Tournament Week in Cooperstown

Pathfinder Village sponsors and donors are in Cooperstown this week to take part in two events that support the Village’s Scholarship Fund: the 31st annual Otesaga Hotel Seniors Open and Pro-Am, and the 4th annual Chobani Tennis Classic.
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Something new... This year, we are pleased to introduce a revised tournament directory, now called Pathfinder Magazine, which will inform audiences about the humanitarian work completed at Pathfinder, and the residents' achievements that are directly supported by both tournaments.

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Tournament Week in Cooperstown
Moustaches are in this year!

Hall of Famer Rollie Fingers, known for his sliders and waxed moustache, will join golf and tennis players this September 3rd, all in support of Pathfinder Village.

Cooperstown, America’s Most Perfect Village, is the setting for the 31st annual Otesaga Hotel Seniors Open and the 4th annual Chobani Tennis Classic. Played at the incomparable Leatherstocking Golf Course and the Cooperstown Country Club, both tournaments benefit Pathfinder Village, a remarkable residential community for people living with Down syndrome and other disabilities.

Fingers follows in the footsteps of such luminaries as Ferguson Jenkins, Johnny Bench, Mike Schmidt, Carlton Fisk, Phil Niekro, the late Harmon Killebrew and Robin Roberts as host for this post-Labor Day tradition. A 1992 Hall inductee, Fingers will visit Pathfinder on Monday, Sept. 2, and join over 150 sports enthusiasts for the tournaments on Tuesday.

"We’re eager to welcome Rollie to the tournaments," said Paul C. Landers, Chief Executive Officer of Pathfinder Village. "Everyone enjoys his sense of style and humor, and I think he will be a big hit with our supporters, not to mention the residents, who live and breathe baseball."

Fingers — a seven-time All-Star who won the 1981 American League Cy Young and MVP Awards as a reliever for the Milwaukee Brewers — will be the key speaker at the tournament banquet at The Otesaga. Annually, the Pro-Am raises $50,000 for scholarships for Pathfinder residents; this has been coupled with over $30,000 in tennis proceeds from the past three years. A portion of the golf proceeds also benefits the Hall’s school programs, which enable the acclaimed museum to fulfill its educational mission.

Flight A players Lionel Ventura and Paul van der Sommen claim victory at the 2012 Chobani Tennis Classic.
A NEW ERA AT THE OTESAGA

Rollie Fingers is not the only newcomer to the tournaments: The Otseaga’s new Chief Operating Officer Jim Miles will also participate in his first Pro-Am. Miles comes to Cooperstown as a "Hospitality Hall of Famer," with over 40 years of leadership at Peddler’s Village, Hershey Resorts, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Miles is especially eager to serve as host for over 100 senior golf professionals who will take part in the three-day pro tournament, Sept. 4-6.

"The Otseaga Hotel Seniors Open is a premier event and has a 30-year reputation of excellence in golfing and hospitality circles," said Miles. "To be a part of this is very exciting, and shows that the Hotel’s leadership supports community causes to help make Cooperstown and the Leatherstocking Region a great place to live and work."

"Our other major sponsors — NBT Bank, Chobani, Coca-Cola Refreshments — all share in that vision," added Miles. "Each company has made a commitment to these events, and that’s created a real sense of culture and continuity."

The Seniors Open offers a total purse of up to $100,000, and is chaired by Daryl Forsythe of NBT Bank and Dan Spooner, host golf professional at Leatherstocking. It boasts an enviable past player list that includes former top PGA-ranked pros Jim Albus, Tom Nieporte, and Pete Oakley.

Reigning champ Tom Eubank of Ellijay, Ga., who shot a tournament record-tying 64 in the final round last year, is expected to return. Other top pros expected to return include former champs Tom Joyce, Scott Spence, Ed Whitman, and Bobby Heins.

The Pro-Am is expected to field over 24 fivesomes, and offers top prizes for amateurs. In 2012, Kissimee, Fla. pro Jim Chancey led the Coca-Cola team of Mike Brown, Ron Clark, Jack Reynolds and Mike Thornfield to the win.

The Chobani Tennis Classic, which is organized by the Pathfinder Village Foundation and a volunteer committee headed by Bob and Pat Hanft of Cooperstown, has started to gain international attention. Last year, winners included Lionel Ventura of Montreal and Paul van der Sommen, Oneonta (Flight A), and Vinayak Rao, New York Mills, and Jim McMahon, Ballston Spa (Flight B).
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It's been a full morning at Chenango House, Pathfinder Village's home for older residents. The group enjoys activities in the sun-filled sitting area: P.R.'s face lights up as he completes a puzzle. Meanwhile, John jokes with the staff. Everyone is looking forward to visiting Cooperstown after lunch. Doug, Barbie and Billy will return from the Village Day Program after three, and there will be a homecoming party for Liz and Peggy, who are returning from a week of summer camp.

Life at Chenango House is busy, supportive and flows gently, yet is emblematic of a major demographic shift in the United States: people living with Down syndrome have doubled their life expectancy, from age 30 in 1980 to over age 60 today.

"The graying of the Down syndrome community mirrors the general population, but that doesn't mean life can't be full of activity and friendships," said Stacey Hickey, Village Chief Program Officer. "Here, we focus on supports, activities and social opportunities for older people. We are aware of the increased challenges that come with aging — dementia, behavioral changes, mobility — but we celebrate each of life's seasons. That's one of our core values as a community."

Demographics show that the impact of increased longevity for those with Down syndrome will be even greater as millions of Baby Boomers surpass the half-century mark. New York State's agency for developmental services, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, predicts that by 2025, the average person served by the agency will be 50. This means that those living with disabilities may outlive their parents; siblings and other relatives will need to step into guardianship roles.
Margaret Savoie, a realtor in Cooperstown, is a member of the 'sandwich set' who serves as guardian for her brother, Richard Bachand, and cares for her 90 year-old mother. Social and self-assured, Richard lived at home through his early 50s, but began to require more focused care as their mom's abilities diminished.

"They moved in with us several years ago, and that worked for a while," said Mrs. Savoie. "But then he fell, and there was a rapid decline — it was apparent that we had to make a decision when his dementia broadened."

"We are fortunate that we could work with the staff at Pathfinder. Now he feels that he belongs there. We can visit or bring him home anytime. Having friends there and the help of the staff has also delayed his decline. Whenever he comes home, he's always ready to go back to the Village."

"It was a hard decision for us, but you finally have to ask, 'What is best for him?,'" she said. "Now, with the Village Aging Initiative, I know that no matter what, there is always a place for him. I get great reassurance from that."

**PATHFINDER’S PROGRESS**

Even in its early days, Village planners sought answers for the demographic shift they knew was coming; Chenango opened as a model residence in 1989 and was featured in a training video by OPWDD on aging planning in the late 90s. In recent years, Pathfinder has shifted to provide end-of-life care, so residents may remain at home as long as possible. The comprehensive Aging Initiative was mapped out in 2012.

"Our plan addresses key areas, including capital projects, programming, and a gerontological training regimen for frontline staff," said CEO Paul Landers. "We were started on this path through a $1 million gift by the Hamilton-Warriner family in 2011, and have had great support from other donors since then.

"Former CEO Ed Shafer was inspired to lead a campaign to fund the Mary A. Shafer Activity Room at the newly renovated Day Program House adjacent to the Village. This joint program between Pathfinder and The Arc has been a game-changer for residents who aren't able to ride long distances to other program sites.

"Our friends at the Utica National Group Foundation are assisting with the staff training module, which will focus on training in enhanced daily care, behavior tracking, medications administration, health reporting, palliative care and other topics.

"Other donors are supporting updates at Chenango House, which is now 25 years old," said Mr. Landers. "We are building a new Activity Room, upgrading safety equipment, furnishings, and lighting to support residents' independence. We also want to focus on the gathering areas of the home, so that each resident may benefit from friendships and a sense of belonging.

"But I think where Pathfinder will make the biggest difference is on the national stage. We're leading by example, and we serve on the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices of The American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. We have a place at the table in crafting national standards of care. This is vital, especially as it will apply to agencies in rural areas, where there are predictions of health care professional shortages.

"With the Aging Initiative, we honor a tradition of progress, and celebrate the humanity of each person," concluded Mr. Landers. "As our founder Marian Mullet said, 'We don't love them less when they grow old.'"
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The Pro-Am portion of the Otesaga Hotel Seniors Open has benefited the Pathfinder Village Foundation Scholarship Fund for three decades, making the Village experience possible for families and their loved ones who live with developmental disabilities.

"Through the Pro-Am, and now the Tennis Classic, we've been able to provide over $2.2 million in assistance to residents going back 30 years," said Foundation Chair Bill Cole. "That really gives peace of mind to parents, as their children realize a sense of belonging and lead fulfilling lives."

One young adult who has benefited from the scholarship fund is Christopher, a soft-spoken young man who lives at Butternut House. He takes part in many Village activities, and enjoys coloring, art classes, his DVD collection and bowling.

"I have a lot of friends at Pathfinder — Frank, David, and Brett," said Christopher. "We go for walks and play Wii. I like shopping with my friends and going to Subway."

His mom, Pam, shared his story: "My son is a very sweet, kind, loving person. He's much loved and appreciated by our entire family, but we had realized that we were unable to give him what he needed socially, and to provide the activities that would most benefit him."

"We found Pathfinder through a friend.... There is no question that the activities and the routine here are wonderful for him," she added. "What he likes best is having friends. We think that those relationships with his peers are very good and very important to him."

Just as Christopher's scholarship has allowed him to build a life of meaning, Camp Pathfinder scholarships are now also helping others enjoy the camaraderie of Camp Pathfinder. In its third year, the camp is a two-week program for young adults, ages 18 to 30.

Camp provides an opportunity to live away from home and experience independence as participants explore local attractions, enjoy the outdoors, arts and crafts, and join in the regular programs of the Village. A large part of camp is living in the residential homes and gaining social skills. A natural consequence of camp is the lasting friendships that grow among campers, residents, and staff.

"I like camp. It's really a beautiful place. I like my housemate Laura," said first-time camper Linda A. "I liked the workshop where we made our own bug spray. We also made meadow tea with mint and honey. I want to come back next year."

"Not everyone is at a place in their lives where they are able to join the Village full-time," said Kelly Meyers, Pathfinder Village’s Director of Admissions. "The great thing about Camp Pathfinder is it provides..."
new lessons in living skills and making friends, and is an incremental step towards independence. Camp also provides families with a sense that their loved one is appreciated, offers a safe-yet-enriching environment, and there is access to services and a well-trained staff.

Otsego Academy at Pathfinder Village is another new program that will fill a specific need for young adults: Set to open in January 2014, the program will offer a two-year residential and post-secondary education program for those who want to gain job skills and transition to independent living environments. Pathfinder scholarships are being developed to support this vital initiative.

"Otsego Academy follows up on the pre-vocational program we offer at Pathfinder School. It is a transitional program for college-aged students, who will undergo internships at local businesses and receive job skills training and academics in a classroom setting," said Stacey Hickey, the Village’s Chief Program Officer. "Other modules will focus on practical skills that all independent adults must master — shopping, budgeting, household skills, health maintenance, safety awareness, communications, and transportation tasks."

"Today’s young adults living with developmental disabilities are eager to engage the world in all the ways that their siblings do," said Mrs. Hickey. "This is a generation of movers-and-shakers, and Otsego Academy will give these students from throughout the country a foundation in skills that lead to success on the job, in volunteer positions, and as contributors in their home communities."

Q: What’s your favorite part of Camp Pathfinder?

A: "Friends!"

Zack K., Second-year camper

Campers enjoy an outing to the Rosamund Gifford Zoo, Syracuse. Camp counselor Beth Zaje and Linda pose for a 'selfie.'
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Cooperstown is often referred to as "America's Most Perfect Village," in no small part due to the presence of the exquisite Leatherstocking Golf Course.

Leatherstocking, which opened in conjunction with the Otesaga Resort Hotel, sits on the southern shore of historic Otsego Lake. The immaculately groomed course is popular among area residents, hotel guests and Hall of Fame Members.

The pine and maple tree-lined course opened in 1909 with nine holes and was called "The O-TE-SA-GA Links." That same year, Ty Cobb — an avid golfer who won 12 American League batting titles — earned his only home run crown. He hit nine, one for every hole at the new Cooperstown course.

Thirty years later, when Cobb was inducted into the Hall of Fame during its Grand Opening in June 1939, he was among the first Hall of Famers to play Leatherstocking. Cobb passed a note to Babe Ruth: "I can beat you any time of the day and twice on Sunday at the Scottish game." Although their match never came to pass, it began an annual tradition of Members playing golf during Hall of Fame Weekend.

Deveraux Emmet, a prominent course architect, designed Leatherstocking in 1910. It was conceived as an 18-hole course on 98 acres of spectacular land. Emmet, an innovator of the "Golden Age of American Golf Design," is renowned for the Congressional Country Club in Maryland, the Garden City Men's Club on Long Island, and other courses in the Metro area.

"When you think that this course was designed before modern equipment it is truly amazing, said Dan Spooner, Director of Golf at Leatherstocking since 1997. "All they had were horses and pan-plows to sculpt the land. With those limitations, Emmet created a masterpiece by accentuating the natural contours to define the holes. You can see the imagination and vision he had."

For instance, looking back from the 12th green to the tee, golfers see ledges of rock still untouched by the hand of man. With a little creativity, one might aim a golf shot 20 yards right or left of the pin, but following the lie of the land, the ball could end up next to the hole — or maybe even in the cup.

"It's a traditional, northeast course," Spooner said. "What puts it in the classic style are its sloped, small, well-bunkered greens and elevation changes. Golfers have to exe-
cute different types of shots to succeed. It's not a long course by today's standards — 6,400 yards total—but it is challenging with a slope of 135.”

Golfers at Leatherstocking are also faced with two of golf's greatest finishing holes: the 17th is 182-yard par-3, and the 18th is a 515-yard par-5 with an island tee. With Otsego Lake looming large, how golfers play these holes may determine if they win or lose a match.

The course layout has remained constant, though some greens have been adjusted. In the 1990s, Bob Cupp of Cupp Design restored and upgraded the course, which was built to accommodate 7,000 rounds each year. The upgrades included larger tee boxes, reshaped bunkers, restructured paths, and improved drainage.

Today, nearly 25,000 rounds are played each year at Leatherstocking. Golfers include subscribers, hotel guests, and those taking part in corporate and charitable outings, like the annual Pro-Am that benefits Pathfinder Village’s scholarship fund.

Most notably, Hall of Fame Members love to golf during Induction Weekend, and have contributed to Leatherstocking’s rich lore: Scratch-golfer Mike Schmidt shot a sizzling 64 at the 1999 tournament, and Johnny Bench once hit a 346-yard drive off the seventh tee, now memorialized with a course plaque.

Legend Phil Rizzuto once left a putt short of the cup in one Induction tournament, and spat, "Scooter, you huckleberry!" His partner, the irrepressible Yogi Berra, replied, "That’s okay. Did you know that 90 percent of putts that are short don’t go in?” Another classic Yogi-ism!

Whether it’s Schmidt, Bench, Scooter or a first-time golfer at Leatherstocking, the common factor remains the fabulous course, which has been lauded by the golf and travel industries’ biggest names — Zagat, Condé Nast, and Golf Week. With its classic pedigree, storied past, and visionary embrace of its natural features, the Leatherstocking Golf Course stands out as a singular place to play "that Scottish game."

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