

## **It's Golf Season Again (with thanks to Jack Murray for these)**

An octogenarian, who was an avid golfer, moved to a new town and joined the local Country Club. He went to the Club for the first time to play, but was told that there wasn't anybody he could play with because they were already out on the course. He repeated several times that he really wanted to play today.

Finally, the assistant Pro said he would play with him and asked him how many strokes he wanted for a bet. The 80-year-old said, "I really don't need any strokes as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of sand traps."

And he did play well. Coming to the par four 18th, they were all even. The Pro had a nice drive and was able to get on the green and two-putt for a par. The old man had a nice drive, but his approach shot landed in a sand trap next to the green. Playing from the bunker he hit a high ball, which landed on the green and rolled into the cup. Birdie, match and all the money!

The Pro walked over to the sand trap where his opponent was still standing in the trap. He said: "Nice shot, but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps?" Replied the octogenarian, "I do. Would you please give me a hand?"

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A woman goes to the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published. The obit editor informs her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word. She pauses, reflects, and then she says, "Well then, let it read, "Fred Brown died." Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a seven-word minimum for all obituaries. She thinks it over and in a few seconds says, "In that case, let it read, "Fred Brown died: golf clubs for sale."

## **MAY SPEAKERS (All meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)**

- May 6** Annual Meeting at 12:00 noon at the New Canaan Country Club. \$35 in advance to Charlie Morris, or \$40 at the door. There will be no morning meeting.
- May 13** General Dana Demand, Commandant of the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard at Stewart Air Force Base, will tell of the recent deployment, service and return of his unit from Iraq. General Demand last spoke to SMC three years ago.
- May 20** New Canaan resident Brian Williams is the anchor and Managing Editor of *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*. Williams, formerly head of news broadcasting at MSNBC and CNBC, was promoted to succeed the retiring Tom Brokaw last December. A former White House correspondent and a seasoned news journalist, he has traveled the world and made numerous live television news broadcasts during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the earthquake and tsunami disaster areas in Southeast Asia.
- May 27** Connecticut's Commissioner of Public Safety, Leonard Boyle - Connecticut's "Top Cop," - will talk about changes in his responsibilities since 9/11/2001, especially involving homeland security, new technology, crime trends and highway safety.

**Special Note** – Governor Jody Rell has indicated she will “drop in” for a brief visit to meet our members and say a few words the next time her very busy and fluid schedule brings her to or near New Canaan on a Friday. We may not know about her visit until a day or two in advance, so come every meeting and don't miss a chance to meet the Governor.

## COUTH

- May 12 (Thurs)** Enjoy a sparkling evening of fine dining and musical theater in New Haven. We have planned a dinner at the renowned Union League Café, followed by a performance of the classic musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, at the Shubert Theater. Price per person is \$115. Check-in at St. Mark's at 3:45 for a 4:00 departure. Estimated return time is 10:45. The trip is sold out, but we are accepting names for the wait list. Hosts are Ladd Seton and Bill Nissen.
- June 22 (Wed)** Take the train directly to NYC for a narrated, guided walking tour of historic downtown Manhattan. See Dutch New Amsterdam, English and early American New York. Lunch downtown on your own and ride the Staten Island Ferry before the direct train home. All transportation and Lumberyard parking included. Price is \$30. There's a limit of 30 people. Host and guide will be Pete Stair. Rain date is June 29.
- July 30 (Sat)** Mark the date for our annual visit to the CT Jazz Festival. This is a highlight of the Couth calendar. It is a terrific trip to bring your friends who enjoy good music and a delightful setting. Cost and departure information to come. Our Jazz Festival experts, Jim D'Acosta and Bob Wohsala will be the hosts.

**Please note:** The newly stated Couth policy is as follows: The sign-up sheet is to be used as an indication of interest and intent to participate, but not to establish a reservation. The date of the check receipt by the Couth Committee will be the control of a confirmed reservation.

## ACTIVITIES

- Bridge** Bridge follows weekly meetings. Games last until about 2:00 p.m. Sign up before the meeting or at start of the break at the Couth Desk. A post-meeting drawing establishes who'll go to Waveny House for play. Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Golf** First official round will be at the Country Club on June 1. Likely there will be a prior warm-up session at a local area public course, but that is not yet scheduled. Bob Moylan (966-9904)
- Paddle Tennis** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Waveny. Play will continue until the tennis nets are up. George Perkins (972-6852)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** The planes are in the hanger until Lapham Community Center reopens, hopefully next September. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Tennis** Play will begin Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8a.m. in Mead Park, once the nets are up, likely sometime in May. Craig Wright (966-4399)
- Trailblazers** May 11 we'll do Central Park, led by Pete Stair. June 13 will be Devil's Den in Weston. Meet at 8:30 at St. Mark's, bring water, a sandwich, a friend. No check required! Dave Branch (966-9782)
- 4F Luncheon** Selection of the site for the luncheon is announced at a meeting during the month. Sign up prior to or during break in fourth Friday meeting. Eric Petschek (966-0624)