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The 2017 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



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Editor's Note

If there are any omissions or errors, or if you have any suggestions please let me know.

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President's Message From Patrick Eakes

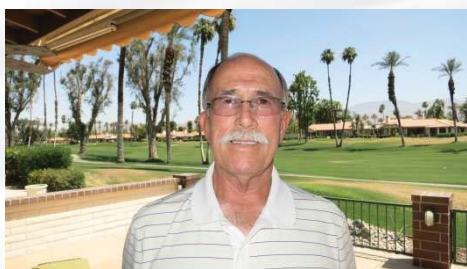
The 28th Tournament of the Hardy Golfers of USGFR

I will always remember the beautiful lake cruise we all enjoyed during the tournament. Seeing the local architecture while dining was a treat, and the sunset over Lake Geneva was stunning. On behalf of all our USGFR members, I offer my heartiest thanks to

tournament chair Dennis Guiser and his team for producing a great tournament that we will all remember for years.

In 2018, our national tournament will be held in Blacksburg, VA, which is nestled on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains. Our home will be the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center, named for former Rotary International President Bill Skelton, and two beautiful golf courses await us. I can't wait to see you again next year in Blacksburg, and I hope you will mark your calendars now for September 23-28, 2018.





Greetings *from your Executive Secretary,*



Jim Brock

Greetings to all Rotarian Golfers!

We just completed another successful USGFR National Championships in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Our hats are off to Tournament Chair Dennis Guiser of the Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club. Jim had a great deal of help from club members Nate Naden and Phil Tobin and from their three wives, Beverly Guiser, Sally Naden and Sandy Tobin. Thank you for your efforts!

I also want to recognize our two national champions. Patrick Eakes of Greensboro, North Carolina repeated as our National Gross Champion and Jim Sissons of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada claimed the National Net Champion award.

I do want to mention several of our tournament regulars who could not join us this year. The effects of Hurricane Irma prevented most of our Florida contingent from making the trip but we are extremely happy to report that none of the group suffered serious property damage. To John Hughes, Jim Hardy, Dennis Jewell and Larry Newman, we're extremely happy that you're okay and we look forward to seeing you in Blacksburg, Virginia in 2018. We also want to recognize Bill Manuel and wife Becky who did manage to get a flight from Florida to our event.

USGFR membership numbers are down from a year ago: 237 members (162 lifetime members and 75 annual members) but the Fellowship finances remain steady from last year.

This year's event welcomed three first time attendees – Gary Beckerle of St. Louis, a guest of Denny Horack, Tom Shaver, our 2018 venue chair from Blacksburg, Virginia, and Joe Craycroft from High Point, North Carolina.

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. Please contact Bill Durmer 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!

If you were not able to be with us this year in Lake Geneva, I urge you to make plans now to join us in Blacksburg, Virginia, September 23-28, 2018. Members of the Christianburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club are planning a wonderful event filled with outstanding golf, great tours and spectacular Rotary Fellowship. September should be a beautiful time of year in Virginia. I hope to see a record crowd in Blacksburg!

Jim Brock

USGFR Executive Secretary

Editors Note

President Eakes & Secretary Brock superbly summarized our visit to Lake Geneva. I only have three comments. 1. I too missed our friends from Florida & Texas and look forward to seeing them at future venues. 2. I want to give a big thanks to the Illinois Beach Sunrise Club for all their work. And thank you for providing a photographer who provided roughly 750 photos. Hopefully as I went through those photos I didn't miss anyone. 3. Please notice our new logo and know that a lot of thought, time and effort went into its creation. We now provide recognition to our Canadian members, friends & partners.

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Opening ceremony and flag raising.















"This is a tough course."









Patrick will not take an unplayable lie penalty.



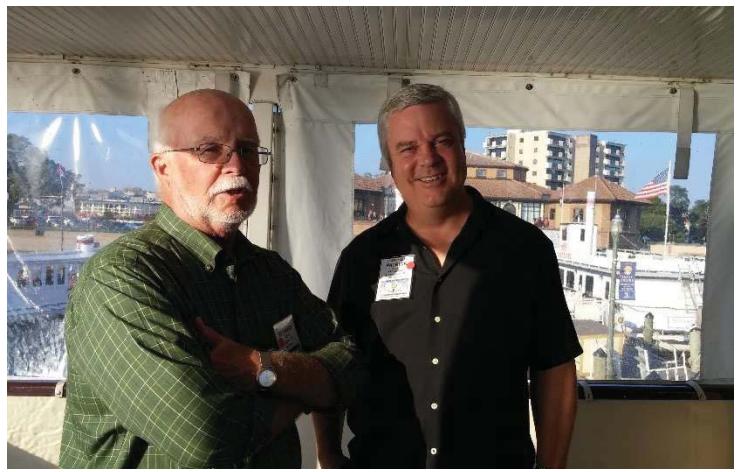
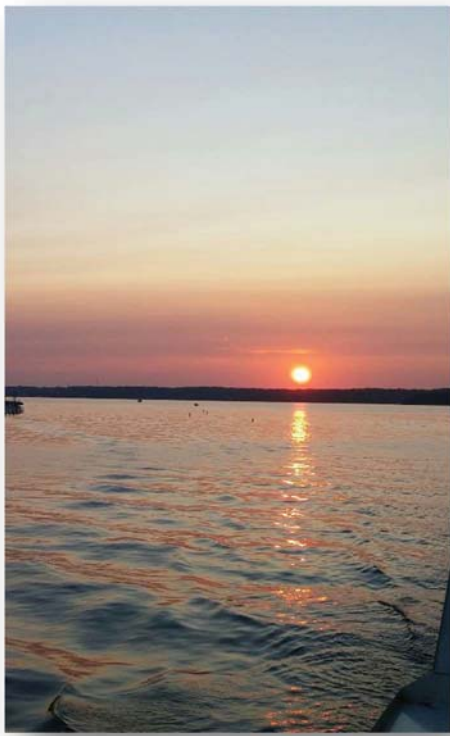




The hospitality room provided a place to boast or moan about your daily round of golf. The popcorn and snacks were good and the pride of Wisconsin, Spotted Cow Lager, was very tasty.







The dinner cruise on Lake Geneva was great. We had views of some incredible homes and mansions. We had good food and of course we enjoyed the fellowship.





I'm not sure what the ladies were doing, but I'm sure that the Cabernet Sauvignon helped.







Jim Brock & Patrick Eakes
recognized our first time
attendees, Tom Shaver, Joe
Craycroft & Gary Beckerle.



President Patrick took to the podium to present awards to the tournament winners.

Patrick Eackes from Greensboro , North Carolina is our Gross National Champion

Jim Sissons from Niagra Falls, On, Canada is our Net Champion

Ed Anderson from Chico, Ca.. & Jim Sissons were the three day team winners

Don Alred & Tom Shaver were the second place team winners

Elaine Durmer from Gulf Shores, Al was our two day champion

Dennis Guiser from Estero, Fl won second place in the two day tournament

Ed Anderson was our net winner in the champion division

Rich Lytle from Hot Springs Village, Ak won second place in the champion division

Bob Blum from San Diego, Ca. won third place in the champion division

Bob Plumb Coronado, Ca. took first place in the Blue & Gold Division

Don Alred from Asheboro, Nc took second place in the Blue & Gold Division

Andrew Young from Thunder Bay On, Canada took third place in the Blue & Gold Division

Tom Shaver from Blacksburg, Va. was our Heritage winner.

Peter Young from Thunder Bay, On, Canada won second place in the Heritage division

Joe Craycroft from High Point, Nc. was the third place winner in the Heritage division

These are photos of the tournament winners





Some final pics at the closing of a great tournament.





Clarence Ned Lester

Ned Lester passed away on February 22, 2017 at the age of 81.

Ned and his wife of 52 years, Rosalyn, were regular participants in the USGFR National Tournament, and Ned served on Executive Committee. Ned was president of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club in 1999-2000 and served Rotary District 7570 as Governor in 2006-2007. He remained active in Rotary, particularly in Youth Service and Rotary Leadership Institute.

Ned received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Tech and his PhD. From Florida State University. He was a Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent and the Associate Dean and Director of Continuing Education at Virginia Tech. Additionally, Ned was very active in his community, serving as an Elder at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and President of the New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra.

Ned loved the Virginia Tech Hokies and painting landscape scenes. Ned was particularly pleased to bring the USGFR National Tournament to Blacksburg in 2018.



2017 Attendees

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29th Annual USGFR National Championships

September 23-28, 2018 in Blacksburg, Virginia

Host District

District 7570 – 80 Clubs
District Governor 2018-2019
George Karnes

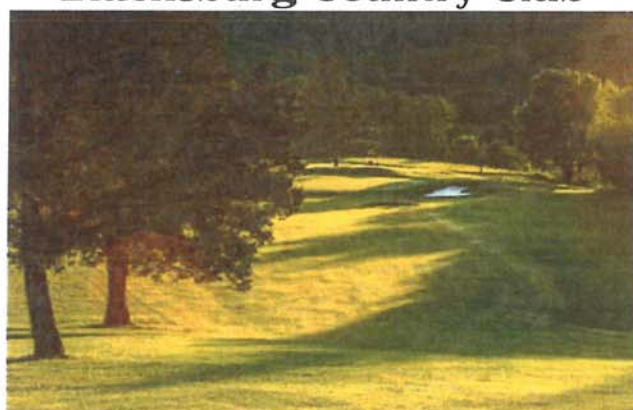
Host Club

Christiansburg-Blacksburg
Club President 2018-2019
Brandon Cross

Pete Dye River Course



Blacksburg Country Club



The two courses are very different. The Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech features the links elements and signature mounding and bunkering for which Pete Dye is famous. There are eight holes bordered by the New River. It was the site of the 2011 NCAA Regional Golf Championships and hosted the 2016 Virginia State Amateur, the only public golf course to do so. It is ranked in the Top 10 of college courses in the U.S. by GOLF Magazine.

Blacksburg Country Club is located in Ellett Valley and presents a more traditional look and feel, with spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. The course designer was Ferdinand Garbin, former President of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. The North Fork of the Roanoke River meanders through the Course and comes into play on several holes.

Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia

- Located 45 minutes Southwest of Roanoke, Virginia
- Home of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Virginia Tech
- “Best Place in the U.S. to Raise Kids” – Bloomberg Businessweek
- “Best College Town in the South” – Southern Living Magazine
- The New River, western boundary of the County, is the oldest in No. America
- Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) is 45 minutes from Blacksburg
- Airlines serving ROA: Allegiant, American, Delta, United

Tournament Calendar

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Early Registration

Monday, September 24, 2018

Registration

Practice Round - Pete Dye River Course

Opening Ceremonies

Reception and Rotary Dinner

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Golf – Blacksburg Country Club

Reception/Dinner – Preston's Patio

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Golf – Pete Dye River Course

Dinner On Your Own

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Golf – Blacksburg Country Club

Awards Banquet

Accommodations – Host Hotel

The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

The Inn, owned by the University, is located at the Northern entrance to campus. As the University's Conference Center, the property hosts 60 – 80 separate events each week.



Book by August 23, 2018 - Daily Rate: \$159 Sgl/\$169 Dbl + Tax – Includes Breakfast
For Reservations: 877-200-3360 or online at www.innatvirginiatech.com

Local Attractions & Tours

Roanoke Tour: Taubman Art Museum, Virginia Museum of Transportation,
Lunch at the historic Hotel Roanoke

Blue Ridge Parkway: Visit Mabry Mill, the most photographed site on the
Blue Ridge Parkway. Lunch at Mabry Mill, Wine Tasting at Chateau
Morrisette Winery.

Blacksburg Tour: Alexander Black House, Moss Arts Center, Smithfield
Plantation, Hahn Horticulture Garden.

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