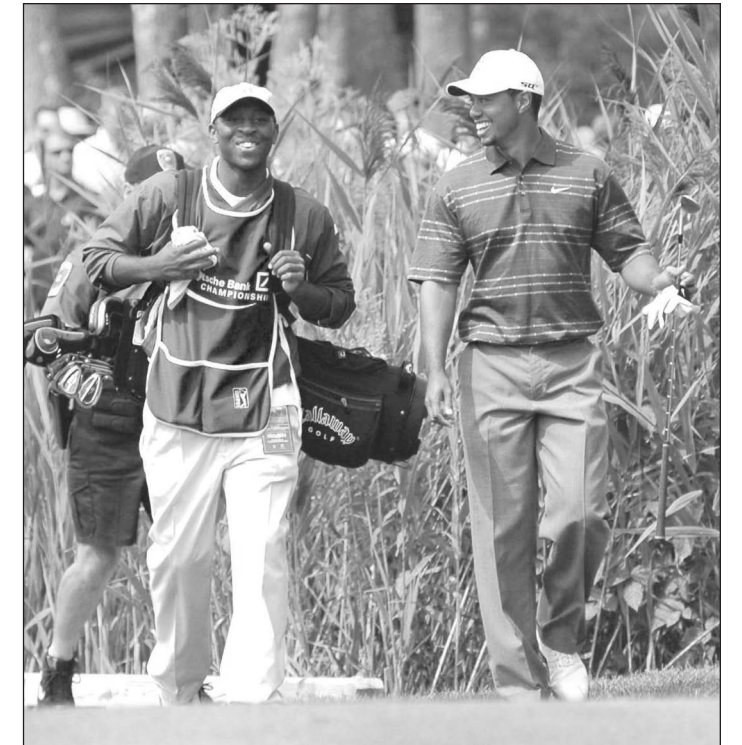
Another huge influence was a special appearance by then 16 year old Tiger Woods in a clinic at Franklin Park. Woods, the defending champ, came to Franklin Park during the 1992 US Junior Championship being held nearby at Wollaston Golf Club. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the special clinic that drew 400 young spectators, but none more enthralled than six year old Ellis Jones.

Tiger went on to win that week, and it was the second of his three consecutive US Junior crowns. He followed with three straight US Amateur titles. The rest, as they say, is history.

### Boston's Inner-City Program Leads to College

It was also history for inner-city youth golf in Boston and the Ouimet Fund. From that clinic came a commitment by the City and support from Diddie Cullinane that grew into the "Franklin Park Caddie Scholars Program." The program developed with help from the Ouimet Fund, along with a summer golf clinic program conducted by the Massachusetts Golf Association that eventually became the First Tee of Massachusetts. One of the early stars of the Franklin Park clinics was Ellis Jones, who became a "poster boy" of what exposure to the game could do.

The Franklin Park Caddie Scholars Program has helped over 600 young people reap the benefits of a unique annual seven week, five day per week golf/work program. A total of 52 of those students have gone on to receive \$441,000 in Ouimet Scholarships. Ellis Jones spent eight years in the program, and went on to Springfield's Elms College where he has a 3.35 GPA with a major in accounting and business management, plays varsity basketball and golf, serves as a Resident Advisor, Tutor and as a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. He is interning at PricewaterhouseCoopers this summer.



### Re-Uniting with Tiger

Ellis thanks The Fund for allowing him to attend his college and network with some very interesting people. In addition to his regular financial award, he has also received a couple of The Fund's special endowed scholarships, including the Tiger Woods Foundation Scholarship in 2005 and 2007. In 2006, he caddied for an amateur in Tiger's Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am group.

"Caddying with Tiger was an uplifting and very special moment for me. It was an opportunity that the Ouimet Fund and the Deutsche Bank Championship provided to me since I was the Tiger Woods Foundation Scholarship recipient. Being able to speak with him after he'd just lost his father and understanding how humble and funny an individual he is will be a memory I'll cherish throughout my life. Reconnecting with Tiger after seeing him as a child at Franklin Park and to meet him again and have him remember that special day will forever ring bells for me," said Ellis.

# Herbert Warren Wind Scholarship Headlines Endowed Reception



*Ouimet Scholars Samantha Beatty (l) and Donatha Letang (r) unveil the Herbert Warren Wind museum display.*

The Ouimet Fund announced on June 11, 2008 the establishment of a permanently endowed Herbert Warren Wind Scholarship in memory of the legendary golf writer. The announcement of the Wind Scholarship and two other new endowed awards was made at the Ouimet Fund's annual Endowed Scholar/Donor Reception. The special annual event celebrates The Fund's endowed scholarship program and 36 endowed awards were represented.

## Other New Awards

The other new awards announced were in the names of Dr. John F. Gallagher II/Frank Spellman and Kevin Onstott. Ouimet Director John F. Gallagher III is creating the Gallagher/Spellman Scholarship in honor of his late father and uncle while Ouimet Director Joe Onstott is establishing the Kevin Onstott Scholarship. The Onstott Scholarship is in memory of Kevin Onstott, who died at the age of 27 in an accident on December 15, 2004 at Northridge Country Club in Raleigh, North Carolina where he was Assistant Superintendent. Proceeds of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Onstott Invitational at Woodland Golf Club on August 11 will benefit the Onstott Scholarship. Please call the Ouimet Fund for information.

The Reception's program included talks on the endowed scholarship program and presentations by two of the endowed scholarship recipients. The Ouimet Fund has established nine new permanently endowed awards in the past year. "This brings us to 82 endowed scholarships, and the endowments are a big part of our growth," Ouimet President Ted Highberger said.

## Wind Display

A special display on Mr. Wind was also unveiled. The Wind Scholarship announcement came just two weeks before Mr. Wind was named to the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Wind Scholarship was mentioned in several media announcements about the Hall selection. The Wind family contributed his USGA Bob Jones Award and Memorial Tournament Journalism Award plaques which were mounted on the new display along with a photo and descriptive plate about Mr. Wind's accomplishments. "We are delighted to make this very special announcement," said Mr. Highberger. "We are deeply honored to have a Herbert Warren Wind Scholarship as part of our endowed program." The Herbert Warren Wind Scholarship will be for a Ouimet Scholar studying Communications, Journalism, Creative Writing, English or similar academic discipline, or for a native of Brockton, Massachusetts or surrounding town.

"Herb was very close to Francis Ouimet, and would be proud to be affiliated with Mr. Ouimet and helping young people and possibly a future young writer," said Gertrude "Gitty" Scheft, sister of the late Mr. Wind. Ms. Scheft is a former President of both the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts and the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund.

For complete information on Herbert Warren Wind and his contributions to American golf, please see the Ouimet Fund's website, [www.ouimet.org](http://www.ouimet.org)



*Ouimet Scholar Greg Young (l) and Jane and Wade Welch of the Raymond Faxon Scholarship enjoy the reception.*

## 2008 Calendar of Events

July 30, 31, Aug 1 - Ouimet Memorial Tournament

August 6 - Golf Marathon at Stow Acres CC

August 11 - Onstott Outing at Woodland G.C.

October 1 - Western Mass Leadership Day at Crestview CC

October 20 - NEPGA Pro Am Outing at Myopia Hunt Club

October 27 - Annual Meeting & Outing at Charles River CC

November 10 - Spirit of Golf at Boston Marriott Copley Place

## Western Mass. Club Leadership Day

A special Western Massachusetts Club Leadership Day is set for October 1 at Crestview Country Club and teams are being sought from clubs throughout the state.

"This outing is planned as a special fundraiser, but also as a way to showcase what the Ouimet Fund has done for students in Western Massachusetts, and how clubs can get involved going forward," said David DIRICO, Head Professional at Crestview and Chair of the event.

Crestview is located in Agawam, MA and has traditionally been one of the top courses in the area and a long-time Ouimet supporter. Mr. DIRICO explained that he is hoping to bring four representatives from the Boards of many clubs in the region as well as throughout the state to participate. Foursomes and sponsorships are available by calling The Fund.