Visiting the McKennas in Phoenix, AZ:
Katie Busch and Lisa Tedesco visited with Jeff McKenna and his family and friends in Phoenix. Jeff has been “unofficially” involved with the Bobby Jones Program for the past several years, letting the scholars stay at his home in Flagstaff while on their annual road trip. Jeff is now “officially” working with the Program to help plan the inaugural Bobby Jones Legacy Golf Tournament this coming spring and also plans to attend the reunion in Scotland in July 2017. We are very happy to have him collaborating with us!

Homecoming 2016:
During this year’s Homecoming at Emory, Jones Scholar Alumni gathered at a local restaurant, Six Feet Under. About 25 alumni attended and the Chair of the Friends of Bobby Jones, Gene McClure made it a priority to be present and let all alumni know that they are now Friends of Bobby Jones. Robin Harpak and Katie Busch gave Bobby Jones branded golf balls to all alumni present and with the help of Gene, the group walked into Oakland Cemetery just across the street from the restaurant where they visited the grave of Bobby Jones and rolled golf balls on the legend’s burial spot. Because it was Homecoming weekend, several alumni were in from out of town. Everyone enjoyed catching up and having a space to gather, learning more about the upcoming reunion, meeting the current scholars from St Andrews, and raising a glass to Emory and Bobby Jones. Thanks to all who joined us and cheers to more successful and fun events in the Atlanta area each year during Homecoming.

Annual Fall Reception:
Following a robust meeting of the Jones Advisory Committee where plans for the Jones Legacy Golf Tournament and the 40th Anniversary Reunion were discussed, this year’s annual Fall Reception for the Jones Program was held in the Miller Ward Alumni House. This year’s new scholars from St Andrews introduced themselves and shared some fun and interesting facts about where they hail from. Alumni of the program and members of the Friends of Bobby Jones joined the reception for delicious food and mingling. The annual putting contest did not take place in the fall as we’ll hold off for the spring reception at East Lake following the Jones Legacy Golf Tournament. A great start to the year and much to look forward to in the spring and for the year to come!

NY Gathering:
After realizing that more than 10 “Bobbies” live in the NYC area, Katie and Robin organized an alumni gathering at the St Andrews pub right in Times Square. A small group of alumni were able to join for a delightful gathering and dear friend Josh Newton even surprised the group by popping in as well. By chance, the tables reserved for the gathering were just under a photograph of Bobby Jones which set the backdrop for reminiscing, getting to know each other, and giving updates on the plans for the upcoming 40th Anniversary reunion in Scotland in July. Thanks to those who came out and we look forward to doing other similar events in cities as we travel for business. If there’s a Bobby out there for us to meet, we’d love the chance to do so!