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NFEC'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER, THE RICHARD NONCARROW MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC, TEES OFF JUNE 2, 2008 AT THE OLDE VINE GOLF COURSE

Dedicated to the memory of environmentalist Richard Noncarrow, the NFEC's golf event seeks community support but also supports those who share a common interest in local environmental issues and natural resources – the Olde Vine Golf Course and its Executive Chef, John Ross.

MATTITUCK, NY (May 19, 2008) — The North Fork Environmental Council (NFEC) marks the start of each summer with its golf outing, dedicated to the late Richard Noncarrow who was an active community leader on the North Fork and an impassioned environmentalist. The goal of the event is to not only raise money for the NFEC's many public awareness and education campaigns but to also remind community residents, neighbors and friends of some of the natural resources we enjoy and need to work towards preserving.

This year's event will take place on Monday, June 2, 2008 and is hosted by the Olde Vine Golf Course in Riverhead, NY. The choice of venue was not lightly considered. The NFEC knows that it has to make sure it practices what it preaches. NFEC president Ken Rubino said, "The NFEC asks for support for its efforts throughout the community but it's a two-way street. We also have to support those people who personally and professionally exhibit support of preserving both our natural resources as well as our way of life here on the North Fork."

The choice of the Olde Vine Golf Course for the NFEC golfing event was a natural fit for two main reasons. First, this new golf club has sought to fit within the character of the natural landscape in both its design and maintenance, using low-impact and natural fertilizers and pesticides in its ongoing care. And secondly, the club's executive chef, John Ross, an East End icon, designs his menus for all of the club's special occasions with an emphasis on local produce, seafood and wines.

“Supporting the local farmers, fishermen and vineyards makes sense on so many levels,” remarked Mr. Ross. “These are not just members of our community. These are the people entrusted not only with the cultivation of these precious natural resources but with the continued care and preservation of these habitats.” He continued, “So by putting a focus on these local goods in our menus for our guests, we hope to raise awareness of the abundance and variety of what we have here and, hopefully, that translates into greater support for the way of life we enjoy. ” And while the nature of a golfer's food needs differs from those for other more laid back, social events, Mr. Ross will be including many local items in the day's dining menus.

Pre-registration for this event is required of all golfers. For a contribution of \$175, each golfer can enjoy use of the club's facilities, including the driving range. Two meals are also included. A barbeque lunch will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. (before the 1:00 p.m. tee time). After the golf portion of the day is complete, there will be drinks and hors d'oeuvres as well as a buffet dinner served in the club. During dinner, several prizes will also be awarded.

Golfers of all levels and ages, especially those interested in supporting the NFEC, are asked to call the NFEC offices at 631-298-8880 as soon as possible to register for this always popular event.

The NFEC is a grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation of land, sea, air and quality of life on Long Island's North Fork. Incorporated in 1972, the NFEC has a successful track record of over 35 years in raising public awareness of key environmental issues, increasing participation in important town meetings and write-in campaigns, and continuing the fight to “Save What's Left.”

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