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**Dear Brenda,**

Spring is here and the Chamber of Commerce is busy with its spring events. Next Wednesday, April 20 is the Annual Raffle held at the Canadian Club. Two weeks later is the 18th Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament. Details on both events are below. I hope you'll join us for a great time!

There is also still time to sign up for training to become a Vermont Ambassador. Check out why it may be good for your business below.

**Sincerely,**

Brenda Comstock  
Central Vermont Chamber

## 29th Annual Raffle

***One lucky winner will walk away with \$4,000!***



Mona McCain (left center)  
Terry Carlyle (right center)

An evening of fun, and fortune for some, the Chamber's annual Raffle Dinner is enjoyed by all! The brainchild of Marion Milne, the event has been an annual Chamber event for 29 years and has been the key to the purchase and expansion of the organization's office complex in Berlin. The first raffle was organized by Marion Milne as she completed her term as president in 1983, and the honorary life member has been chair or co-chair of the event ever since.

Proceeds from the raffle represented the down payment for purchase of the Chamber office in 1991, and nine years later, the seed money for a major expansion.

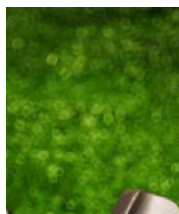
Top prize is \$4,000 with ten other cash prizes totaling \$2,150! Held at the Canadian Club, cocktail hour starts at 6:00 p.m. A family-style roast beef dinner is provided by FairPoint. Get the flyer for full details.

## 18th Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament

Dust off the clubs: the season's first tournament is less than a month away!

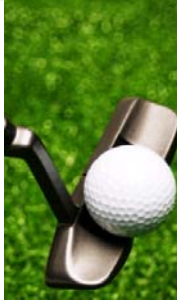
From duffers to consistent winners, golfers at every skill level will scramble to the Barre Country Club May 6 for Central Vermont Chamber Challenge, the first tournament of the season.

Granite Financial Services, last year's low gross winners, will be difficult to dethrone. The team of Brent Sleeper, William Patno, Brad Rouleau, and Richard Bashara has captured several championships spanning the tournament's nearly two decades of play.



On the other hand, low net has been awarded to 17 different teams, and the reigning champions from last year, the Chittenden Bank - now People's United - will seek to hang on to the crown. No team has won the low net prize twice, much less back-to-back. The winning foursome in 2010 was Clark Leonard, Dave Nourse, Bob Vosburgh and Bill Burke.





The early date helps level the playing field. Everyone is rusty, no matter how often they'll golf once the season is underway. This year, the field may be rustier than most as snow remains as common as grass.

Cody Chevrolet, FairPoint and UVest Financial Services are already among the key sponsors of the 2011 tournament, and hole sponsorship has just begun.

Most teams are dominated by employees of the sponsoring firm, but nearly half have members employed by others. Individuals are welcome to form their own team or contact the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce for assistance in joining a team. [Get the pdf registration form](#) or contact the Chamber at 229-5711 or [cvchamber@aol.com](mailto:cvchamber@aol.com).



Don't let the year's first tournament pass by. [Register a team](#) and become part of Central Vermont's spring welcoming event. Registration prize, cart, greens fees and award banquet are included. Play begins from a shotgun start at noon, Friday, May 6 at the Barre Country Club.

## Vermont State Ambassador Training

The Info Center/Ambassador Program is a wonderful way for you to market your business and increase traffic flow. Community Info Centers provide a visitor friendly environment for the region and represent Vermont as the hospitable vacation destination it is. Being part of this program helps the state give Vermont one more competitive edge over neighboring states in this challenging economy.

The next Ambassador Workshop has been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 12:30 at 1 National Drive, the State Offices, AOT Conference Room in Montpelier.. The link for registering is: <https://secure.vermont.gov/ACCD/eventreg/>

This is the required preliminary workshop that is a part of the process of becoming a State Info Center. More information about the program is posted [here](#) so you can decide if it might be right for you!

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