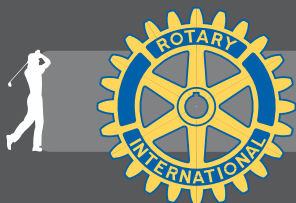


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EDITOR COMMENTS

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If you have suggestions on making this Newsletter better please e-mail me at Nate202@aol.com

Nate Naden, Editor

The 2007 fall issue of the USGFR Newsletter is provided to you in two formats. First, you can read this newsletter and many other interesting tidbits relating to Golf, USGFR happenings and Rotary in general on our web site www.USGFR.com. Make sure you visit the web site for all updated information regarding upcoming venues and other golf-related information. The second format is this hard copy sent to your listed address.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

A revised membership directory will be printed and distributed soon. If you have a new address, phone number, or e-mail address, please send the changes to macknz@chamberscable.com or to Millie MacKenzie, P.O. Box 3074, Sunriver, OR 97707

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having taken a couple of weeks off for a little "down time" from the wonderful week of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDS, and FANTASTIC GOLF, it's now time to begin looking forward to the 2008 venue at Prince Edward Island, Canada. Before doing that; however, I would like to personally thank everyone for their participation at the Horseshoe Bay venue. From the "on site" comments to the large number of positive emails received, it seems to have been a wonderful and rewarding experience for everyone. The golf provided challenges, the tours were outstanding, and the evening activities were exceptionally good. Most of all, we all had the opportunity to renew old friendships and to make some new ones. The FELLOWSHIP of the USGFR was, and will continue to be, the primary function and focus of our organization. A special "glad you came" to the first timers. We hope that your experience was rewarding and that you will make future USGFR venues one of your first options on your list of things to do.

While visiting in Virginia, I chose to wear my USGFR Horseshoe Bay golf cap most of the time. Funny thing happened in South Hill, Va. and the Atlanta airport: I was greeted by four other Rotarians who noticed the Rotary logo and wanted to know where I was from and wanted information about the cap and our USGFR tournament. Go figure!!!! This gave me an idea. I would like to encourage all of you to wear your HSB cap whenever you play golf and ESPECIALLY to your Rotary meetings and makeup meetings. I can almost guarantee you that someone will greet you as a fellow Rotarian because of the cap.

If they are Rotarians and they play golf, you will have a golden opportunity to recruit a new member for the USGFR. New members are the lifeline of any organization. The USGFR is no exception.

I would like encourage each of you to make a commitment to bring one (or more) new members to one of the next two venues. Why not give a friend and fellow Rotarian an opportunity to COME TEST DRIVE WITH THE USGFR.

Now on to P.E.I. Prince Edward Island, Canada. Can't wait. How about YOU?

Bob Pacharzina

A short note from our NEW Executive Secretary,

MILLIE MACKENZIE

My thanks go out to the USGFR Board for putting their trust in me to help this fellowship continue its mission to sponsor the annual championships and to promote fellowship. As President Bob stated above, memberships are our lifeline. Tournament participation is the reason for being a member. So, if you were at Horseshoe Bay, you know how enjoyable the tournaments are. If you weren't there, start planning NOW for September 2008. Dues billings will be in your mailbox soon; re-join and share in the fun of USGFR.

As your incoming Executive Secretary, I am open to your input on how to improve our tournaments and how to bring in more participants. Send me an e-mail at macknz@chamberscable.com

FUTURE USGFR VENUES

September 14-17, 2008
Prince Edward Island,
Canada

Dates to be announced for
South Florida 2009

Handicap Committee

Please e-mail your GHIN number and index to Fred Crummy as soon as possible. If you aren't on the GHIN system, tell Fred what agency issues your handicap.

Fred's e-mail: crum@in-con.com



2007 VENUE REPORT

Horseshoe Bay, Texas September 28-October 1, 2007

The number of participants this year: 125 registrants and 91 golfers.

A big thank you goes out to the Marble Falls Rotary Club, especially Susie Keiser, Ralph Herter, Howard Edmiston, and Flo Pacharzina for their many hours of hard work.

Another great year for 1st timers, we welcome ya'all and hope you had a great Rotary experience. I hope I have the complete list, but if I missed someone, I apologize. WELCOME to Dave and Lois Agrosteguy, James Bator, Larry and Erlene Benevento, Bob Blackburn, Bob and Carol Blum, Ken and Bona Chung, L. K. and Lucy Croft, Bill Dalheimer, Dave Hilman, Ed and Beverly Korte, Keith and Mary Howard and Jim and Nancy Sissons (Howards and Sissons were representatives from IGFR). Hope to see you all at P.E.I. in 2008.

TOURNAMENT EVENTS AT HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS

Thursday, September 27

3 PM Board of Directors Meeting

6 PM social hour and dinner at the yacht club

Additional information pertaining to Board decisions at this venue will be discussed later in this newsletter.

Friday, September 28

The day started at 9 AM with the practice golf round and lunch after golf. The non-golfers toured a Horseshoe bay spec house worth millions and then on to Marble Falls for a style show (which included cute male models), lunch and shopping on Main Street. The evening started with the traditional players and tour meetings. We then proceeded to the flag raising ceremony which included a color guard and Sue Sherwood singing our National Anthem and God Bless America. Of course we all joined in, ON KEY.

The evening was capped off with hors d'oeuvres, liquid refreshments and a putting contest which included a skins

game (won by Weston Pacharzina, \$480). First place with a cool 51 was Chuck McAlpine, 2nd place was Marion Fukushima and 3rd place went to Ed Anderson. What a great start to a wonderful four days in the heart of Texas, USA.

Saturday, September 29

Golfers:

Our first round of golf started at Apple Rock golf course, the first of the three Robert Trent Jones courses. Weather was sunny and warm. We had lots of golf with good food at lunch time. Winners of closest to pin were as follows. Flights 1 and 2: Keith Howard, Larry Benevento, Bob Blum, and Pat Clarke. Winners in Flights 3 and 4: Glen Smith, Weston Pacharzina, Saul Seltzer, and Terry Trotter. Special congratulations to first-timer Bob Blum for his hole-in-one on the first day of competition! Way to go, Bob!

Non-Golfers:

The day started early on the bus to San Antonio for a stop in the German Immigrant neighborhood to tour a lovely old Victorian home, then a stop at the San Jose Mission to see the Rose Window. The highlight was lunch on the river barge which ended with the wonderful Tres Leche Cake. After lunch there was a stop for picture taking at the Alamo and an afternoon of shopping (what else) in the historic La Villitia area.

The evening was topped off with a BBQ and Cowboy Show at the ranch of Billie and Bob Black where boots, jeans and long necks were in style. We also enjoyed an evening of western and country songs provided by none other than John Arthur Martinez. There were a lot of tired puppies when we ended the evening. BELIEVE ME!!

Beginning on Saturday the Rotary Club of Marble Falls hosted the Hospitality Room which was filled with liquid refreshments and a large quantity of snacks and goodies. The Hospitality Room was open each day for the participants to enjoy fellowship.

Sunday, September 30

Golfers:

All golfers met at the Ram Rock golf course (after golf this course had many different names other than Ram Rock) where the weather was again warm and sunny. After golf was another wonderful lunch. Closest to the pin awards for the day: Flights 1 and 2: Bill Durmer, Frank Smith, Ray Murray. Flights 3 and 4: Bona Chung, Millie MacKenzie, Kenn Freel, and Renee Jorgensen. WOW!! What a day at the ole golf course.

Non-Golfers:

Off to Austin, Texas. The first stop was the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library where we met Lyndon in the Senate chamber trying to pass his bills. The bus drove through the University of Texas campus on the way for us to see the beautifully old restored 1899's Driskill Hotel. Mrs. Driskill was our guide and explained in detail how the hotel was built and furnished by her husband, (sounds like a Texas Tall Tale). We walked to the Omni Hotel for lunch, then toured the majestic Texas Capitol Building, visited the Texas State History Museum and for those wishing, a short visit to the newly-opened Blanton Art Museum. Back to the Marriott ended a long and wonderful trip. Mexican Fiesta time. At 6 PM we were invited to the lakefront lodge for margaritas, all sorts of Mexican style food and Rotarian fellowship. We also had the pleasure of Mr. Bob Black and his wife joining us where during the evening Bob was presented with the Paul Harris Award by the Marble Falls Rotary Club. He was delighted. What was that song? "WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE?"

Monday, October 1

Golfers:

The third and final round of golf was played at the Slick Rock course. What a beautiful layout. This was a fantastic golf course enjoyed by ALL golfers. Again a nice lunch (Texas Style Burgers) was provided to the golfers after golf. Closest to the pin awards for the day: Flights 1 and 2: Kenneth White, Mike Laughlin, Ed Anderson, and Bob Plumb. Flights 3 and 4: Weston Pacharzina, Dick Trotter, and Raye White.

Non-Golfers: The last day of touring was spent shopping in the old German town of Fredericksburg. We had a brief stop en route at the nation's largest wild seed farm. Lunch was enjoyed at the Peach Tree Inn. We had a sweet ending to these four days of seeing some new places, shopping, eating, and being with friends. Our last stop in Fredericksburg was the Chocolate Factory. The friends we knew from past venues and the new friends we met this week are fellowship memories what we will cherish forever.

Evening: We began at 6 PM with a social hour and then our traditional banquet dinner and the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. During the evening IGFR representatives gave us some insight on their next venue at Niagara Falls.

USGFR's Board of Directors Sec/Treas, John St. Clair, officially retired after 12 years of hard, hard work. He was presented with a gift of \$1,000 to use at his discretion. USGFR would not be where it is today without John's faithful hard work. John was also presented an emeritus status for life on the USGFR Board. Not enough can be said to honor John; we LOVE YA big guy. John's letter to all USGFR members is included in this newsletter.

GOLFING AWARDS:

2007 CHAMPION LOW NET: John Reynolds

2007 CHAMPION LOW GROSS: Mike Laughlin

Division 1 Winner-

Steve Horvath

2nd - Bob Wyrick

3rd - Ken Kinsey

Division 2 Winner -

Raymond Murray

2nd - Ralph Herter

3rd - Gregory Young

Division 3 Winner -

Kenn Freel

2nd - Weston Pacharzina

3rd - Bona Chung

Division 4 Winner -

Karen Smith

2nd - Saul Seltzer

3rd - Gordon Bagne

2 Day Event - Winner -

Brenda St. Clair

2nd - Jack Watson

Team Event - Winners -

Raymond Murray and

John Reynolds

2nd - Bob Blackburn and

Saul Seltzer

3rd - Bob (hole in one) Blum and Karen Smith

Congratulations to all winners and to the rest of the golfers who participated.

To sum up Horseshoe Bay, it was a BLAST!! I believe that most every Rotarian and spouse enjoyed Texas hospitality to the nth degree. When you look back and think about the great golf courses that were played, the tours that Flo Pacharzina hosted, the evening activities and most certainly the friendships, and fellowships that were enjoyed could you have asked for USGFR to be done and enjoyed any better? I think not!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The USGFR Directors conducted elections and made several by-law amendments at our meetings in Horseshoe Bay. Among the changes are these:

1. The term of President of USGFR was extended so that a President could, upon recommendation of the nominating committee, serve up to six years. President Pac was elected to a second term.

2. Because of health reasons, after having completed three year terms, Greig Cummings and Bob Hollis were unable to stand for reelection to a second term as USGFR directors. Patrick Clarke and Lawrence Severino, were elected as directors of the East and New England Regions.
3. John St. Clair was elected to Emeritus status available only to the initial board of directors who served USGFR as director for an extended period. John's election completes the class of initial USGFR directors elected to Emeritus status.
4. Beginning in 2010, or perhaps even as early as 2009, USGFR will return to a four day tournament format.
5. The two-day tournament will be available to anyone who prefers not to play four days not merely to seniors and spouses as has been our past practice.
6. USGA approved range finders will be permitted in our tournaments if local rules permit their use in tournament play.
7. Limits on the lengths of courses were adopted.
8. Each year, Life Members (a category of membership not now available) will be asked to return roster information or a request to continue in their membership status or they will be removed from membership much as regular members who do not pay dues for two consecutive years.
9. We have asked that each venue provide an opportunity for exchange of Rotary club flags.

If more information is needed on board decisions please contact Millie MacKenzie at macknz@chamberscable.com

Fellow Rotarians,

Almost 18 years ago, in February of 1990, Bryce Roper convened a meeting of ten Rotarian golfers in Phoenix, Arizona to form this wonderful fellowship. It has been my privilege and honor to serve with Bryce until his death in 2005. Gene Metzger who passed away in 2006, Bob Grulke, Jim Johannson, Marlowe LeBarge, Dom Provost, Frank Smith, and Dick Wyatt since. Joining them as an Emeritus director allows me to continue to serve on the executive committee—another honor bestowed on me.

I was flattered to be asked to serve as President of USGFR after Bryce served his three year term and to succeed Bryce as Executive Secretary three years later. During my tenure as executive secretary, I have worked with Frank Smith, Ray Taylor, Jim Hardy and Bob Pacharzina each of whom has served you ably as President of USGFR. As I now hang up my executive secretary hat and pass the joy and responsibility on to Millie MacKenzie, I thank everyone who has served USGFR as a director, officer, committee member, venue chair, tournament host committee member or in any other capacity. It is those folks, particularly the local Rotary clubs and tournament host committees, who have made our fellowship events such a great success.

All too often those who do volunteer and charitable work put a tremendous burden on their spouses. On behalf of all of those same people who have served us so honorably, I extend a hug of gratitude to our spouses who have supported and enabled each of us

in so many ways. Brenda's constant love and support have helped me do whatever it is I have been able to do for this organization.

Remember if you will, that every person who helps USGFR is a volunteer and, more importantly, human. All of us make mistakes and are able only to give our best effort each day. Sometimes we are properly subject to criticism for not doing as well as could be done—but not one of our volunteers is subject to criticism for not doing as well as they could do under the circumstances. Your constructive comments are welcome and can help make our organization better. I think you all are passionate about this fellowship and can make it better, not by complaint but by participating and offering your assistance and critique.

As Millie takes on the mantel as your Executive Secretary, I encourage you to support her as you have me. I ask that you read the newsletters you receive, pay the bills you get timely, register early for venues so the events can be planned properly and enjoy your fellowship.

You do enjoy a wonderful Rotary Fellowship. Share it by asking another Rotarian golfer to join the fellowship, and bring that and other Rotarian golfers to a tournament site.

Thank you for honoring and blessing me with the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to seeing you at many future venues.

John

Now on to 2008 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA SEPT. 14TH TO 17TH

The 2008 venue will be a joint effort by the USGFR and CGFR, and we will be at the Brudenell Golf Course at the Brudenell River Resort. Our practice round will be at the famous Crowbush Cove Course (which this year hosted a match between Mike Weir and V.J. Singh). Our other course is the Dundarve (which hosted a match between Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson this year). WOW!!

Rooms at the Rodd Brudenell River Resort— you will have 4 types of rooms to choose from starting from \$189. up to \$300. for a King Suite that holds two couples.

Plans are underway for non-golf trips which the island has much to offer for everyone. Shopping, arts and crafts, theatres, river cruises, fishing, etc. There are several web sites to

learn more: www.golfinkspei.com and www.peiplay.com and of course our own web site www.usgfr.com

Traveling by air you could fly directly into Charlottetown, rent a car, the Resort is 30 minutes away. Or you could fly to Halifax, Nova Scotia, rent a car, tour some of the sites, then take a ferry to PEI do your thing and then return home the same way. Flights are available to PEI directly from Toronto on air Canada 7 Westjet, from Detroit on Northwest, from Boston on Delta. For flights to Halifax the same carriers are available.

So, make a note in your calendar to visit P.E.I. and join the fun next year. More details will follow on USGFR's web page.

Hope you have enjoyed this year's newsletter. Any comments/suggestions? Let me know. Nate Naden, Editor
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