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## **GWBAA Holds Annual Golf Tournament and Safety Standdown**

For the second consecutive year, gorgeous weather welcomed golfers and sponsors to GWBAA's Golf Classic at the 1757 Golf Club!

An afternoon start on September 18 presented golfers with sun and temperatures in the upper 70s. Shots became a bit more challenging due to a strong breeze but golfers – both new and experienced – tackled the course with confidence. Good times were had by all with many fun games at the holes set up by sponsors, as well as an enjoyable day of reconnecting with old friends and networking with new ones.

GWBAA President Caleb Stitely presented [Corporate Angel Network](#) Interim Executive Director Samantha (Lohse) Thresher with a \$2000 check that was raised through the sale of mulligan tickets. GWBAA thanks all of our dedicated sponsors for making this year a great success!

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the 2024 Golf Committee!

(A full report on the safety standdown will be included in our next newsletter.)



GWBA 2023 Golf Classic



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## Regional News Round-Up

On September 5, the Town of Leesburg and FAA signed an agreement for the establishment of a permanent manned control tower at **Leesburg Executive Airport**, along with an interim manned tower to replace the remote tower program which was discontinued earlier this year. Notably, the Town will pay the rental costs of the interim tower but FAA will pay for the controllers.

Recent FAA grants have included \$242,000 to **St. Mary's County Regional Airport** for infrastructure improvements. **Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport** also will receive \$52,000.

**College Park Airport** is one of many airports that local media have targeted for criticism because of the continuing use of leaded avgas. See <https://dbknews.com/2023/08/29/college-park-airport-burning-lead/>.

**Hanover County Municipal Airport** is in the process of drafting a new 20-year master plan for the airport, which was last updated in 2002.

**Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport** has requested FAA approval of the release of 0.15 acres from aeronautical use requirements; the parcel, which was acquired with federal financial assistance, would remain part of the airport but be used for a cell tower and vehicle parking.

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## Upcoming Events

**October 18:** GWBAA will be in attendance at the NBAA convention in Las Vegas next month - please plan to join us for an informal gathering at the Connection Zone (booth N1834) on Wednesday, October 18 from 2:15pm-3pm.

**October 24:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Katie Thomson, FAA's Deputy Administrator. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/Events.aspx>.

**October 25:** Aero Club luncheon featuring David Garbon, VP/GIM of Amazon's Prime Air. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/october-25-2023-luncheon/>.

**November 3:** 17th annual ProJet aviation education and career expo at Leesburg Executive Airport. Please visit <https://projetaviation.com/aviation-expo> for more information, including for vendors and student/school registration.

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**December 15:** Aero Club Wright Memorial Dinner, featuring Captain Robert Crippen. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/wright-memorial-dinner/>.

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## About GWBAA

GWBAA President Caleb Stitely ([calebstitely@chantillyair.com](mailto:calebstitely@chantillyair.com)) and GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith of KMA Zuckert LLC ([jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com](mailto: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 Caleb or Jol.

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## 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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