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Souhegan Baseball Celebrates 13 – 5 Season With Awards Night

Tim Richard Appreciation Award

2015 Kevin Grassett

Coaches Award 2015 Seth Learned **Most Improved Player** 2015 Ian Towle **Defensive Player Of The Year** 2015 Bryce Reagan **Offensive Player Of The Year** 2015 Thomas Bennett **Rookie Of The Year** 2015 Owen Batchelder

Sportsmanship

(Selected By The Season Umpires) 2015 Thomas Bennett, Bryce Reagan And Ian Towle

Graduating Senior Underclassman Award 2015 Bryce Reagan

Theme Award 2015 Joey Grassett (Relentless)

NHIAA Class I / Division II All State Team 2015 Seth Learned - 1St Team Div II

2015 Bryce Reagan - 1St Team Div II 2015 Thomas Bennett - 2Nd Team Div II 2015 Ian Towle - 2Nd Team Div II 2015 Owen Batchelder - 3Rd Team Div II 2015 Joey Grassett - 3Rd Team Div II



Lt to rt: Owen Batchelder, Bryce Reagan, Ian Towle, Joey Grassett, Thomas Bennett and Stevie Upton

2015 Souhegan Junior Varsity and Freshmen Baseball Awards



Left to right: Beth Greenwood, Jake Ignaszewski, Max Leonard, Junior Varsity Coach Robert Stump, Dylan Morneau and Ethan Trzepacz

JUNIOR VARSITY AWARDS Hitter- Jake Ignaszewski Pitcher- Dylan Morneau AJ Hinners- Ethan Trzepacz

FRESHMEN AWARDS Hitter- Matt Zifchak Pitcher- Max Leonard AJ Hinners- Beth Greenwood

Manning Named Brine Middle School National All-American

William Towner has been named to the Division III All State Team for the third year in a row. This year joining the First Team. This season he scored 53 goals and had 37 assists for a total of 90 points. He has 168 career goals and broke the school record. Furthermore, he had most goals in the season with a total of 53. William is the son of Will and Susan Towner, and a recent graduate of Trinity High School. He will be attending Lasell College.

Amherst Resident is LAX Standout at Trinity

Congratulations to Jack Manning for being selected as a 2015 Brine Middle School National All-American. Jack was chosen to play on the Pride of New England team at the 2015 Brine National Lacrosse Academy and Brine National Lacrosse Classic to be held in Virginia, June 29-July 2, 2015. He was the only player selected from New Hampshire. This past spring, Jack played as a defender on the Amherst Lacrosse Club U15 team and on the 2019 New Hampshire Tomahawks squad. Jack will enter Souhegan High School this fall as a freshman.

The Brine National Lacrosse Academy brings the top middle school lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where regional teams are coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches and compete for the National Lacrosse Championship.



Jack Manning

Great Day of Golfing for Opportunity Networks' 25th SVGC

Opportunity Networks announces the results of its 25th Annual Souhegan Valley Charity Golf Classic and Dinner Auction, which was held Thursday, June 4th, at the Amherst Country Club in Amherst, NH. The all-day charity tournament and dinner auction was sponsored by Hitchiner Manufacturing Company, for the 25th consecutive year. This year drew 128 golfers and 20+ volunteers, raising \$30,000 for Opportunity Networks.

The tournament featured many chances to win on the golf course, including Hole-in-One prizes sponsored by Contemporary Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep and Manchester Harley Davidson. Chick-fil-A of Somer-set Plaza, Nashua donated bagged lunches that were served to the golfers on the course. At the end of the day, John Sullivan owner of Yankee Chef in Milford catered and donated an exquisite dinner that all the attendees enjoyed, and auctioneer Steve Desmarais presided over the LIVE Auction with his usual humor and exuberance.

The winning foursome was comprised of golfers Christian Raudelunas, Dave Gendron, Kendall Herrick and Matt Halvorsen.

Opportunity Networks is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1979 serving Souhegan Valley and Greater Nashua adults



Heading for the Hole - Opportunity Networks' board member Steve Desmarais makes his putt during the 25th Annual Souhegan Golf Classic on June 4th at the Amherst Country Club. Hitchiner Manufacturing has been the major sponsor of this tournament since the very beginning. Looking on in the picture are Opportunity Networks' board member Keith Jones, Paul Day, Chairman of Hitchiner Manufacturing John Morison III, Executive Director of Opportunity Networks Rocky Morelli, John Morison IV, Steve Clough, Opportunity Networks' board member Jay Dinkel and Opportunity Networks' past board member Richard Fitzgerald.

living with acquired and developmental disabilities, such as Down's Syndrome, Autism, and Traumatic Brain Injuries. They work with local

businesses to develop job opportunities and support, as well as a focus on the wellness, life skills and social opportunities of their clients.

For information on the non-profit and other upcoming fundraisers, you can find them at www.opportunitynetworks.org



Starting pitcher, Ian Towle vs Coe



Owen Batchelder pitched the final innings vs Coe Brown Academy

Souhegan Sabers Baseball Team Lose in Quarterfinals

The Souhegan Sabers (13-5) traveled to Northwood for the Quarterfinals of the Division II tournament to play #4 Coe Brown Academy (15-3). The Sabers were defeated 9 to 2.

Ian Towle and Owen Batchelder pitched for the Sabers. Senior Ian Towle was the starting pitcher. He threw two plus innings, as he allowed three earned runs and picked up the loss. Owen Batchelder pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs.

The Souhegan defense had been a strength for the Sabers all season made three errors, all of which led for Coe Brown runs.

The Souhegan bats were led by Seth Learned two hits and an RBI. Thomas Bennnett and Ian Towle had the other hits and Mike Mancini added an rbi.

Local Residents Compete with Catalinas at NESSA Regionals

WORCESTER, MA - The Catalinas Synchronized Swim Team of the Granite Y competed at the 2015 NESSA Region D Intermediate and Age Group Championships at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MÁ, May 9 & 10. Teams from NH and Massachusetts were represented at this meet.

In the Intermediate 13 and over age division, compulsory figure portion of the meet Grace Hanna of Goffstown placed 2nd, Riley Cullen of Manchester 3rd, and Elizabeth Herod of Goffstown 4th. In the Age Group 18-19 age division, Molly **Spalding of Mont Vernon** placed

In the routine portion of the meet Riley Cullen placed 2nd for her Intermediate 13 and over solo. In the Intermediate 13 and over Duets, Grace Hanna and Zara Hannigan of Manchester placed 2nd and Julia Benson of Concord and Julia Caselden of Derry placed In the Intermediate 13 and

over Team routines, Sophie Barber of Manchester, Julia Benson, Julia Caselden, Riley Cullen and Elizabeth Herod placed 4th. Emma Favorite of Manchester, Grace Hanna, Zara Hannigan, Isa Lamers of Hampstead, Annalise Poisson of Amherst, and Arianna Traballano of Manchester placed 5th.

In the Age Group routine competition, the duets Madelinn Harmelink of Dunbarton and Abigail Smith of Manchester placed 5th in the 16-17-age division. Sisters Katherine and Molly Spalding of Mont **Vernon** placed 4th in the 18-19-age division. In the Age Group team routine 18-19-age division Lindsey Andrews of Dunbarton, Olivia Caselden of Derry, Sarah Hanna of Goffstown, Madelinn Harmelink, Abigail Smith Katherine Spalding and Molly Spalding placed 4th.

For information about the Catalinas Synchronized Swim Team contact Laura "Pools" Leary at lleary@ graniteymca.org or at 232-8622.

2015 Joe English Trail Challenge A Success

SUBMITTED BY JIM HENDRIX

AMHERST - Ned Dalzell of Portsmouth surged to finish the 25-kilometer Joe English Trail Challenge (JETC) in 2:18:13 on Sunday, May 3, in Amherst. He was followed by New Boston's Chad Macdonald at 2:21:27 and Tom Flummerfelt at 2:26:07. The top women finishers of the 25-kilometer course were Sarah Schlaack at 2:52:11 and Amy Johon-

The Joe English Trail Challenge is an event unique in the region. It features unimproved trails with unbridged stream crossings, boulder fields, and demanding terrain. One hundred eight runners from New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island sought out the rocky New England terrain as a welcome change from road races.

The event also featured a first annual 12.5-kilometer course, in part accounting or a 45 percent increase in participation from last year. Streaking to an impressive firstplace finish was Kurt Hackler of Alstead in 0:58:15. He was followed by Bedford's Anders Vikstrom at 1:13:12 and Goffstown's Thomas Leo in 1:14:58. The top women finishers were Julie Pendleton of Manchester at 1:24:53 and Kim Cole of Kennebunk at 1:29:37.

This year's event was dedicated to Chad Denning, an endurance athlete and long-time recreation director in several New Hampshire towns, who died on an endurance run in summer 2014. George Bower, race director, announced that the course's most challenging segment was now named the "Denning Loop." Denning's widow, Becky, and two children, Lucas and Ruby, ran the 12.5-kilometer course, including the loop named for Mr. Denning. Said race director George Bower

after the race, "Many of this year's runners knew Chad, and they willingly honored him by running in his selfless spirit. In this event, the question is not how fast you go; it's how well you fulfill your potential."

In this second year of the event, runners praised the course for its unusual terrain. Said Lauren Silk of Amherst: "It's so different from a road race. You're watching for flags, you're tired.... It's a mental game." Added Jerry Hull, also of Am-

herst: "It's fun to run in the woods, like when you're a kid. The trail was really cool. It was difficult wherever you went jumping over rivers and streams.... It's a different kind of running. And it's great scenery, fantastic scenery."

Proceeds from the JETC benefit the Amherst Land Trust for land conservation. Major sponsors included the Carson City Tire of Amherst, Countryside Self-Storage also of Amherst, The Derryfield School and Amherst Physical Therapy.

Said Bower, a veteran competition organizer, "We're in debt to our volunteers, as well as to Ariel Taylor, owner of Freestyle Farm, whose enthusiasm for the thrill of racing through the New England backcountry inspires all of us to bring this event to the public-and to work harder to save more land from development.

The second event in the 2015 Joe English series is the Twilight Challenge, to be held on September 26, in which runners will run from 6 p.m. to midnight. They may choose to run alone or in relay teams, doing laps on a 2.62-mile course, running a half marathon, marathon, or