

Editor's Note: This issue of MassGolfer features four ClubFaces, each of whom is a member of Essex County Club. All are involved in the 2010 Curtis Cup, to be contested at Essex from June 11-13, 2010 (see page 10 for additional information).



Bill Van Faasen

Home club: Essex County Club

► Van Faasen, the the 2010 Curtis Cup general chair, began the club's initiative to host the event six years ago. An Essex club champion and senior champion a total of seven times, he has also won club championships at both the Golf Club at

Turner Hill and The Loxahatchee Club (FL). The former chairman and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has served on the MGA Executive Committee the past six years and competes in many MGA events including the State Amateur and State Senior.

Annie Barton

Home club: Essex County Club

► Barton, the 2010 Curtis Cup event chair, grew up at Essex but did not golf until joining as an adult member in 1991. She has since been an Essex club championship runner-up, won the Ladies' Invitational Four-Ball with her college roommate (who got her hooked on the game) and played on multiple WGAM Spring Team Cups. The current chair of the Ladies' Golf Committee teaches sports to 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Glen Urquhart School in Beverly Farms.



Val Somers

Home club: Essex County Club

► Somers, the 2010 Curtis Cup co-event chair, grew up near Bass Rocks Golf Course where he caddied in his youth. Since joining Essex in 2000, he has served on the Men's Golf and Grounds committees, the latter of

which he currently serves as chairman. The owner and partner in Thatcher Management, a real estate investment firm, is also a former finalist in the club's Four-Ball and Senior Club championships; he shot a career Essex low round of 69 in August.

Darby French

Home club: Essex County Club

► French, the 2010 Curtis Cup volunteer chair, has been an Essex member since 1993. The 2008 and 2009 Essex club champion (a list which includes both Harriot and Margaret Curtis) also has played on multiple WGAM Spring Team Cups. A current member of the Ladies' Golf Committee, she is vice president of finance at Quiet Logistics in Andover. Those interested in volunteer opportunities with the 2010 Curtis Cup may contact Darby at volunteers@essexcc.org.



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