

**It took some time but the 2019 SIGA Season has begun!**

Welcome Back! After a cold winter and very little snow, some played all year (Mostly Lakers). We have made it through another off season. All we can do is hope that the SIGA family doesn't lose any of their own. Two of South Shore's family have passed to the course in the sky. Brian Decker, a South Shore regular, who almost always spoke what was on his mind, passed after a long illness. We all knew he wasn't feeling or doing well, but he made sure he was up at South Shore for the fall sessions of SIGA Golf. He was a great supporter of the SIGA and of course his own club. Greg Dangelo, who was a member years ago, as well as South Shore golf shop worker, passed as well.

The Season is in full throttle mode, Especially the Latourette Club. John Garland already has a title under his belt after winning the Dallas Cup. This is a Net Match Play event. Cigarland fired off 14 straight pars and a 76 on Sunday to beat Tom Keenan Jr. He also has the 1<sup>st</sup> round lead in the Spring Championship. Doug Schultz is leading the Net Division with a 1<sup>st</sup> round Net 70.

Silver Lake started their tournament Season with the President Cup. 280 Jeff Fitzgerald has a 1 shot lead over Frankie Fernandez in the 2 week Net Medal Play event. Steve Pedersen Jr shot the day's best round of 72.

Esquire Club just finished their 1<sup>st</sup> round matches of the Net Match Play event and the elite 8 will head to Silver Lake this week. Ryan Feeney, who medalist, won his 1<sup>st</sup> match after shooting a 73.

SIGA Day/SIGA Championship will be here on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please start thinking of your groups. The event will be played at South Shore.

This coming Saturday 4/13 is Steve Zuntag's Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame induction Ceremony. For those of you that didn't get a VIP Invite, the ceremony will follow a continental breakfast at 12:00pm. Howie Rupert, a past Silver Lake member is also being inducted. This writer still wants to see a plaque go on the wall of the Staten Island Home of Golf of all SIGA members inducted into the Hall. The list is amazing. Jim Albus, Bill Britton, Frank Fernandez, Frank Hannigan, Pete Meurer, Oscar Michaud, Ed Perpetua, Ray Rudolph, Howie Ruppert, Mike Sanborn, Mike Siani, Ed Sorge Sr., Tom Tierney Sr., Dan Yaccarino, and Steve Zuntag. It's not only Golf accolades, but we have produced some amazing people and athletes along the way. I recommend anyone who hasn't been to the Hall to go. It's awesome.

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