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Summer USGFR Newsletter

2015

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Editor's Note

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President's Message From Bill Durmer



The 26th Tournament of the Hardy Golfers of USGFR

What a wonderful place to spend time on the links with your friends in a great climate. The Island provided good temps, bright skies, and soft breezes. And, we bunked at the Sonesta Resort—the #1 hotel on the island. While we were competing against Rotarian buddies, but we talked to all & y'all--& laughed a lot.

Our 2015 Tournament yielded really fun golfing, yet great competition. We send our congratulations to Rich Lytle (from Hot Springs Village, AR), our Men's Gross Champion. Jim Hardy (Florida) is our Men's Net Champion, & Millie MacKenzie (Oregon) is our Woman's Net Champion. In addition, Rich Lytle teamed with Peter Towne (Hilton Head--hmmm) and pulled out the win for the Team competition. Hooray.

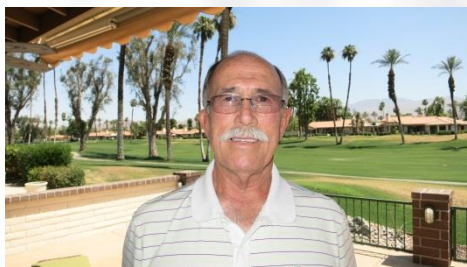
Peter Towne was also the MC and he kept the fun on-going for the golfers and spouses. The spouses saw three interesting tours.

1. The Gullahs are descendants from slaves prior of the Civil War. They are the fantastic weavers using grasses, palm and pine needles—wow.
2. The Rose Hill Mansion built during the Civil War. It is a great mansion.
3. Dolphins in the Calibogue Sound. What playful animals—fun, fun.



The Tournament Director was Ed Dowaschinski from the host Rotary Club: HHI Sunset Rotary. Ed didn't miss a point. And, with his merry Sunset Club troop, they took care of the USGFR folks from everywhere, and then gave us the information on how to really have fun. Thanks much Ed.

Now, we look ahead to our 2016 tournament venue—Albuquerque, New Mexico—September 24 to 28, 2016. Jim Easley, President of the Rio Rancho Sunrise Rotary Club, will be our Tournament Director. We will be bedded at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa. The courses will be Twin Warriors & Santa Ana. For the non-golfers, we'll have tours of Jemez Trail, Bandelier National Monument & Los Alamos and a trip to Santa Fe via the Turquoise Trail. And, a great bonus for us--the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta begins right after our tournament. Plan to stay 3 or 4 days more & see the sky filled with balloons (and you can hotel at the Regency Tamaya for 3 days at the lower cost). We'll look for y'all.



Greetings *from your Executive Secretary,*



Jim Brock

Greetings to all Rotarian Golfers!

USGFR just completed another successful National Championship on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Our hats are off to Tournament Chair Ed Dowaschinski and Hilton Head Island Sunset Rotary President Peter Towne for arranging an outstanding event. The participation of club members should serve as a model for future venue host clubs. Thank you for your efforts!

I also want to recognize our two national champions. Rich Lytle of Arkansas repeated as our National Gross Champion and Jim Hardy of Florida claimed the National Net Champion award. Both are USGFR charter members.

USGFR membership numbers are down slightly from a year ago: 291 members (163 lifetime members and 128 annual members) and the Fellowship finances remain steady from last year.

The Executive Committee continues to seek members to step up and fill director positions. We currently have vacancies in the Middle Central and South West regions and longtime director Lawrence Severino (North East Region) is remaining in his position but seeking a replacement. At our meeting at Hilton Head Island, Dennis Guiser of Kenosha, Wisconsin was appointed director of the North Central Region. Dennis replaces longtime director Nate Naden. My sincere appreciation goes to Nate for his many years of service to our organization. Former Executive Secretary Millie MacKenzie was also appointed an at-large director and will help oversee the North West Region.

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 nearly 300 and yet we attract only a fraction of our membership to our events. 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 couldn't contact you!

If you were not able to be with us this year in Hilton Head, I urge you to make plans now to join us in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 24-28, 2016. Members of the Rio Rancho Sunrise Rotary Club are planning a wonderful event filled with outstanding golf, great tours and spectacular Rotary Fellowship. The weather in New Mexico in September is ideal and, as an added bonus, the world famous Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta begins just two days after our final round. I hope to see a record crowd in Albuquerque!

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You don't need a picture of me, but how about an update of my grandson Clayton?

Hilton Head was a fabulous venue. The ultimate compliment came from Frank Smith. At the awards dinner he said that he had been to all 26 USGFR tournaments and this was by far the best ever. I have only been to 6 but the Hilton Head Rotary Club has set the bar very high. And, the alligators cooperated, we didn't lose a single golfer.

Rotary is about friendships and this fellowship proves that. I look forward to seeing all of you each year. Don't forget to bring a friend to Albuquerque and share the fun and all of our friends.

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Golfing Award Winners

2015 Gross National Champion

Rich Lytle

2015 Net National Champion

Jim Hardy

Men's Division #1: 1st Mike Laughlin
2nd Joel Levi
3rd Patrick Eakes

Men's Division #2: 1st Patrick Clarke
2nd Jim Brock
3rd Richard Kimbell

Men's Division #3 : 1st Peter Young
2nd Bill Durmer
3rd Larry Severino

Women's Division 1st Millie MacKenszie
2nd Janice McKinney

Team Winners 1st Rich Lytle &
Peter Towne
2nd Richard Kimbell &
Bill Durmer

Boy Howdy!! The Hilton Head Sunset Rotary Club certainly knows the meaning of Southern hospitality. They chose a top quality hotel in the Sonesta Resort.

Here is a brief walk through of the 26th USGFR tournament.

Registration and the opening ceremony and banquet were fun. We made new friends and connected with old friends.

All three courses were of the finest quality on the island.

The hospitality suite rated a 10 on all cards.

The Monday night cookout provided excellent food and a beautiful setting. It was very relaxing.

The non-golfers were treated to excellent tours as noted by President Bill.

On the following pages are the photos of the things mentioned above. And we start with our two national champions. Congratulations Rich and Jim.

In my opinion, the event photos depict fun, fellowship and the beauty of the area. Oh and we enjoyed playing on exceptional courses?

Before you leave this newsletter, please direct your attention to the next to last page. Check out the Albuquerque venue. See you there and bring a friend.



Rich Lytle is presented his trophy as our national gross champion.



Jim Hardy is presented his trophy as our national net champion.

Saturday, May 16th Reception



First Time Attendees

Lou & Kay Cosentino

Jim Deas

Paul & Terrell Dougan

Jim & Angie Easley

Dick & Candy Kimbell

Sunday, May 17th Opening Ceremony & Banquet





Legendary Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully loves to tell stories about golfing with his good friend, the equally legendary sportswriter Jim Murray. "He thought of golf as his religion and Riviera as his cathedral," Scully said. "There's a bridge there that spans a canyon on the 10th hole. I look back and see Murray fussing with his golf bag. He takes a ball out and drops it straight into the canyon. I asked him what he was doing. He said, I'm appeasing the golf gods."

Monday, May 18 - Oyster Reef Golf Club





"Listen up, because I've got nothing to say and I'm only going to say it once."

-Yogi Berra



Tour Pictures









Apologies to the non-golfers who took the tours. These were the only photos submitted.



Monday Cookout





Larry "Ace" Newman chowing down. He knew that he would need strength for a hole in one.





Tuesday May 19

Robert Cupp Course at Palmetto Hall Plantation



Ty Cobb set or equaled more than 90 Major League Baseball records, some of which he still holds. But when he died in 1961, only two trophies adorned his mantle. One was his Hall of Fame Induction plaque. The other was a cheap trophy he won for an exhibition golf match in which he beat Babe Ruth.

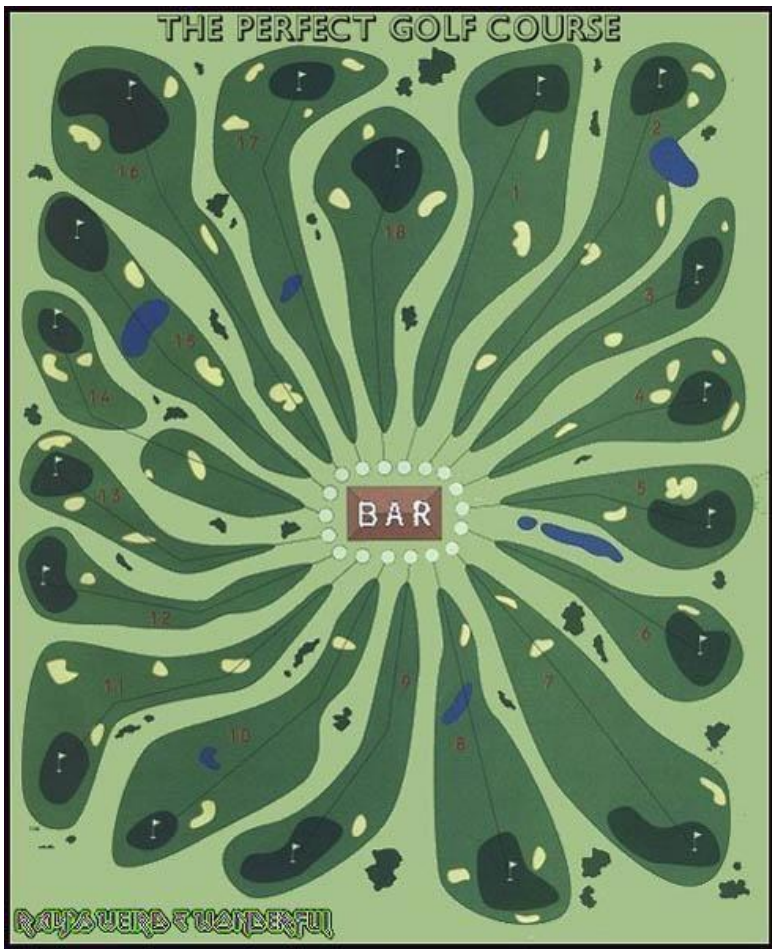


Gary Hernandez finally gets a birdie putt and wanted a ruling. We said no gimmies. Sorry, net double bogey.



“If I’m on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him.” Bob Hope





Hospitality Suite

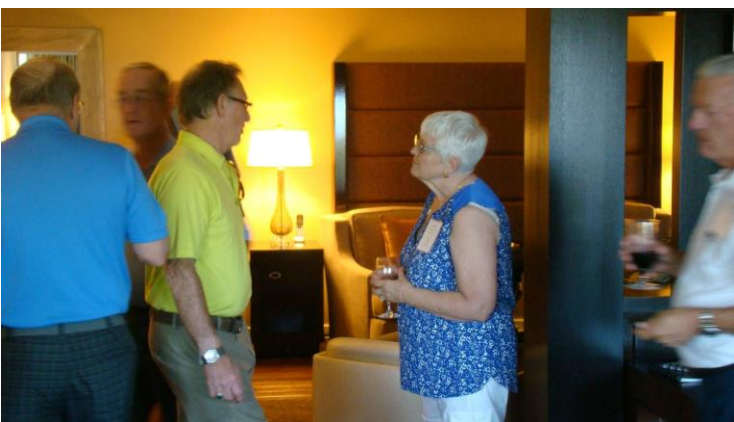


Please notice that Larry Newman is at the bar. On this particular day he had a hole in one. He said that he was buying everyone a drink at the hospitality suite which was completely hosted. Nice try. I checked with Darlene and she said that he would buy all of us a drink in Albuquerque. Now all we have to do is remember.



A golfer walks into the pro shop at the local course and asks the golf pro if they sell ball markers. The golf pro says they do, and they are \$1.00. The guy gives the pro a dollar. The golf pro opens the register, puts the dollar in, and hands him a dime.

This is the same economic model used by our government.



Wednesday May 20 Arthur Hills Course, Palmetto Hall Plantation







Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula. And I took a seven to do that.

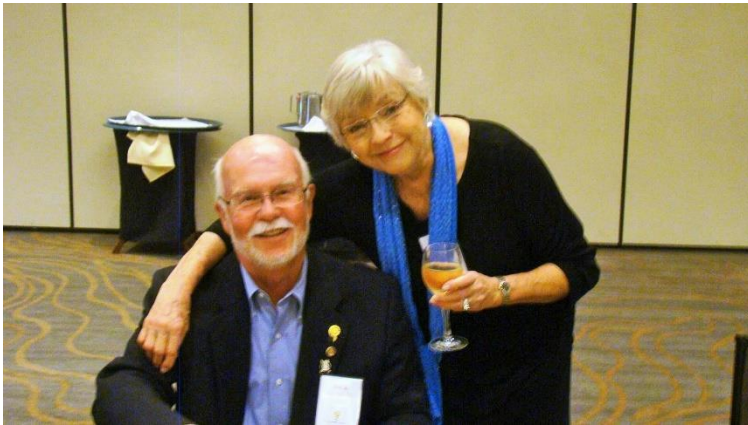
Legendary sportswriter

Jim Murray



Awards Banquet









Watching Sam Snead practice hitting golf balls is like watching a fish practice swimming.

John Schlee, a U.S. Open runner up in 1973

Obituaries

We lost some good friends in the past year or more.

Leo Lauzon

Bob Weir

Dick Watson

Mark Thomas

Richard Sevigny

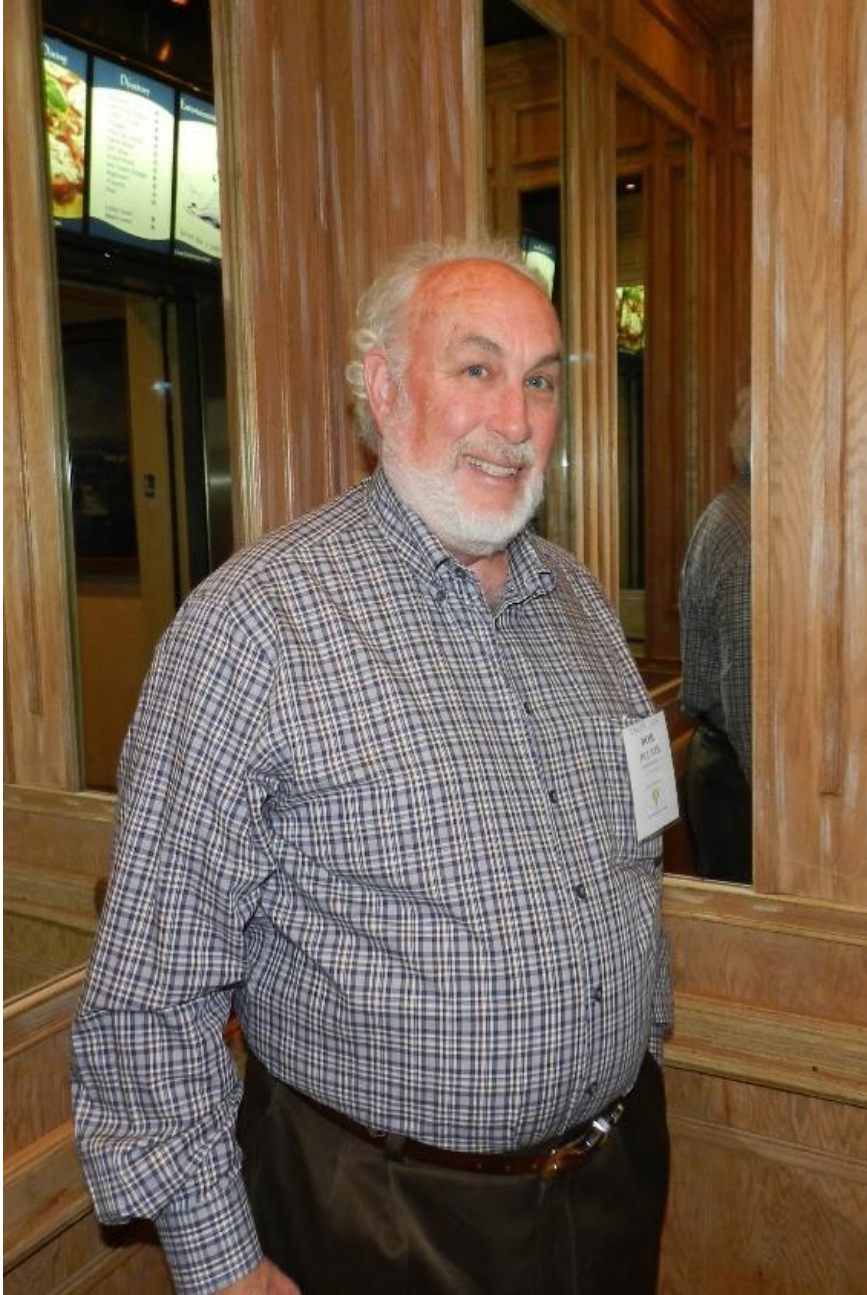
All five were nice men and will be greatly missed.



Leo Lauzon passed shortly after our Gulf Shores venue. He was a director, longtime member and a great guy.



The Martinez boys visit Jack Daniel with Bob Weir---- great memory. We miss you Bob.



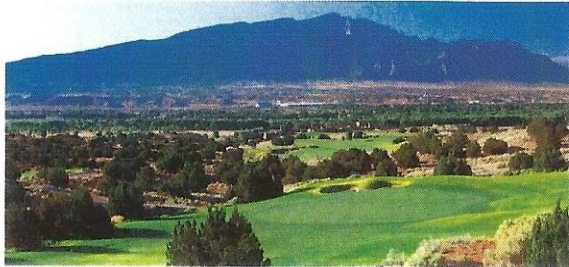
Did you miss Bob Plumb? I saw him hangin' around the hotel.... just keeping an eye on us. We're all hoping Bob makes a speedy recovery.

I want to send out a very special thanks to Michael Shinn from the Hilton Head Sunset Rotary Club. He provided all of the photos for this newsletter. You did a great job sir.



2016

Santa Ana Pueblo
(Between Albuquerque
and Santa Fe)
New Mexico



27th Annual USGFR Tournament

September 24—28, 2016

THE GOLF:

The Tournament is played over 3 days (54 holes); a 2-day division with a break for touring is an option. Golfers are placed in divisions determined by handicap and gender.

THE COURSES:

Twin Warriors Golf Course is eighteen holes of high desert, championship routed in and around 20 ancient cultural sites of previous habitation and activity. The course has beautiful grassy knolls and ridges dotted with Juniper and Pinon Pine. Wonderful dry washes known as arroyos and eroded land features, along with the sacred butte known as Tuyuna or "Snakehead" complete a picture framed by spectacular views of the Sandia Mountains.

Santa Ana Golf Course has been featured by such prestigious publications as Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and the New York Times. It's the same reason that officials tapped Santa Ana as the venue for the 2009 PGA Professional National Championship, and there's a reason it is part of My New Mexico Golf, two of the most celebrated golf facilities in the Southwest.

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THE SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 9/24 Early Registration
Sunday, 9/25 Registration, practice round, tour and opening ceremonies
Monday, 9/26 Golf (Twin Warriors), tour and fellowship at Chuck Wagon Buffet
Tuesday, 9/27 Golf (Santa Ana), tour and Free Night
Wednesday, 9/28 Golf (Twin Warriors), tour and Awards Banquet

ACCOMODATIONS:

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa

- Book by 8/26/2016
- Daily rate of \$189 (includes resort fee & taxes)
- www.tamaya.hyatt.com
- (505) 867-1234



FOR THE NON-GOLFER:

- The Jemez Mountain Trail / Bandalier National Monument / Los Alamos
- Sandia Peak Tram & Artisan Winery
- Meet Albuquerque
- Santa Fe via the Turquoise Trail

REGISTRATION:

- 3-Day Golfer
- 2-Day Golfer
- Non-Golfer
- Extras—Practice round and tours

HOW TO GET THERE:

The Pueblo of Santa Ana is just north of Albuquerque, NM. The Albuquerque International Airport is only minutes away.

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