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Registration for GWBAA's 2021 Golf Tournament Now Open

GWBAA golfers adapted to the Covid-19 environment in attending the 2020 event at 1757 Golf Club, our home course for many years past. The 2021 event will return to our full complement of golfers without restrictions, as conditions and safety concerns allow.

The website for the September 16, 2021 event (<https://birdease.com/2021GWBAAgolf>) is open and accepting registration for golfers and sponsorships. It is not too early to grab that sponsorship and register your golfers.

Paul Fisher is the point of contact for all things GWBAA golf. He can be reached at (301) 639-7447.

Thanks, Dan!

Anyone who has played in, sponsored, or been involved with the GWBAA Golf Tournament in some capacity over the last decade knows "The Kilt". It took on a life of its own and was something everyone expected to see. The man in the kilt though was none other than GWBAA Board Member Dan Walker, who chaired the event for many years. Over the last two years, Dan has worked with Paul Fisher to Co-Chair the tournament as Dan's career with FlightSafety has led him to a new home outside of GWBAA's footprint.

With a successful transition from Dan to Paul, and with Dan in a new area, he has "retired" from the GWBAA Board. As "The Eagles" famously sang in their hit "Hotel California" - "*You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave!*" - we say the same thing to Dan. **Dan – you may have "retired" from GWBAA, but you will always have a home here and be a part of us. We are forever indebted to all you have done for GWBAA and we wish you well! We hope to see you on the links with us at a future tournament where you will not have to worry about anything other than enjoying a day on the course.** (And for anyone wondering – Paul made it abundantly clear that one of the stipulations of him becoming the Golf Chair was that he would not wear a kilt.)



Would You Like to Be More Involved With GWBAA?

Have you entertained the idea of becoming more involved with GWBAA? We are looking for our fellow business aviation professionals to become a member of the GWBAA Board and/or to support the Association in several ways. As we are starting to see the daylight at the end of the COVID pandemic, we would like to re-engage and re-energize our membership.

GWBAA Board Membership

The GWBAA Board is a volunteer group currently comprised of 11 members, of which four are Officers and seven are in At-Large positions. The Board can comprise up to 15 members. If enough GWBAA members are interested, we can have up to four additional positions.

The board meets once a month for an hour. Pre-COVID, approximately 1/3 of the meetings were in person, and the rest via telecon or virtual platform. All board members are expected to participate on the calls/meetings. The expectation is that board members will serve at least two years.

As a Board Member, you are a main contact between membership and the board as well as expected to attend and participate in GWBAA-sponsored events. Outside of monthly meetings and participation in GWBAA events, your time commitment is entirely dependent on if there is an initiative you would like to lead/support, and your availability. Some board members have an additional responsibility as a Chair for an event or a committee, but that is a personal decision – not a requirement.

If you would like further information on becoming a board member, please contact a [current board member](#) that you know, or [Jamie Wilson](#) or [Caleb Stitely](#).

Education and Scholarship Committee

GWBAA is pleased to announce the formation of the Education and Scholarship Committee. The mission is to promote and advance business aviation careers to future aviation professionals through outreach and scholarship opportunities.

We want to encourage careers in business aviation by providing scholarships, mentoring opportunities, and introducing aviation to students of any age. A major focus of this outreach is to promote understanding and knowledge about the Business Aviation industry and the exciting career pathway opportunities available.

Attracting and retaining new talent to our industry is vital to our businesses and economy. As we emerge from the COVID pandemic, there continues to be increasing competition among aviation segments for the limited of qualified professionals, and Business Aviation needs to have a supporting role in attracting and developing professionals for our industry.

If you are interested in using your passion and energy to engage with future aviators, please contact Committee Chair, [Paige Kroner](#) or [Jamie Wilson](#).

GWBAA Website/Social Media Graphics

GWBA is looking for a volunteer in our membership (or a relative of a GWBA member) who would be interested in assisting to create or develop graphics for the GWBA website that will also be used on our social media platforms. Graphics are needed on an ad-hoc basis (with plenty of lead time to fit your schedule) to promote GWBA Events during the year. If you are interested, please contact [Sarah Wolf](#) or [Jamie Wilson](#).

Paul VI Catholic High School Virtual Career Day

GWBA thanks Pedro Manancero and the BAE Systems Flight Department for their participation in the Paul VI Catholic High School Virtual Career Day. This event replaced an in-person event that Paul VI has hosted in past years. For this event, Pedro recorded a video which shared his background and experiences that led him to a career in business aviation, as well as his current daily activities as a Captain and Safety Manager in the Flight Department. This type of effort is a grassroots way that we as an industry can give back, as well as enlighten and educate high school students to Bizav. We encourage all our members to participate in similar ways when able. **Thank you again, Pedro and BAE Systems!** (And a special thanks to Greg Voos (NBAA), Bob Lamond, and Jay Evans for sharing this student outreach opportunity with GWBA.)

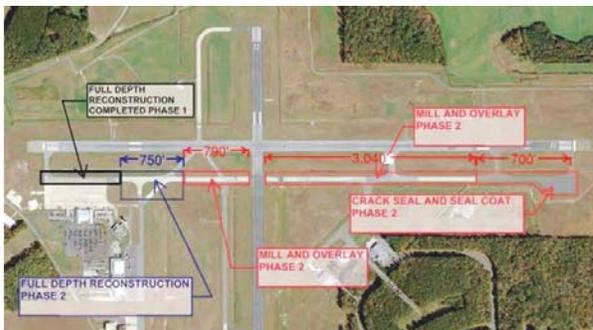
Regional News Round-Up

The Committee for Dulles has posted a presentation from the March 4 meeting of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors which discusses the noise impacts of **Washington Dulles International Airport**, and proposals to revise the noise-based maps used to analyze development near the airport. See <https://www.committeefordulles.org>.

On a related note, Fairfax County is looking to appoint residents to volunteer positions on boards, including its Airport Advisory Committee. For more information, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/BoardDetails.aspx?BoardID=23354>.

The newly opened Chantilly Air FBO at **Manassas Regional Airport** includes a repair facility operated by Duncan Aviation. For a profile of the Chantilly FBO, please visit <https://chantillyair.com/fbo/>; for Duncan's facility, please visit <https://www.duncanaviation.aero/locations/hef>.

Significant upgrades are planned at **Salisbury-Ocean City-Wicomico Regional Airport**. In addition to the recently-approved runway extension project, Taxiway A is being rehabilitated and a new firefighting vehicle has been purchased.



An ad hoc committee formed to review the structure of the **Leesburg Airport Commission** has recommended the creation of a business association, separate from the Commission but empowered to appoint a member to the Commission. It also endorsed adding a non-voting member from the Town's Economic Development Commission. The recommendations will be reviewed by the Town Council.

Frederick, Maryland is evaluating its options for soliciting a new developer for hangars at **Frederick Municipal Airport**, after AOPA and the City agreed to terminate a 2018 agreement because the estimated costs from contractors significantly exceeded expectations.

The Virginia Aviation Board has awarded more than \$6.5 million in grants to airports across the state, including \$464,000 to **Stafford Regional Airport** for its runway expansion project.

A small aircraft was reported to have crashed shortly after take-off from Winchester Regional Airport on February 24; no injuries were reported. As always, fly safely!

About GWBAA

GWBAA President Jamie Wilson (jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com) and GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith of KMA Zuckert LLC (jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com) write and edit GWBAA News.

GWBAA's success and ability to make a difference depends on the breadth of its support and your participation – so please send any ideas or comments for future newsletters, or for GWBAA, in general, to Jamie or Jol.

NBAA Membership Discount

As a new GWBAA member benefit, if you are not currently a member of NBAA, you can now join at a discounted rate using promo code GWBAA100. When you join NBAA not only will you receive \$100 off your first-year NBAA membership dues, NBAA will return 50% of your dues to GWBAA, allowing us to keep working on regional issues on your behalf.

NBAA members enjoy a direct line to industry experts, career development opportunities, discounts to all NBAA events, and much more. Learn more - <https://nbaa.org/membership/>.

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