

Elmsford, N.Y – The Westchester Golf Association hosted its Annual Meeting and Club Conference at Rockrimmon Country Club on Monday, April 26th. The event brought together over 90 representatives from the members clubs of the WGA. WGA Board Members and Volunteers, as well as representatives from several golf associations including the Metropolitan Golf Association, Metropolitan PGA, Long Island Golf Association, Met Golf Writers Association and Met Club Managers Association were also in attendance.

The day kicked off with the WGA Annual meeting which included a report from WGA President Rob Bluestone, followed by a treasurer’s report from Jack Steinhil. The event sponsor, The Westchester Bank was introduced and the CEO John M. Tolomer opened with kind remarks and his enthusiastic support of the game of golf. Preceding the opening statements were the 2009 Journal News Guido Cribari Player of the Year award presentations. The recipients had wonderful, gracious acceptance speeches, including 2009 Womens Player of the Year Becky Montgela’s memorable story about her introduction to golf. Below are the 2009 Journal News Guido Cribari Player of the Year winners:

Professional
Greg Bisconti
St. Andrews

Junior
Cameron Wilson
Shorehaven

Amateur
Michael Ballo, Jr.
Woodway

Girl’s
Nicole Morales
Centennial

Women’s Amateur
Becky Montgela
Wee Burn

Senior Amateur
Jim Graham
Winged Foot

After the POY awards presentation Lee Paton, President of the Caddie Scholarship Fund gave an update and presented the CSF Awards for the year.

CLUB AWARDS:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Outstanding Club Contributor:
Westchester Country Club

Udo Reinach – Award of Distinction:
Grant A. Burnett, Ardsley Country Club

Special Club Award:
The Tuxedo Club

Outstanding Caddie Master:
Peter Bell, Trump National Golf Club

Gold Club Award:

Quaker Ridge Golf Club
Sleepy Hollow Country Club
Westchester Country Club
Winged Foot Golf Club

The second half of the meeting shifted gears and focus. First up was Dan Condon, of Condon, O'Meara, McGinty & Donnelly LLP, to discuss Tax & Legislation information.

After Dan Condon, Executive Director Jay Mottola reported about the New York State Golf Economic Impact Study.

WGA President Rob Bluestone then introduced noted sports writer and Pulitzer Prize winner Dave Anderson of the New York Times who answered many good questions about golf and other sports.

With the rain approaching a few remaining dedicated golfers quickly grabbed something to eat and made their way to a wet but beautiful Rockrimmon golf course.

