



(From Page 1) After getting the best out of some accomplished CCC golfers, including Augie Tobia, Barry Bowers, Jim Del-Guercio, Dan Bilotti, Joe Battaglia, and Mike Pecoraro, Rich was forced to take on his frequent golfing partner and good friend, Rich Nardone, an accomplished golfer in his own right, to break a tie for 2007 Player of the Year.

Mr. Bailey holed a stunning 35 foot putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> to force extra holes. Then, on the 20<sup>th</sup> hole, Mr. Bailey closed out Mr. Nardone with a spectacular 15 foot putt for the win.

During the end of season President's Ball, attended by Stuart Bendelow, grandson of Colonia Country Club course designer Thomas Bendelow, Rich Bailey had the opportunity to meet and speak with Mr. Bendelow. During their conversation, they spoke of the many accomplishments of Thomas Bendelow, which include the design of such notable golf courses as Plainfield Country Club, Suburban and Montclair Country Clubs, as well as Medina Country Club, which holds its own Bendelow Cup Tournament each year. They also spoke of the tradition of Colonia Country Club, which was founded and designed during the early history of golf in the United States.

It should be noted that Rich Bailey first learned how to play golf at the VanCortland Golf Course in New York, also designed by Thomas Bendelow.

**Congratulations Rich on a great year at Colonia Country Club.** -- By Alan Terpanick



Rich Bailey with Stuart Bendelow

Mike Pecoraro and Craig Gatto aren't exactly strangers when it comes to winning tournaments. For those who have been at the club for a while, you may remember the pair winning this very title 7 years ago when Mike and Craig were only 32 and 28 years old, respectively.

The biggest shot of the tournament came on day 1 on the 4th hole. After two poor shots, Gatto was left with 202 yards to the pin. He knocked a beautiful 3rd shot stiff to within 6 feet, then salvaged a par to keep the momentum going. Gatto and Pecoraro went on to birdie holes 7, 8, and 10, ensuring a 3 shot lead after day one.

A valiant rally by Rich Nardone and Rich Bailey fell just short, as the former rivals came up one shot short to finish with a 171.

## Pecoraro & Gatto Unite For Colonia Cup Victory

"Mike was consistent and motivational throughout the whole tournament," said a smiling Gatto.

An interesting side plot emerged during the final holes in the race for third. The team of Steve Barranca and Phil Bartone tied with Joe Stella and Andy Prince, as each finished with a 173.

Had Barranca finished in sole possession of third, he would have secured the Player of the Year title. Instead, he was left on the outside looking in at an 18 hole playoff between Bailey and Nardone.



# Meet The Chef!

As the holiday's are fast approaching, the Board of Director's at Colonia Country Club would like to introduce our new Executive Chef, Mr. Douglas Metzgar. Born and raised in Frederick, Maryland, Doug attended Johnson and Wales College, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Food Service Management. After graduating in 1992, Doug was employed by the Country Inn Catering Company and was the Executive Chef at the Cornucopia Catering Company in his home town of Frederick. Since then, Doug has attained a teaching degree from Kean College, and is also certified to teach in both Physical Education and Health. Additionally, Doug is certified to teach in the Culinary Arts field.



From 1998 to 2000, Doug was the Sous Chef at Plainfield Country Club, where he worked with former Colonia Country Club Chef John Rellah. Doug credits John with teaching him the many nuances that are necessary to be a first rate Chef, including how to purchase quality food products, how to take care of food products, and how to put ingredients together and prepare a dish worth remembering. Immediately prior to coming to Colonia Country Club, Doug was briefly employed at Cap Juluca Resort in Anquilla. After a hurricane hit the island, Doug returned to New Jersey and worked for Scandia Seafood in Secaucus, New Jersey, where he was the Production Manager. Sadly, following the events of September 11, the business was forced to close its doors. Doug began employment at Colonia Country Club in August 2002.

With his extensive training and experience, Doug plans to expand the pallet of Colonia Country Club members by putting a different spin on classic dishes. Consequently, members and guests can expect both traditional Italian and American Bistro fare, with occasional fusion cuisine offered to enhance the dining experience.

Should any of our members have a special request from the kitchen, Chef Doug would be happy to accommodate these requests as food availability dictates.

As Doug continues to put his signature on every dish served at Colonia Country Club, he does so while attempting to create a team atmosphere with the dining room staff. He appreciates being able to work with Sous Chef David Costello, as well as Carlos Salis and Bruce Candy, our rounds chefs who handle both lunches and breakfasts at the club. Doug did not fail to mention the contributions of our Dining Room Manager, Pete Buono, as well as our dedicated food service staff.

For both the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, should members desire special food to go orders from the kitchen, Doug requests that these food orders be submitted two weeks in advance.

On a more personal note, since July of 2006, Doug is happily married to Karen Metzgar, a Physical Education and Health teacher in Millburn High School.

-- by Alan Terpanick

# The Double Eagle Has Landed

## Club Professional Chris Mazzuchetti Holes Out The 14th in Two!

It was simply majestic. That was probably the only way to describe it. The foursome of Mike Bocchieri, John Dorman, myself and the Pro approached the 14th tee box. What the 3 of us did mattered little.

What Chris Mazzuchetti did was majestic. A well struck 4 wood was right down the middle, but not far enough to take the ever-green on the left out of play. With a front right pin placement the tree line on the right was something to consider as well. To avoid the tree on the left the professional shot maker would have to flirt with the tree line.

Against a beautiful blue sky, on an Indian summer October Saturday, Mazzuchetti pulled a rescue club for the 225 yard shot.

From the set-up, to the tempo, to the execution the shot was perfect. The ball started out right and slowly drew in until it landed and checked up 2 feet and dropped into the hole.



The cheers, hugs and high-fives told the story better than I ever could. While no stranger to a hole-in-one this was Chris Mazzuchetti's first double-eagle. I'm sure it won't be his last.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The double eagle is actually harder to achieve than the hole-in-one. Surveys in GOLF MAGAZINE estimate that the chances of a double eagle are about 1 in 6 million!) -- by Glenn Slavin

## The New Executive Board

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## Get to Know: Alan Terpanick

As you may know, my name is Alan Terpanick. My wife Christina and I have been members here at CCC for four years now.

I accepted a position on the Board of Directors to contribute to the overall operating conditions of the club in both golf and non-golf areas.

Our club provides its members with a unique opportunity for spending time with good friends,



a "home away from home."

I have been a member of the St. Barnabas Burn Foundation, Livingston, NJ for 6 years, which serves as the education, research and fundraising arm of the Burn Center.

It provides essential financial support to burn patients and their families, fire safety programs for the community, educational and training programs for professionals, as well as medical equipment for the Burn Center.

I'm looking forward to beginning my term on the Board and helping to improve the club along with my peers.

# Women's Closing Day

*By Karen Aller*

The ladies finished out their season with a 9 hole blind draw tournament on Thursday Oct. 11, 2007. Pat Nardone was the blind partner and assisted her partners to finish 1st and 2nd.

A wonderful luncheon was enjoyed by all as the prizes and trophies were handed out by Chris Mazzuchetti. Marge Gaydos was the most improved woman golfer for the 2007 season. Karen Aller had the most birdies for the season with 4, as well as being the winner for the overall ringers.

The snow bird tournament begins Oct. 12, 2007 and runs throughout the off season. All ladies are invited to join. For more information, please contact Carol Martin.



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# Upcoming Events

## Lobster & Steak Night

Saturday  
November 17

6:30pm-8:30pm  
By Reservation Only

Enjoy food, open bar, and  
entertainment

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday  
November 22

Seating 1:00-5:00pm  
Reservations are a must!

## Children's Christmas Party December 16

1:00-4:00pm

Featuring: Santa, Frosty,  
and Rudolph, a tattoo art-  
ist, a balloon artist, face  
painting, and a magician.



**Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2007  
golfing year a great success. Have a fun and  
safe holiday season.**