

NEPTA celebrates the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament 9-13, 2011

Wintonbury Hills Golf Course, Bloomfield, Connecticut

The NorthEast Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA) founded the NEPTA Scholarship Award Program in 1999 and since its inception has awarded \$58,000 to recipients entering or continuing their education in the transit industry. This award program is available to both employees and dependents of employees of NEPTA member organizations.

The NEPTA Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was established as the primary support of the scholarship award program and from the support of this year's tournament, NEPTA will continue the scholarship program again this year.

On the summer-like day, NEPTA welcomed 30 golfers to Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, Connecticut. A round of golf was followed by a BBQ lunch and then the infamous putting contest. DJ Gonzalez, Greater Hartford Transit District was the proud winner. DJ donated his 50/50 winnings back to the scholarship fund.

Congratulations to the best team score winners: Comer Hobbs, Pat Laffen and Troy Deleon, DATTCO, Inc. along with Ed Hall from National Gear and Piston. This winning group graciously donated their prize back to the NEPTA scholarship fund. A special thank you to the *worst team score* team, David Delforte, Shepard Bros., Inc.; David Marchitello, American Seating Company and Marlene Connor, Wendel Companies - thanks for being great sports! This team also donated their winnings to the scholarship fund. Thank you.

In other contests throughout the day we had the following winners:

Longest Drive winner #8 – Comer Hobbs, DATTCO, Inc. Comer graciously donated this prize back to the scholarship fund also. Longest Drive sponsor was BAE Systems, Inc.

Closest to the Pin #3 – Sandy Galli, GFI Genfare, an SPX Division. This prize was sponsored by DATTCO, Inc.

Closest to the Pin # 12 – Roy Furo, Motor Coach Industries, Inc. This prize was sponsored by GTS, Inc. (Gambaccini Transit Sales).

Thank you to all of the participants and the sponsors who made the event possible.

Ed Gallagher Jr. and BAE Systems, Inc.

Jim Gallagher and Bus Stuf, Inc.

Comer Hobbs and DATTCO, Inc.

Sandy Galli and GFI Genfare

Bill Pellegrine and New England Detroit Diesel Allison

David Delforte and Shepard Bros., Inc.

Mark Gambaccini, GTS, and Twin Vision Destination Signs and Amerex Fire Suppression Systems, I/O Controls L.E.D. Interior Lighting

Marlene Connor and Wendel Companies

Additional golfers:

Doc Daley, Ron Sylvester, Paul Joyce, Pat Laffen, Troy Deleon, Ed Hall, Sandy Galli, Vicki Shotland, DJ Gonzales, Bill Pellegrine, Tony Gemba, Steve Justice, Brian Mullarney, David Marchitello, Jerry Sheehan, Ryan McElvany, Garret Krueger, Michael White, Roy Furo and Andrew Guild. Thank you to all!

Scholarship applications are available online and are due to NEPTA on or before November 1, 2011. Please be sure all applications are signed by the sponsoring member agency.

Be sure to register for the Tri-State Conference on September 28-30, 2011 in Portland. NEPTA will host their annual dinner meeting on December 8, 2011 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA. Watch your email for up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

The NorthEast Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA) Officers and Board of Directors