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2026 January Committee Meeting

Your 2026 Pen Pushers Committee Members met in January and finalized the event schedule for our 2026 season (attached later in this Newsletter). We also continue to **update the Handbook** that captures how we manage our competitions and our memberships. Every member is expected to read it before the season begins. Thanks in advance to everyone for taking the time to do that each season. It makes a big difference on event day when everyone is on the same page, understands the way we do things, and understands what it means to be a member of this golf society. Especially the Code of Conduct Part

Looking forward to seeing everyone at **Westfields in March!**
The Tradition Continues in 2026, after 25 years in the colonies of America.

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The Website is now open for event registration and we are ready to accept your membership dues for the season, Make sure you sign up ASAP for our first outing which is only a few weeks away. We expect a good showing so go now and [register for our opening event at Westfields](#).

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2026 Committee Members:

The Committee who organizes and run our golf society are all volunteers. We have evolved to a point where everyone has a role and responsibility to help with managing our events and policies. It is this group of guys who work together and make everything happen. Big thanks to you all for what you do to make Pen Pushers what it is!

2026 Committee Members:

<p>John Sullivan</p> 	<p>Chairman Event Organizer Founder</p>	<p>Kibok Lee</p> 	<p>Co-Vice Chairman Membership Chairman Golf Genius Manager</p>
<p>Joe Radakovich</p> 	<p>Co-Vice Chairman Director of Events and Communications</p>	<p>Mike Rubin</p> 	<p>Treasurer Event Organizer</p>
<p>Ralph Tener</p> 	<p>Captain Manager Event Putting Completions</p>	<p>Bob Caines</p> 	<p>Event Organizer</p>
<p>Steve Smingler</p> 	<p>Handicap Secretary</p>	<p>Gary Vanderheiden</p> 	<p>Event Organizer</p>

<p>Shane Langdon</p> 	<p>Event Organizer Fall Ocean City Trip</p>	<p>Jon Fraim</p> 	<p>Event Organizer Fall Ocean City Trip Organizer</p>
<p>Paul Tierney</p> 	<p>Website Master "King of the Goat-boys"</p>	<p>Chris Eller</p> 	<p>Event Helper Fall Ocean City Trip Organizer</p>



Brian Hogan: Last year's Vice-Chairman and 3-time Tour Champion is dealing with some significant health issues that kept him away from golf starting last year. Brian is taking some time away from Penpushers this year to focus on his health and recovery. We owe him huge thanks for all he has done to keep our events consistent and well organized. We are hoping he makes a speedy recovery and that he can join the Committee soon. Get well Brian, we miss you.

Pen Pushers Golf Society: 2026 List of Events

Date	Event	Location	Holes
March 18	Irish Open	Westfields Golf Club	18
April 15	Spring Challenge	Stonewall Golf Club	18
May 13	British Cup	Stoneleigh	18
June 17	Founders Trophy	Bull Run Golf Club	18
July 15	Patriots Memorial	Shenandoah	18
August 13	Summer Championship	Loudoun Golf & Country Club	18
Sept 16	Captains Day Challenge (John Denale Memorial)	Rock Harbor	18
Oct 7	Autumn Challenge (Jeff Haymaker Memorial)	Musket Ridge	18
Oct 23-25	Shore Tour in OC (Fri Sat Sun)	Various Courses	54
Nov 3	Turkey Shoot-Out	Raspberry Falls	18

Deem Cup – 2025 Trip to England:

In July, we brought a team to England to compete against the Pen Pushers of England for the Deem Cup. It was a 3 day, Ryder Cup format, which we were defeated by a score of 9-7. Some of us arrived early to play extra golf in England and a few of us stayed a few days longer to play a couple more days in Wales. It was a fun trip. The Brits are very good hosts and are talking about a neutral ground challenge in Spain or Portugal either this year or next.

Stay Tuned for any updates on that trip.



Policy and Rules Review:

We have updated the [Pen Pushers Handbook](#). Please read it before the beginning of the season.

Just a Reminder.....

Here are a few of our basic rules to remember:

Generally, we play by all USGA rules. We do have a few Pen Pusher exceptions and clarification.

- **SCORING** – Our events are scored by the Modified Stableford scoring format. Points are scored in the following manner: 1 Point for a Net Bogie, 2 points for a Net Par, 3 Points for Net Birdie, 4 Points for Net Eagle and 5 Points for a Net Albatross. (Double Eagle).
- **No GIMME's** - You must PUTT-OUT in order to score any Stableford points on a hole, the ball must come to rest in the hole, no whining about the ball would have gone in if the stick was out, etc. And if you are not going to score any points on a hole, pick it up (no need to finish).
- **The PICK UP rule.** This is a Speed of play rule. If you have hit enough shots such that you cannot score on the hole, please pick up your ball, declare that you are a “blob” for the hole, (record as “0” points, gross score as shots to earn “0” points).
- **LOST BALL/ OUT OF BOUNDS** – This is also a speed of play rule. If you hit a ball out of bounds or lose your ball, the penalty is the same, ONE STROKE. Out of bounds and lost ball have two options. Please read the Handbook Event Rules section for more details on this rule.
- **Closest to Pin winners** - must make Par or Better to win this award.
- **Long Drive** - ball must be in your own fairway.
- *Go to the [Pen Pusher Handbook](#) for more information and details.*

2025 Tour Winners and Champion

The Pen Pushers Tour of Events is our version of the PGA FedEx Cup. Our 9-event tour is scored with a Grand Prix point system. Everyone who plays at each of our events receives points. The member with the most points using their best 8 out of 9 results for the season is our tour champion. In addition to our tour champion title, we also award season tour titles in other categories. These prizes and trophies will be awarded at the first event of the season, The Irish Open, at Westfields, March 18th.

For 2025 our winners are as follows

Ross Charles “Tour Champion”



Ross is a first-time winner of the Tour Championship. What Ross did this season was something very special. First, he has the lowest handicap in Pen Pushers history. He started the 2025 season as a “plus 5”, (that is 5 under par) and finished the season as a “plus 7”, and still held off the solid challenges by Jason Lilly (who won 2 events this season), Gary Pulino (who is always in the top group with his consistent play), and Mark Dudek (who may hold the record for most 2nd place finishes in Pen Pusher History). This level of play we have never seen before and if you were lucky enough to play with Ross you would have seen

the most relaxed and easy-going golfer on the course that day, and never a whimper about his handicap. It’s a fantastic accomplishment. **Well done Ross!**

Ross Charles

“Birdie Master”

Most Birdies at Events
(31 at 8 Events)

Williebaldo Merida had 18 birdies
Gary Pulino had 15 birdies

Ross Charles

“Lion Man”

Most gross score wins
(7 of 8 Events)



Jason Lilly
“Big Dog”

Long Drive Competition

Top 10 tour finishers with points

Player	EVENTS										Low Round	Adjusted Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total		
Charles, Ross	23	29		33	30	30	14	26	18	203	0	203
Lilly, Jason	9		22	40	7	33	40	33	10	194	0	194
Pulino, Gary	29	20	21	28	12	25	24	10	27	196	10	186
Burrell, Chris	13		30	20	11	27	29	27	26	183	0	183
Fallon, Mike	25	33	26	4	29	20	10	23		170	0	170
Lee, Kibok	17	6	33	11	40	13	27	3	19	169	3	166
Dudek, Mark	20	12	17	23	26	24	26	16	11	175	11	164
Fallon, Kenny	14	40	13	26	15	2	11	24	21	166	2	164
Caines, Bob	40	8	14	16	23	14	1	17	29	162	1	161
Sullivan, John	18	10	12	17	24	29	25	19	16	170	10	160

Upcoming Events and Activities: [The Irish Open](#)

Location:	Westfields Golf Club 13940 Balmoral Green Ave., Clifton, VA 20124
Date:	March 18th, 2026 (Wednesday)
Time:	8:30 – 9:00 Check in, 8:30-9:15 Putting Competition, driving range 9:30 am Shotgun Start
Prizes, Awards and Meal:	Buffet meal (Directly after the golf – as usual) Champion, Long Drive, Closest to the Pin, Goat-boy, Putting Champion, and Lion Man
Entry Fee:	\$110 - Includes Golf, Practice Range, Prizes, Awards, and Food

Use web site if you are a member,
www.penpushers.us

Fall Ocean City Golf Trip



The 2025 Penpushers Shore Tour delivered another unforgettable weekend in Ocean City, Maryland — and the 5th official playing may have been the best yet. With perfect October weather and three premier courses — Rum Pointe, Man O' War, and Lighthouse Sound — twelve players battled it out in one of the most competitive fields to date. Heading into Sunday's finale, the leaderboard was tight, and the championship was truly up for grabs.



Defending champion Kenny Fallon made a strong run, but when it mattered most, Shane Langdon rose to the occasion, capturing his second Lighthouse Trophy and cementing his place in Shore Tour history. Moments like Shane celebrating alongside legacy member Chris Hughes remind us that this event is about more than just golf — it's about tradition, pride, and building something that lasts.

Off the course, the energy never slowed down — waterfront views at Sunset Grille, a legendary Saturday night at Fager's Island, and three days of laughs, competition, and camaraderie. The Shore Tour is growing, and October 23–25, 2026 is shaping up to be even bigger. If you've been on the fence, this is your sign. Spots fill quickly — commit early and be part of the next chapter.

Three days. Three courses. One trophy. Don't miss your shot in 2026. 🏆🏌️

2026 Membership Dues and Outing Fees:

You should all know that Pen Pushers of America is a not-for-profit, fully volunteer managed and operated Golf Society. There are no paid employees here. Our goal is to create a golf experience for our members that is fun, challenging, fair, competitive, and rewarding, with members who are fun to play with, at the best possible cost/value to our members. Our events are funded in two ways, 1) membership dues, and 2) event registration fees. In recent years, there has been a big increase in demand for tee times at golf courses everywhere. This increased demand has been driving course fees up which has challenged our funding budgets. We also try to make the prizes and awards as nice as possible, but it is always a challenge to balance the cost with the value.

Membership and Event Fees for 2026: (Same as 2025)

Annual Membership Dues:	\$125.00
Event Fees (per event attended):	\$110.00

We strive to keep our events affordable for everyone.

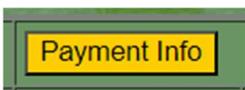
Please pay your dues as soon as possible as we have had to make deposits for our events early in the season.

Having said all of this, we still feel that we have created the best golf value in America!

2026 - Membership Renewals

It's that time of the year again! It's important for the funding of the upcoming events to get renewal fees collected ASAP. Thanks for taking care of this straight away!

- **Past Members:** We have activated your account for registration on the website for 2025 events. You can now go to the web site and register for events. Call or e-mail Paul Tierney if you forgot your login ID and password. If you register for the Irish Open you should also pay annual MEMBERSHIP dues then. Follow the payment instructions listed by clicking the button on the Event Registration Page. **And remember to always put a note with your payment about what it is for, ie, which Event or MEMBERSHIP.**



- **For your GUESTS:** email your guest information to the same address. (penpushers@gmail.com)
 - **Members who want to bring guests:** register them on the website and pay for them when you make your payment.
 - **Annual Membership Dues: \$125 (Still the greatest golf value in America!)**
- Please pay your membership dues ASAP. This allows us to make deposit payments for our events to reserve the dates for our events. Payments are only accepted by electronic payment methods: Venmo and PayPal.

Contact Mike Rubin if you have any problems with the payment process.

2025 Recap of Event Results:

EVENT:	CHAMPION:	GOATBOY:	LONG DRIVE:	CTP:	Putting Champ:	LION MAN
Irish Open Westfields Golf Club	Bob Caines	Bruce Bibb	Willie Merida	Willie Merida	Willie Merida	Ross Chares
Spring Challenge Stonewall Golf Club	Kenny Fallon	Chip Ikwild	Ross Charles	Marc Steigerwald	Kibok Lee	Ross Charles
British Cup Stoneleigh	Jesse Capps	Paul Price	Patrick Hawn	Dewayne Hendricks (G)	Andrew Reamer	Wilibaldo Merida
Founders Trophy Bull Run	Jason Lilly	Joe Radakovich	Jason Lilly	Edward Grerorowicz	John Sullivan	Ross Charles
Patriots Memorial Shenandoah Valley	Kibok Lee	Jason Lilly	Jimmy Ochan	Mark Dudek	Jesse Capps	Ross Charles
Summer Championship Loudoun Golf and Country Club	Greg Vest	Kenny Fallon	Jason Lilly	Bob Caines	Gary Pulino	Ross Charles
John Denale Memorial - Captains Day Challenge Piedmont Club	Jason Lilly	Bob Caines	Anthony Harris (G)	Sean McDonald (G)	David Daugherty (G)	Ross Charles
Autumn Challenge Musket Ridge	Gary Vanderheiden	Alan Egge	Alex Rodas	Patrick Hawn	Ross Charles	Ross Charles
Turkey Shoot-Out Raspberry Falls	Mondeth Men	Gary Vanderheiden	Gary Pulino/Barry Riddell	David Daugherty	Blake Ledford (G)	Mondeth Men

2025 Perpetual Trophy Winners:

We have a perpetual trophy for each of our ten events. All the past winner's names are captured on each trophy.

Congratulations to all those Pen Pushers winners!



2025 Irish Open
Bob Cains



2025 Spring
Challenge Kenny
Fallon



2025 British Cup
Jesse Capps



2025
Founders Trophy
Jason Lilly



2025 Patriots
Memorial
Kibok Lee



2025 Summer
Championship
Greg Vest



2025 John Denele
Memorial
Jason Lilly



2025 Autumn
Challenge
Gary Vanderheiden



2025 Shore Tour
Shane Langdon



2025 Turkey
Shoot-Out
Mondeth Men

Pen Pushers of America Golf Society: Code of Conduct

Pen Pushers Golf Society is an organization of gentlemen who play golf. It is expected that Members and their guests will be honest, courteous, polite and respectful while at our events. This Code of Conduct helps to explain why we have a code and describes what we mean by the term “gentlemen”. This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure a safe, friendly and respectful place for members and guests to gather in the spirit of cooperation, relaxation, goodwill, fun and friendly competition. The Code of Conduct differs from rules in that it addresses acceptable/unacceptable behavior. In the event of unacceptable behavior, the committee retains final review and disciplinary authority to impose suspensions and/or expulsions of members from membership.

All members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that:

- Is respectful and reflective of personal integrity, honesty, and responsibility to members, guests, and course staff at our meetings. This same integrity, honesty and goodwill is expected whether at the clubhouse, in the parking lot or on the golf course at a Pen Pusher sponsored event.
- Does not insult, harass, talk down to, scream at staff, members, and/or guests and does not create unnecessary strife and divisiveness.
- Does not damage the character, integrity, goodwill, property, or community perspective of Pen Pushers Golf Society.
- Observe proper golf etiquette while at Pen Pusher events. This includes observing events and local rules, proper speed of play, and adhering to Pen Pusher scorecard practices for accuracy and completeness.
- Accepts responsibility for the conduct of their guests.
- Abides by all rules and policies as specified in the Pen Pusher Handbook.
- Avoids unsafe circumstances/activities for oneself, or other individuals.
- Serve as an ambassador for Pen Pushers when out in the community. We are all representatives of the Pen Pushers Golf Society.
- Acknowledges that Pen Pushers is a family social environment that prohibits the use of obscenities and/or loud boisterous behavior in an offensive or threatening manner.
- Precludes member or guest from over intoxication, for both the individual and collective safety and well-being of all Pen Pushers members.
- Acknowledges and meets all financial obligations.

Commitment Note:

By paying Membership dues each year, the member confirms that they have read and understand this document and agree to follow and help to enforce this Code of Conduct. If a member is witness to an infraction of this code, they are obligated to report it (with discretion) to a committee Member as soon as possible.