

USGFR NEWSLETTER

BLACKSBURG 2018



The 2018 Summer issue of the USGFR Newsletter is available this year on our web site along with many other interesting tidbits, photos and other information relating to our latest golfing venue and future golfing venues. Go to www.usgfr.com

President's Message

from Patrick Eakes

Our 2018 tournament was great fun in scenic Blacksburg, VA.

The host courses, the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech and Blacksburg Country Club, are very different designs, and both offered fair but challenging tests for our golfers. Non-golfers experienced the beautiful Virginia mountains with visits to nearby Smithfield Plantation, Roanoke, and Mabry Mill, one of the most popular stops on the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Tom Shaver served as our venue chair, and he did a fabulous job planning and executing a great tournament. Besides seeing to every detail, Tom's influence on our tournament extended even further. He served as General Manager of our host venue, The Inn at Virginia Tech, until about one year ago. The Inn is a beautiful facility located on the campus of Virginia Tech and is staffed primarily by students. Tom's legacy as GM of The Inn was evident in each interaction with staff members, all of whom went out of their way to ensure we had an exceptional time.

Now we turn our attention to our next tournament, which will take place October 6-10, 2019 in the Monterey, CA area. Our next host venue is the Hyatt Regency Monterey, located adjacent to Del Monte Golf Course, the oldest course in continuous operation west of the Mississippi River. In addition to Del Monte, we will play Quail Lodge Golf Club in Carmel, just a few miles south of the Hyatt.

Our 2019 tournament will take us to yet another beautiful setting that offers great golf and fun excursions for our non-golfing attendees. I can't wait for next October, and I hope to see you there!





Greetings *from your Executive Secretary,*



Jim Brock

We just completed another outstanding National Championships in Blacksburg, Virginia. Our hats are off to Tournament Chair Tom Shaver who, despite retirement and an out of state move, handled the tournament planning like the hospitality pro he is. He did receive much help from his wife, Lynn, and onsite help from members of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club. Thanks for providing us with a memorable tournament and wonderful accommodations.

This tournament was our first as the United States – Canada Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians. Our neighbors from the north are very appreciative of the name change and are looking forward to welcoming us to Niagra Falls, Ontario, in 2020.

I want to recognize our two national champions. Rich Lytle, a charter member from Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, was crowned our National Gross Champion and Don Allred of Asheboro, North Carolina, claimed the National Net Champion award.

After Hurricane Irma prevented most of our Florida contingent from making the trip to our 2017 tournament in Lake Geneva, I'm happy to report we dodged two hurricanes this year and only lost one day of golf due to rain.

USGFR membership numbers remain unchanged from a year ago: 237 members (166 lifetime members and 71 annual members). Fellowship finances also remain healthy although we did incur a number of one-time charges relating to our name change.

This year's event welcomed 11 first time attendees – Carter "Curley" Bowman of Winter Park, FL, Bill Harkey of Mechanicsburg, PA, George Karnes of Front Royal, VA, Tom Swithenbank of Celebration, FL, David Brenner of Winter Park, FL, Jeff Clarke of Arlington, VA, Friedhelm and Maligamma Zanella of Langem, Germany, Omer Yalkin of Istanbul, Turkey, and Francine Kruyt and Jan Brehm of Breda, Netherlands. The Europeans were part of an International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians contingent visiting us and meeting with our executive committee to encourage greater cooperation between our two organizations.

The Executive Committee continues to seek members to step up and fill director positions. We currently have vacancies in the North East and Middle Central regions. In Blacksburg, we welcomed Jon Spillman as our new Middle East region director and Bill Manuel as our South East region director. Bill takes over from Larry Newman. Thank you, Larry, for your long service to the Executive Committee. Please contact Patrick Eakes if you'd like to join our Executive Committee.

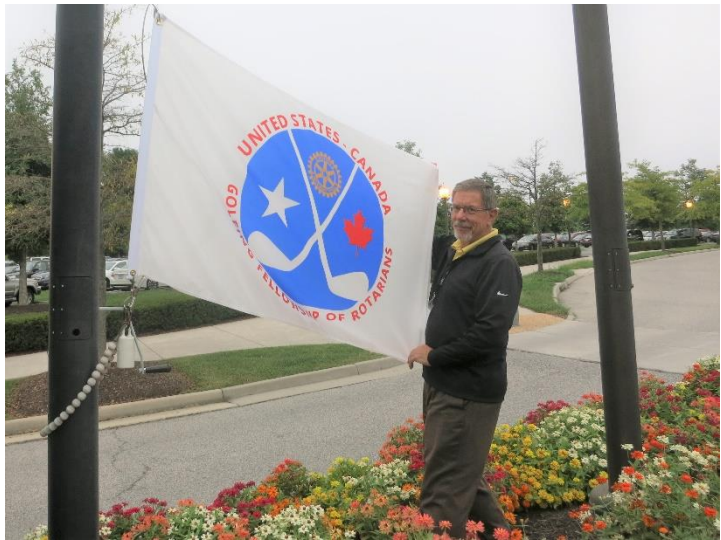
I'd like to enlist all of you to help make the USGFR a stronger organization. What can you do?

1. Support our annual tournament. Our membership stands at over 200 and yet we attract only a fraction of our membership to our annual tournament. Once you join us, you'll be hooked!
2. Promote the USGFR. Tell other Rotarian golfers about our Fellowship and urge them to join us. I have USGFR membership and tournament information available and would love to share it. Just drop me an email or give me a call!
3. Keep your membership current. Even if you've been unable to be with us recently, please keep your dues current and your contact information up to date. We'd hate to have you miss out on a future event because we've lost touch!
4. If you were not able to be with us this year in Blacksburg, I urge you to make plans now to join us in Monterey, California, October 6-10, 2019. Director Jim Pescatore and members of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club and the Monterey Bay Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians are planning a wonderful event filled with outstanding golf, great tours and spectacular Rotary Fellowship. October is a beautiful time of year on the Monterey Peninsula. We hope to see a record crowd in Monterey!

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Opening ceremony and flag raising.





Director's Dinner

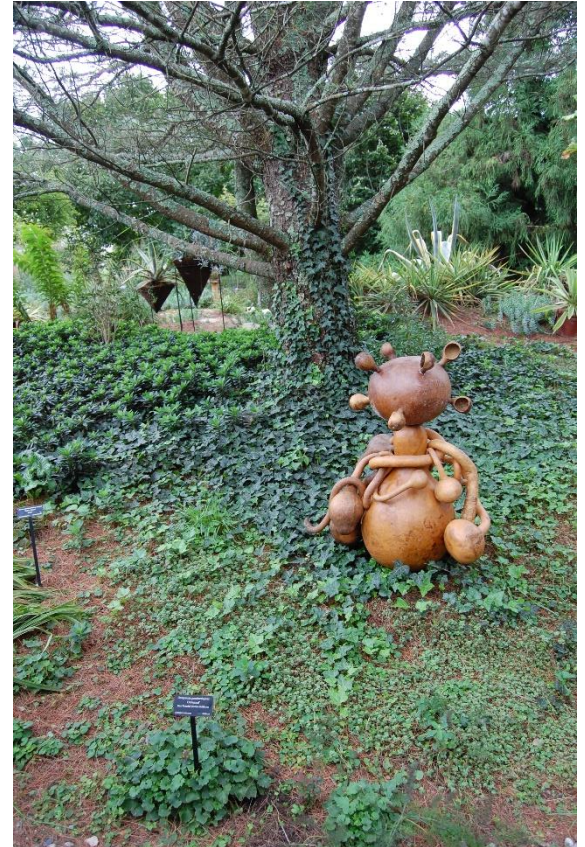


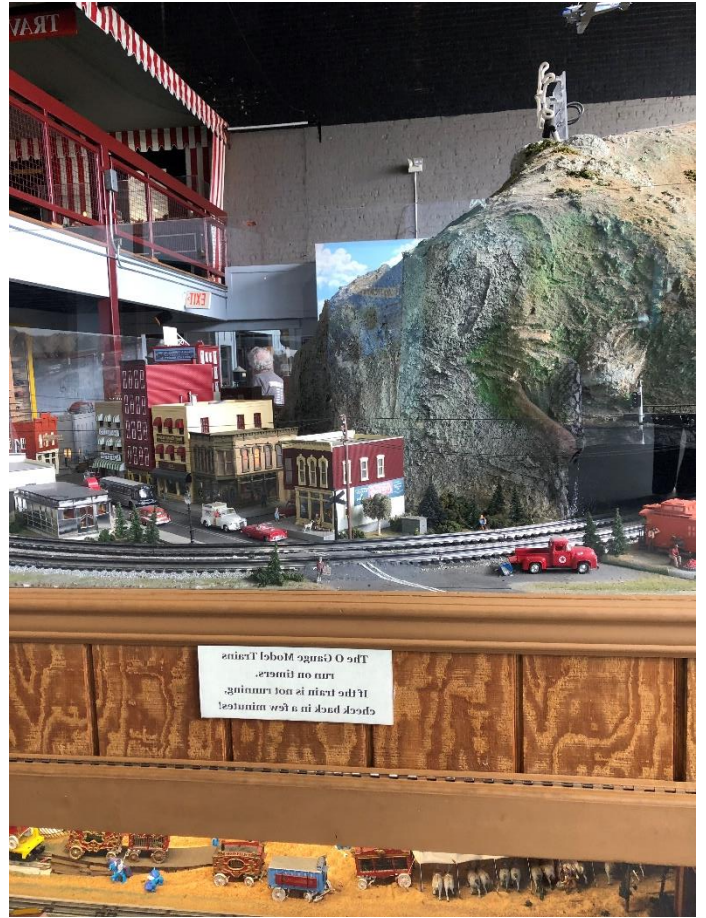






The non- golfers made a visit to the Hahn Gardens, took a tour of the Virginia Tech campus, Smithfield Plantation, and did some wine tasting.





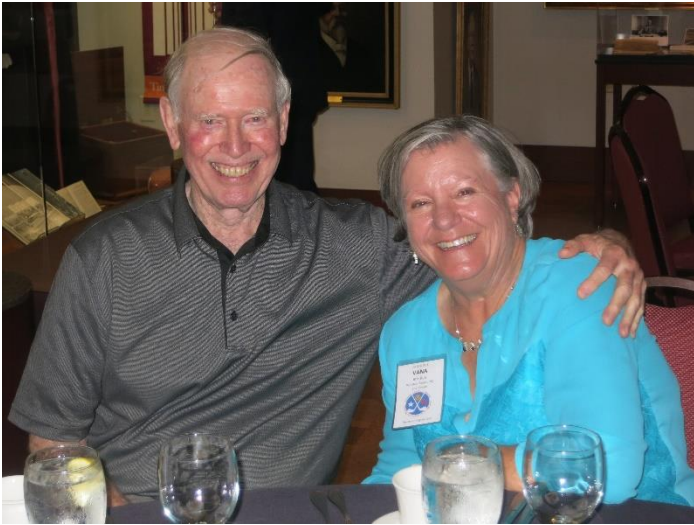












And the trophies go to:









First Time Attendees

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David Brenner

Omer Yalkin

Jeff Clarke

Francine Kruyt

Jan Brehm



2018 USCGFR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center
Blacksburg, Virginia

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Jim Pescatore is the tournament chair for Monterey. Is it true that you have extended an invitation to Tiger? You know that he loves the Monterey venues.



Editor's Note:

In 2010 Gary Hernandez and I ventured to Lake Tahoe to experience the Rotary golf fellowship. It felt like old home week as the group took us in and made us feel welcome in our own backyard. We had about a three hour drive from our hometown of Martinez. We were hooked and made 8 straight venues. We had a conflict and could not attend Blacksburg. However, we are ready for another short drive in October to Monterey and to start another streak.

I'm in my 33rd year in Rotary. I have been to National Conventions, District Conferences, District Assemblies, and I have been president of my club twice. This is one of the best Rotary experiences I have had. I encourage all of you to bring a Rotary friend. If you have not been to the Monterey/Carmel area you are in for a huge treat.

Denny Horack

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30TH ANNUAL USGFR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 6-10, 2019
Monterey Peninsula, California

HOST DISTRICT

District 5230
Rauden Howell Coburn III
District Governor 2019-2020

HOST CLUB

Rotary Club of Pacific Grove
Travis Long
Club President, 2019-2020



Del Monte



Quail Lodge

Del Monte Golf Course, opened in 1897, is the oldest continuously operated golf course west of the Mississippi River. With stunning views of Monterey Bay, Del Monte hosts the professional Monterey Open and the Taylor Made Pebble Beach Invitational, featuring players from the PGA, LPGA, and Champions Tour. Del Monte formerly hosted the Champions Tour First Tee Open.

Quail Lodge and Golf Club is situated in the beautiful Carmel Valley, approximately three miles inland from the Pacific Coast. Quail Lodge Golf Course has been known for its playability, pristine conditions, and beautifully manicured greens since its opening in 1964. The course hosts the California Women's Amateur Championship and the California State Junior Girls Championship. The Carmel River comes into play on several holes.

TRAVELING TO MONTEREY, CA

Monterey is located on California's central coast, approximately 60 miles south of San Jose and 100 miles south of San Francisco. The Monterey Regional Airport is serviced by United, American, Alaska, and Allegiant airlines. San Jose International Airport is serviced by all of the major airlines including Southwest.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course

Nestled within 22 acres of soaring Monterey Pines, the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa on Del Monte Golf Course is a destination hotel providing the most discerning traveler with the quintessential Monterey experience.

Book prior to Sept 4, 2019 to receive the group rate of \$209 Single/Double + tax/resort fees.

TOURS FOR THE NON-GOLFER

Monterey Movie Tour

Whether you're looking for an introductory scenic tour of the area or an alternative to attractions you've already seen, Monterey Movie Tours® is your ticket to a star-studded getaway! This fascinating two-tours-in-one outing features both magnificent landscapes and blockbuster scenes from some 200 movies filmed across the Monterey Peninsula.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is a showcase for the habitats and sea life of one of the world's richest marine regions. More than 35,000 creatures representing over 550 species fill 34 major galleries. With nearly 200 exhibits in all, the Aquarium is a window to the wonders of the ocean.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Sunday Oct 6, 2019

Early Registration / Executive Committee Dinner

Monday Oct 7, 2019

Registration / Practice Round-Del Monte Golf Course / Opening Ceremony and Reception

Tuesday Oct 8, 2019

Round 1 – Del Monte Golf Course / Group Event – Dinner on historic Cannery Row

Wednesday Oct 9, 2019

Round 2 – Del Monte Golf Course / Free Night

Thursday Oct 10, 2019

Round 3 – Quail Lodge Golf Club / Awards Banquet