

# Quaboag Hills



# Newsletter

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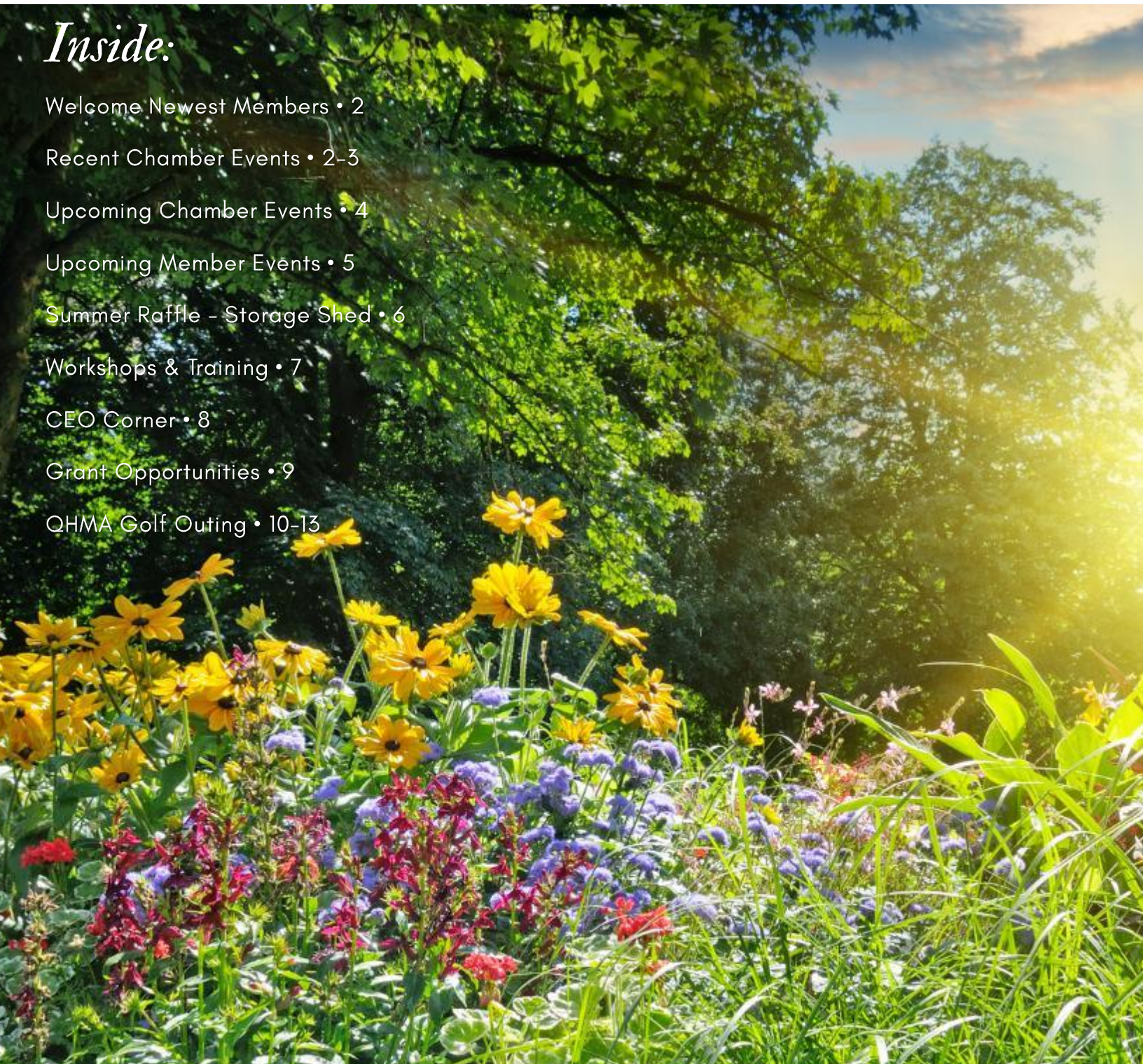
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# Welcome New & Returning Members...



- ★ Fourside Studios
- ★ Moulton Insurance Agency
- ★ Palmer Dentistry & Implants

## Recent Chamber Events

A special thank you to all participants and panelists who attended the Chamber Chat Breakfast Presented by Cedarbrook Village at Ware on April 11.

Guests were able to ask questions and gain expert guidance across four key topics including:

- Digital Marketing & Technology
- Business Training, Financial Planning & Insurance
- Maximizing Your Membership
- Working with Municipalities



Panelists included:

- Edward Fisher Jr, Fisher Tech Solutions
- Patrick Hughes, Lantern Digital Marketing Agency
- Melissa Fales, Q.V.C.D.C.
- Renee Niedziela, J. Stolar Insurance Agency
- Nicholas Manolakis, MassMutual
- Tanya Bullock, Life's Memories & More
- Stuart Beckley & Anna Marques, Town of Ware
- Brad Brothers & Heidi Mannarino, Town of Palmer

# Recent Chamber Events

On May 8, the QHMA Choice Awards returned for the first time in more than five years! The evening honored 36 finalists in the categories of Community Hero, Educator, Food/Drink Establishment, Retail Establishment, Chamber Business & Chamber Volunteer of the Year while guests enjoyed a full dinner at Teresa's Restaurant.

Online voting took place throughout February & March with more than 22,000 votes cast! Congratulations to all of the finalists & winners, along with a special thank you to Table Sponsors: J. Stolar Insurance Agency & Superior Plus Propane!



*Upcoming Chamber Events - Register at [qhma.com](http://qhma.com)*



**AFTER 5 NETWORKING  
EVENT**

*Presented by Monson Savings*

*Wednesday, August 6, 2025*

*5pm-7pm*

*Monson Free Library*

*2 High St - Monson, MA*

*Food / Refreshments Included*

**AFTER 5 NETWORKING EVENT**

*Presented by Country Bank & J. Stolar Insurance Agency*

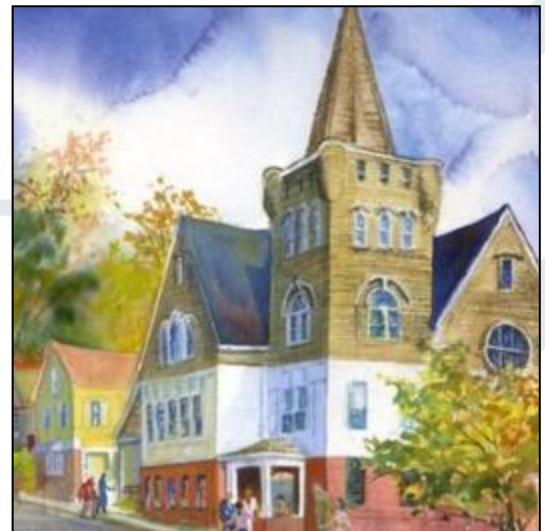
*Thursday, September 4, 2025*

*5pm-7pm*

*Workshop13 - Grand Hall*

*13 Church St - Ware, MA*

*Food Included / Cash Bar*



# Upcoming Member Events This Quarter

## Ongoing - Wednesdays (Jul. 2 - Aug. 13)

Palmer  
Summer Concert/Fun Series  
Palmer Public Library  
palmerlibrary.org

## Ongoing - Saturdays from 1pm-4pm

Brimfield  
Cat Adoption Days  
Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary  
heretodaysanctuary.org

## Ongoing - Saturdays from 9am-1pm (except July 12 & Sept. 6)

Brimfield  
Brimfield Farmers' Market  
Hitchcock Free Academy  
hitchcockacademy.org

## July 6, 2025

Monson  
Ice Cream Social with Music by Frozen Red  
Keep Homestead Museum  
keephomesteadmuseum.org

## July 8-13, 2025

Brimfield  
Brimfield Antique Flea Markets  
brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com

## July 9, 2025

Palmer  
Amherst Railway Society Presentation  
Amherst Railway Society  
amherstrail.org

## July 10, 2025

Monson  
Author Talk: Craig Harris - Bob Dylan & The Band  
Monson Free Library  
monsonlibrary.com

## July 12, 2025

Hardwick  
Family Movie Night  
Hardwick Vineyard & Winery  
hardwickwinery.com

## July 16, 2025

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## July 23, 2025

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## July 30, 2025

Palmer  
Computer Security Seminar  
Top Floor Learning  
topfloorlearning.org

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## August 6, 2025

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## Monson

QHMA After 5 Presented by Monson Savings  
Monson Free Library  
qhma.com

## August 7, 2025

Monson  
Medicare Supplemental Seminar  
Monson Free Library  
monsonlibrary.com

## August 9, 2025

Monson  
Feline Fun Day  
Westview Farms Creamery  
heretodaysanctuary.org

## August 13, 2025

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## August 16, 2025

Brimfield  
Redneck Castaway Band Concert  
Brimfield Winery  
brimfieldwinery.com

## August 20, 2025

Brimfield  
Hitchcock Summer Concert Series  
Brimfield Town Common  
hitchcockacademy.org

## Aug. 23 - Sept. 7, 2025

Ware  
7th Annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition  
Workshop13  
workshop13.org

## Aug. 30 - Oct. 13, 2025

Warren  
Pick Your Own Apples & Farmstand  
Breezelands Orchards  
breezelandsorchards.com

## September 1, 2025

Online  
QHMA Summer Raffle Drawing  
Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce  
qhma.com

## September 2-7, 2025

Brimfield  
Brimfield Antique Flea Markets  
brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com

## September 4, 2025

Ware  
QHMA After 5 Presented by Country Bank &  
J. Stolar Insurance Agency  
Workshop13  
qhma.com

## September 10, 2025

Palmer  
Psychic Medium: Gary McKinstry  
Steaming Tender Restaurant  
steamingtender.com

## September 13, 2025

West Brookfield  
Wildwood Open House  
Wildwood Acres Farm & Forest School  
wwoodacres.com

## September 19, 2025

Online  
QHMA Golf Outing Registration Deadline  
Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce  
qhma.com

## Sept. 20 - Oct. 26, 2025

Monson  
Fall Harvest Weekends  
Silver Bell Farm  
silverbellfarm.com

## September 20, 2025

Ware  
Sarah Clay and The Star Cats Concert  
Workshop13  
workshop13.org

## September 21, 2025

Chicopee  
5th Annual Fore A Great Cause Golf  
Chicopee Country Club  
hitchcockacademy.org

# SUMMER RAFFLE



**\$10  
TICKET**

## WIN THIS STORAGE SHED!

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE ONLY AT QHMA.COM
- THE RAFFLE COST IS \$10 PER TICKET
- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE PLACED IN RAFFLE BOX WITH DRAWING HELD AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025
- ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ORDERED ONLINE BEFORE 11AM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE RAFFLE
- SHED IS APPROX. 10' X 8' AND CONSTRUCTION FEATURES PRESSURE-TREATED MATERIALS, 2" X 4" WALL STUDS FOR SOLID STRUCTURE, 5/8" T1-11 SIDING FOR A PROFESSIONAL FINISH AND LONG-LASTING PROTECTION, PITCHED ROOF, WINDOW, AND 40-INCH DOOR FOR EASY ACCESS
- DELIVERY OF SHED IS INCLUDED WITHIN A 20 MILE RADIUS OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS AND WILL BE PLACED IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION BY DELIVERY AGENT
- ESTIMATED SHED VALUE: \$2,500



SHED BUILT BY PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

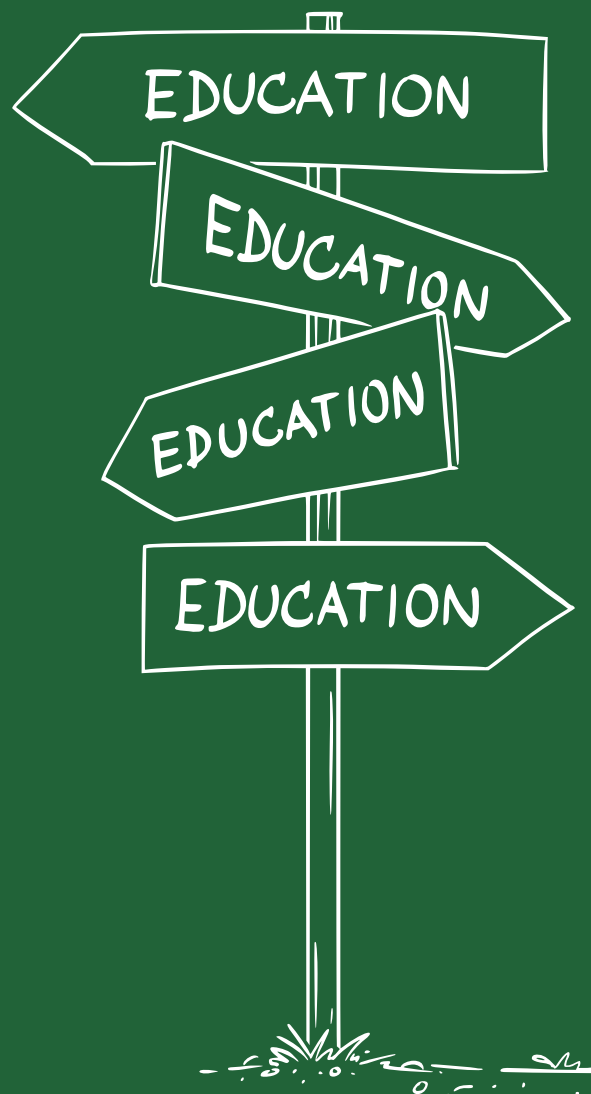
SCAN TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS



# Upcoming Affiliate Business Workshops, Training & Networking Events

For full details, including times & registration requirements on the events below, and for event additions, visit: [QHMA.com](http://QHMA.com)

- July 1 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting  
SCORE Free Webinar - Simple Steps for Starting Your Business
- July 2 Discover EANE!
- July 7 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- July 8 EANE Technology Training  
SCORE Free Webinar - Excel Power Query - Power Tool for Transforming Data  
SCORE Free Webinar - Simple Steps - Concepts
- July 10 EANE Technology Training
- July 12 SCORE Free Webinar - Unlock Business Growth: Charisma Is Your Superpower!
- July 15 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting  
SCORE Free Webinar - Simple Steps Marketing
- July 22 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- July 29 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- July 30 Computer Security Seminar
- August 5 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- August 6 Discover EANE!  
QHMA After 5
- August 7 EANE Technology Training
- August 12 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting  
EANE Technology Training
- August 19 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- August 26 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- August 27 EANE Technology Training
- September 2 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- September 3 Discover EANE!
- September 4 QHMA After 5
- September 9 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- September 16 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting
- September 18 EANE Technology Training
- September 23 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting  
EANE Technology Training  
EANE Technology Training
- September 25 EANE Leadership Training
- September 30 Quaboag Referral Group - Weekly Meeting



# CEO Corner JAMES PRZYPEK

I wanted to take this moment to acknowledge the halfway point in the calendar year. The first six months of 2025 have been filled with uncertainty for many as we try to plan and predict the direction of our local, national and global economies. But as all of you who own or manage your businesses know, we can not afford to sit and wait for things to play out. For growth and longevity, we need to make measured decisions now, react when needed, and be constantly working and adjusting to meet our goals.

The Chamber has been busy working to make a difference as well. Recently, we launched a digital bulletin on our website to highlight locations and buildings available for development within the Quaboag Hills region. We worked with town officials to provide us with guidance and information on these properties creating additional exposure to attract investors and developers to our communities. To date, Monson, Palmer & Ware have each shared details and this information can be found online at QHMA.com under Resources and Development Plans.

We would like thank the officials from Monson, Palmer and Ware who have helped get this project started. We hope to add more communities to this list and the Chamber will update the information continuously.

In May, the Chamber published this year's Business & Recreation Guide highlighting our members, events and recreation spots throughout the region. Thousands of copies can be found at key locations throughout the area, and a digital copy can be viewed and downloaded on our website.




Finally, the Chamber gave its Mass Pike - Exit 63 billboard a makeover making it more welcoming to travelers as they enter the region, while making it more attractive and appealing for our member advertisers. We also created more than a dozen additional spaces for members to showcase their logo / name on the updated billboard. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about adding your business to our billboard.



**DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
MONSON - PALMER - WARE**


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**MONSON**

96 MAIN ST      297 MAIN ST      288 MAIN ST (ELLIS MILL)



**PALMER**








101 WARE ST      2019 BRIDGE ST, THREE RIVERS      1519 N. MAIN ST      405 SHEARER ST      8 CHAMBER RD

**WARE**


29 EAST MAIN ST      123 MAIN ST      35 WEST ST




6 EAST MAIN ST      60 SOUTH ST

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# Grant Opportunities

**Mass Office on Travel & Tourism's Destination Development** capital grant program is open. \$6 million available in FY26 for nonprofit and municipal applicants to expand, construct, restore, or renovate Massachusetts tourism destinations and attractions. Projects located within a designated Cultural District may receive priority consideration. Deadline: July 9, 2025 at 3pm.

The **Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation** accepts funding requests to be reviewed by the Foundation's Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. The next funding request timeline for nonprofit organizations is an August 1 deadline for consideration at their September Board Meeting.

**Santander Grant Opportunity For Food Based Businesses** helps early-stage entrepreneurs build and sustain businesses in the food industry. The program is completely free for eligible entrepreneurs and provides a 12 week food-focused curriculum, mentorship, and capital grants. Requirements: a minimum of one year in operation at the time of application, revenues between \$25,000 and \$1,000,000 in the last calendar year, and 1-10 full-time equivalent employees. Please reach out to CultivateSmallBusiness@Santander.us with any questions about program eligibility or application deadlines.

***See each organization above for full details***



**HOT DEALS!**

**Quabbin Valley Eye Care**

**Stand Out Truck**

**VISIT QHMA.COM TO SEE THE LATEST HOT DEALS!**



**UNLOCK NEW BUSINESS WITH THE Quaboag Referral Group**

The Quaboag Referral Group is the Chamber's own business networking and referral organization.

*"Joining this group was the best thing for my business"*

- Gene Birk, Gene Birk Electric

It's time for you to experience the difference Q.R.G. can do for you and your business.


- No fees or obligations to attend your first meeting.
- Membership is limited to non-competing professions.
- Q.R.G. meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7am-8:30am at the Palmer Historical Cultural Center in Three Rivers.

**Quaboag Hills** CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact the Chamber office at (413) 283-2418 or info@qhma.com to set up your initial meeting.

For nearly five decades, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce has been bringing together the region's businesses and helping deliver economic growth for its members. The Chamber is committed more than ever to creating drivers and opportunities to help you achieve your goals and advance your development.

As a non-profit organization that works everyday for your business, our fundraising events are crucial for the Chamber to continue its mission. Last year, the Chamber teed up the golf outing for the first time in years with perfect weather and fun!



8AM: Check-In  
9AM: Shotgun Start  
12PM: Awards Lunch

Friday, October 3  
Hardwick Crossing Country Club - Gilbertville  
Format:  
Nine Hole Scramble

You and your employees work hard everyday. And we recognize the importance of taking time to balance everything you do. We hope you will join us for a day of fun, networking and enjoyment for all. The following pages outline sponsor opportunities, and participation at every level.

Presenting Sponsor: \$1,000 (Exclusive to one industry type per Presenting Sponsorship)

- Presenting Sponsor logo/name recognition incorporated into all promotional materials including website, flyers, & QHMA social media
- Presenting Sponsor logo/name recognition on welcome signage at the event
- Official Tee Sponsor recognition at one (1) tee box
- Opportunity for company representative to provide welcome remarks prior to departure for Shotgun start
- Opportunity to set up your promotional table/tent/giveaways at event
- Opportunity to provide gift/promotional item in golf gift bags
- One (1) foursome with carts in the Golf Outing starting on first hole
- Awards Lunch for each registered golfer
- Gift bag for each registered golfer

Awards Lunch Sponsor: \$750

- Awards Lunch Sponsor logo/name on screen during Awards Lunch
- Official Tee Sponsor recognition at one (1) tee box
- Opportunity for company representative to provide welcome remarks at the Awards Lunch
- Opportunity for business to set up promotional table/tent/giveaways at event
- Opportunity to provide gift/promotional item in golf gift bags
- One (1) foursome with carts in the Golf Outing
- Awards Lunch for each registered golfer
- Gift bag for each registered golfer

Tee Box Sponsor With Golf: \$500

- Official Tee Sponsor recognition at one (1) tee box
- Opportunity to set up your promotional table/tent/giveaways at event
- Opportunity to provide gift/promotional item in golf gift bags
- One (1) twosome with cart in the Golf Outing
- Awards Lunch for each registered golfer
- Gift bag for each registered golfer

Tee Box Sponsor w/out Golf: \$250

- Official Tee Sponsor recognition at one (1) tee box
- Opportunity to set up your promotional table/tent/giveaways at event
- Opportunity to provide gift/promotional item in golf gift bags

A la carte Options:

- \$400 One (1) Foursome with Carts, Awards Lunch & Gift Bags
- \$200 One (1) Twosome with Cart, Awards Lunch & Gift Bags
- \$100 One (1) Single golfer, Awards Lunch & Gift Bag
- \$50 One (1) Awards Lunch Only



Additional Support:

Make a Cash, Raffle Prize or Golfer Gift Bag SWAG Donation!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address (Street/PO)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address (City, State, Zip)

Qty	Selection	Qty	Selection
_____	\$1,000 - Presenting Sponsor	_____	\$400 - Foursome Golf
_____	\$750 - Awards Lunch Sponsor	_____	\$200 - Twosome Golf
_____	\$500 - Tee Sponsor w/Golf	_____	\$100 - Single Golf
_____	\$250 - Tee Sponsor w/out Golf	_____	\$50 - Awards Lunch Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Make a Cash or Prize Donation (description, value, pick up instructions): \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit/debit card:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card

\_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
CVV (Security Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Check Payment:

Payable to: Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 954  
Palmer, MA 01069-0954

Names:

Send names of golfers/pairings by Sept. 26 to:  
james@qhma.com



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