

# The Helpers Fund News

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## 06' Golf Outing A Mixed Season

Braving a brisk north wind, a full field of golfers, some dressed in winter garb, braved the elements at the 9th Annual Helpers Fund Golf Tournament on June 10 at Green Mansions Golf Club

### Before Starting . . .

A full breakfast was served prior to the start of the tournament, as well as a full lunch before the winners of the tournament and the winners of the various contests were announced

### Finishers

First place in the 18-hole tournament went to the foursome of John Palermo, J.C. Palermo, Rich "dawg" Greco and Bob Palermo. 2nd, went to Al Matrose, Mary Matrose, Paul Matrose and Siobhan Matrose; and, 3rd went to John Potter, Dot Potter, Jaime Potter and Don Converse. Mark Davidson won the chipping contest and J.C. Palermo the putting contest. There were 45 different award winners.



It was a beautiful day for a golf tournament. Edna Wells, board member, discusses with Linda Warner, volunteer supreme, where long johns could be bought.

## Dinner For Two Raffle Tops 2005 Ticket Sales

The sale of tickets for the very popular "Dinner For Two Raffle" topped ticket sales from 2005 and presented 25 meal gift certificates to three winning ticket holders

### The Winners . . .

The family of Sandy Hadee were the first place winners receiving seven gift certificates for dinners at area restaurants, and five gift certificates for breakfasts. Second place winners were Jay and Carol Becker of Chestertown who won five dinner certificates and three breakfast certificates. Third place went to Gloria Baroudi of North Creek who received three dinner and two breakfast certificates.

### Popular

The Raffle is a popular fund raiser, and this year's sales were done primarily by mail. There were only a few public area places selling tickets. It was surprising that the total sale of tickets exceeded 2005 as that year was one of top years.

### Changing Places

The Fund attempts to add new

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## Heating Crisis Averted By Unusually Warm Winter Weather

A heating fuel crisis was averted by the unusually warm winter weather, and a supplemental heating allowance passed by the federal and state governments in an attempt to defray the rapid rise of heating oil cost to the needy.

### Emergency Planning

In November 2005 a meeting was held in North Creek, organized by North Country Ministries and Father James, involving local town officials, elected state representatives, representatives from the state government, the Red Cross and the Helpers Fund. Representatives from most local towns in Northern Warren County were present to discuss the possibility of dealing with requests for additional fuel assistance from the poor and elderly who were facing a rise in fuel prices of almost 40 per cent from the previous year, while their heating assistance from the state had remained at the same level for the previous two years.

### The Helpers Fund

The Fund was invited as a result of having had a heating assistance program for the previous four years, and was asked to describe the program for those in attendance. The Fund reported that the 2004 winter had been a difficult one as requests had increased almost 60 per cent from the previous year, and that was with only about a 15 per cent increase in the cost of heating oil and propane from the 2003 year. We also indicated that for the 2005-06 winter we had doubled our budget for heating assistance.

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Nick Amodeo, of Pottersville, still hits them far and straight, as he nears 90-years-young.

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