

College Scholarships for Kids Who Work in Golf

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Ouimet Fund Newsletter



Fall 2019

Colin McGuire Named Next Executive Director

Following a vote by the Board of Directors earlier in the fall, the selection of Colin McGuire as The Fund's next Executive Director was officially announced. At the 2019 Annual Meeting, held at Woodland Golf Club, it became official as the Ouimet Alumnus and longtime Associate Executive Director succeeded the retiring Bob Donovan, who acted as Executive Director for an incredible 29 years.

McGuire, who grew up in Braintree, MA, attended Denison University as a Ouimet Scholar and graduated in 2003. He began his career with the Ouimet Fund in the fall of 2003 and has had integral and valuable roles of increasing responsibility with the organization. He has been involved in virtually every aspect of The Fund's operations and mission during his career. McGuire, his wife Cheryl and their two sons reside in Foxboro, MA.



According to Jim Blue, President of the Board of Directors, "Colin brings outstanding energy, leadership and institutional knowledge to the Executive Director role. He will spearhead the Ouimet Fund as we embark on our next stage of growth with a focus on our major gifts program and engaging with our Ouimet Alumni and supporters. "As a Board, we are excited to have Colin lead The Fund. He is poised and ready to help us reach our lofty goals to meet the unmet financial needs of our Ouimet Scholars," concluded Blue.

"I want to thank Bob Donovan for his tremendous years of leadership. He was someone who took a chance on me in 2003 and has led our organization on an amazing period of growth." said Colin McGuire. "I look forward to working alongside my passionate colleagues and countless loyal volunteers for years to come."



Tom Kite announced as 2020 Banquet Honoree

The Ouimet Fund is excited to announce Tom Kite as the 2020 Annual Banquet Honoree and present him with the Francis Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf. Mr. Kite will be the 23rd recipient and joins many of the game's great players, such as Jack and Barbara Nicklaus, Gary Player, Nancy Lopez, and most recent Honoree Johnny Miller. Kite will headline this important event, which remains the largest golf dinner in the country and critical to The Fund's ability to continue increasing need-based scholarships.

Mr. Kite was a consistent force in the game during his career, which included 19 Tour victories and a memorable win at the 1992 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. He was a regular on the U.S. Ryder Cup team, competing on seven occasions and Captaining the team in 1997. In 2000, Mr. Kite became eligible for the PGA Tour Champions where he won another ten time and added another major, The Countrywide Tradition.

Mr. Kite was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2004 and has been recognized by his peers and the golfing community with many other awards, most notably the Bob Jones Award in 1979. Along with Mr. Kite's sportsmanship and playing accomplishments, he started what is now a renowned golf course design business which has designed many top courses, including Liberty National.

We invite all Ouimet supporters to join the nearly 1,200 New England golf fans who kick off their golf season at the Ouimet Annual Banquet. The evening's MC will be Golf Channel personality Dave Marr, who will help us get to know Mr. Kite in a fireside chat setting. The evening will also celebrate longtime Ouimet supporter Mac Brawn, who will be honored with the Richard F. Connolly Award for Distinguished Service. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit Ouimet.org.

Golf Marathon Breaks Record, Remains Largest in Country

On August 5th, the Ouimet Fund hosted the 27th Golf Marathon, one of the most critical events on the Ouimet Fund schedule, at Juniper Hill Golf Course. Our Marathoners kicked off their morning bright and early as they rallied together to play 100 (or more!) holes in one day in support of Ouimet Scholarships. More than 40 participants gathered on a perfect day for golf, with sunny skies and a high of 82 degrees.

Each participant had the same goal when they teed off - to play as many holes as possible and raise critical funds for Ouimet Scholarships. Amazingly, more than 5,100 holes were played and our teams raised over \$380,000! Marathoners achieved this incredible milestone by fundraising all summer, sharing their stories at their clubs or within their social and business networks. As always, the Golf Marathon was absolutely crucial in allowing The Fund to award a record \$2.5 million in need-based scholarships this school year.

We would be remiss if we did not mention some of our top participants, which features longtime members of the Ouimet community. Tedesco Country Club's Ouimet Chair (and Ouimet Alumnus) Michael Zmetrovich '90 and his son, Oliver Zmetrovich '22 were again the top fundraisers again this year, and we thank them for many years of commitment to the Golf Marathon. Another dedicated Marathon team, Charles River Country Club, placed second in fundraising thanks to the hard work of Ouimet Chair Kevin MacLaughlan '93 and Marathoner Mike Gunderson '12. Marathoner Jack Hurley '22 and fundraiser Bob Travers from The Ridge Club placed third, which is just another great showing for a club and Marathoner who help this event year after year.

Watching our golfers play 100 or more holes in just one day is incredible. Participants meet new people, play stress-free golf, and have fun enjoying plenty of food, beverages and prizes throughout the day!

If you were not able to make it out to the Marathon this year, you are invited to join in on the fun in 2020!



Four players tee off at once, as golf traditions are set aside in the interest of playing as many holes as possible.



The 2020 Ouimet Golf Marathon will be held on August 3rd!

*Join us for
the Most
Unique
Event
in Golf!*

Marathoners set aside traditional golf rules and do whatever it takes to play as many holes as possible to support Ouimet Scholarships!

(Gimmies Encouraged! No Looking for Lost Balls! Play Holes Out of Order!)

All golf club teams, corporate teams and individuals are welcome to participate.

For more information, please
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Oakley's Scott Johnson Honored as Ouimet Professional of the Year

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund presented its 3rd Annual Ouimet Golf Professional of the Year Award to Oakley Country Club's Director of Golf, Scott Johnson at the Ouimet outing at Wollaston Golf Club on October 8th.

This annual award recognizes a New England PGA Professional for their efforts and achievements in guiding the young men and women who work for them to the Francis Ouimet Scholarship, and their ongoing mentoring through college and beyond. The recipient is someone who works closely with The Fund and plays an important role in promoting the scholarship to kids and their parents, and the various Ouimet programs to the club membership.

Scott has been an incredible supporter of the Ouimet Fund and a long-time head pro who has done great things for Oakley Country Club. He has been the head pro at Oakley for the past 21 years and his passion for The Fund's mission is vocalized to the membership, who support all fundraising programs and maintain a healthy roster of Ouimet Scholars.

Scott grew up in the golf industry and understands how to connect with the young people who work at the club on a personal level because he was once in their shoes.

He is a great role model for them and takes on a very important role advocating the Ouimet Scholarship program. There have been seven Ouimet Scholars who graduated in the last five years and eight current Scholars. The continued support from Scott and Oakley has helped these young individuals immensely as they pursue a higher education.

Scott credits the support of the Oakley membership for making the award possible. Scott works closely with Ouimet Chairs Marie Chalmers and Phil O'Neill to support Ouimet programs.

We would like to thank Scott Johnson for demonstrating what a huge role the PGA Professionals play in the lives of nearly 500 current Ouimet Scholars annually. Thank you, Scott!



Scott Johnson pictured with his daughter Erin Johnson '18 as he is honored as Ouimet Pro of the Year.

Michael Zmetrovich celebrated as 2019 Ouimet Chair of the Year



Michael Zmetrovich '90 and his son Oliver Zmetrovich '22 at the 2019 Golf Marathon.

The Ouimet Fund congratulates Michael Zmetrovich '90 of Tedesco Country Club for being selected as the 2019 Ouimet Chair of the Year! Michael is a member at Tedesco Country Club, a Ouimet Alumnus, and is incredibly passionate about the Ouimet Fund. Michael dutifully (and successfully) encourages the entire Tedesco membership to get behind the Ouimet programs at the club, including the Bag Tag Program, Golf Marathon, and growing Endowed Scholarship Program.

Michael's hard work is certainly paying off, as Tedesco is one of The Fund's top supporting clubs on an annual basis and the club has generously allowed us to host events on its beautiful grounds over the years. Michael takes great pride in encouraging the young men and women at Tedesco to apply for a Ouimet Scholarship, just as he did when he was in their position. Tedesco consistently has one of the largest rosters of Ouimet Scholars on an annual basis - boasting 21 this year!

Michael has also participated in the Golf Marathon for the past 22 years. For the last few, he has played with his son Oliver who is also a Ouimet Scholar. This year, he and Oliver raised over \$30,000 and were the top fundraising team. As Michael fundraises for the Golf Marathon, he takes the time to have a face to face conversation with each member explaining the importance of this event and why he is passionate about playing.

We cannot thank Michael enough for his hard work and dedication to The Fund and we are so thrilled to present him with this award. Congratulations, Michael!



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Scholars, Alumni Network at First Ouimet Career Fair

On September 30th, The Fund hosted its first annual Ouimet Career Fair at the Boston Marriott Quincy. Our staff, committees and Board of Directors are always looking to increase the benefits of being a Ouimet Scholar or in the Alumni Community, and this event was one we had on our radar for a while. We were thrilled to have thirty companies represented at the Career Fair, from Fortune 500 companies to local start ups, and more than 150 Ouimet Scholars & Alumni registered to network with these companies. The Ouimet Community represented themselves well and made positive strides in their professional careers, and our company partners were blown away by the talent they interacted with.



The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive and we're thrilled to say we have already begun hearing of job offers and internships for the fall as a result. We look forward to an even larger event in 2020!

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