

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley offering fun golf day

BELCHERTOWN – Join members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley on Sept. 12 for a fun day on the links at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown and be a champion for women and girls.

The \$120 registration includes golf, cart, pastries/coffee, snacks, box lunch, beverages, prizes and more.

If you aren't a golfer, you can donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration form and link are at www.ZontaQV.org/golf. Questions can be directed to Mary Knight at 413-219-8260.

Your support direct-

ly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

We're working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality, and women in decision-making positions.

PICKLEBALL from page 1

Belchertown. Jim insisted on handwriting thank you notes to all the donors who helped to create our wonderful facilities.

The 2025 award was given to one of our great founders and facilitators, Larry Davis, who sadly passed away December 29, 2025. His family accepted the Golden Paddle on his behalf at a BPC memorial event in March of this year. Larry will always be remembered for his enthusiasm on the courts and his advocacy and being one of BPC's initial instructors. He was known for exclaiming "the net is your friend" when a good shot favored his opponent.

According to Wilbur Quirk, tournament organizer and long time BPC enthusiast: "This prestigious award is given annually to one individual who exemplifies continuous dedication to the Belchertown Pickleball Community." Wilbur further addressed the gathering by sharing "All of us have so many friends because of the pickleball community. You are all wonderful. I have become friends with this one woman (pointing at Debbie) who has done so much for our pickleball community. You can't believe the hours she has spent. It's just great."

Debbie has served on the Leadership Team since the birth of the Belchertown Pickleball.

Wilbur then congrat-



Debbie Wood displays the Golden Paddle individual award and the legacy paddle.

ulated Debbie Wood as the 2026 recipient of the "75 Honors Club Golden Paddle." Debbie gracefully accepted the Golden Paddle and expressed her appreciation for the many friends and supporters she has made since first learning about pickleball in 2017. She then expressed her gratitude to Denise Smith for hosting this annual event at her lovely estate.

Members of the BPC are known for welcoming many people from around the area who come to play, learn to play, and just have fun and good times in Belchertown. All would not be as good if not for the Recreation Department, Selectboard, Community Preservation Committee, local sponsors and many other great people who have made BPC into what it is today.

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is a way to continue to "parent" Chase. Talking about Chase and doing acts of kindness in his honor help us to remain close to him. He will always be a part of our family. Our grief and period of 'grieving' will never end. We will continue to love and miss him every second of every day. A loss this profound upends your entire world. Parents are not supposed to bury their children and this out-of-order death is destabilizing. Our grief is an expression of our love. By holding this blood drive we hope to honor and keep his memory alive while also providing life-saving blood donations. We ask those who are unable to donate in Boston to consider donating at a local Red Cross, as hospital blood supplies are generally at a critical low in the summer months."

Robillard hopes to continue to honor his memory through the drive and is grateful to all those who help honor his memory through donations.



His family now holds a blood drive to help others and honor the child's memory.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No.
HS26P0407EA
Estate of:
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Also Known As:
Mark A. Charest
Date of Death: May 15, 2026
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