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## **Stoddard wins Blaisdell Pro Am Invitational**



**IMAGES:** *George Duke (right), owner and Chairman of the Board of Zippo, presents pro golfer Chris Stoddard, a St. Bonaventure alum, with the Blaisdell Pro Am trophy at the Pennhills Club on Monday.*

**Bradford, PA, August 18, 2014** – A St. Bonaventure alum took home the top prize at Monday’s Blaisdell Pro Am Invitational at the Pennhills Club in Bradford, PA.

Chris Stoddard was awarded the \$6,000 cash prize and trophy by Zippo owner and Chairman of the Board George B. Duke at the banquet following the tournament. Stoddard’s team, composed of amateur golfers Mike Tarbox, Scott Tanabe, and Paul Kessel, each took home a \$400 cash prize for their winning team score of 115.

The Blaisdell Pro Am, sponsored by Zippo, drew 26 PGA pros from the Western New York Professional Golf Association, along with 78 amateurs, competing for the \$20,000 in prize money available.

“The day was perfect and the Pennhills course is outstanding,” said WNY PGA Executive Director Joe Bertino. “Our pros were really excited to get out here, and all the teams played exceptionally well.”

The Blaisdell Pro Am was held to honor Zippo founder George G. Blaisdell, who loved the game of golf and the club he helped found, the Pennhills Club.

Red roses, Blaisdell's favorite flower, decorated the Pennhills clubhouse inside and out, and several golfers noticed the North Penn Championship plaque displayed in the clubhouse that marks Blaisdell as champion for eight different years.

Blaisdell sponsored many Pro Am tournaments at the Pennhills Club, proudly inviting top golfers of the time to the Walter Travis-designed course and was named as one of the inaugural honorary members of the WNY PGA for his active sponsorship and participation.

"We look forward to continuing the Blaisdell Pro Am," Duke said, adding that it is a pleasure to bring back an event that his grandfather loved hosting at Pennhills.

### **About the Pennhills Club**

The Pennhills club was founded in December 1937, from the merger of the North Penn Club and the Country Club of Bradford. The current course – holes two through ten – were built by famed amateur golfer, game innovator, and course architect Walter Travis. The club is currently overseeing course renovation to return all 18 holes to the original Walter Travis designs, the trademarks of which are omnipresent throughout the course – undulating landscape, strategic use of large old trees and natural rock formations, and a design path that entices players to use nearly every club in their arsenal. Visit [pennhillsclub.com](http://pennhillsclub.com) for more information.

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