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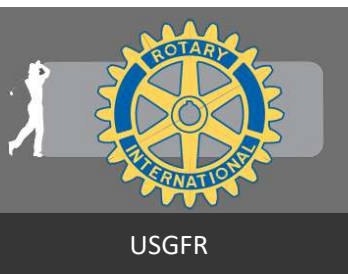


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Summer USGFR Newsletter

2016

The 2016 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 Bill Durmer

The 27th Tournament of the Hardy Golfers of USGFR

Our USGFR outing had many of our friends enjoying pleasant temperatures and bright skies while discovering ways to handle the breezes with the dimpled little ball. FUN. We loved the wonderful Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort nestled in the mountains.



Our Tournament Chairman, Jim Easley, produced a great tournament. He was supported by members of his Rotary Club and Jim Brock.

The non-players had terrific activities including the Bondelier Tour in the mountains, the Sandia Peak Tram over the mountains, the Turquoise Trail to Santa Fe, and then a day exploring Albuquerque. WOW!

As the outgoing President of USGFR, I enjoyed working with the 15 Executive Committee Members and the "Jims" (Easley and Brock). I would like to recognize and thank Dr. Lawrence Severino for his service working as the North East director 12 years. Joe Germano will take over as the North East director in the coming year. Thanks Joe.

Also, many thanks to Nate Naden for his 20 years of service in the area of publicity. He also served as director in North Central. Dennis Guiser has taken the job of director in that area. Thanks Dennis. We certainly get great people to advance the USGFR.

Thanks to all in the Executive Committee who helped us to move ahead. Congratulations to Patrick Eakes, moving from Director-at-Large to our President for the next 3 years. Thank you Patrick! Mr. Eakes has many thoughts for our USGFR to go deeper to have our organization grow. We know Patrick will use the Committee brain power to support his efforts.





Greetings *from your Executive Secretary,*



Jim Brock

Greetings to all Rotarian Golfers!

We just completed another very successful USGFR National Championships on the Santa Ana Pueblo in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our hats are off to Tournament Chair Jim Easley and the other members of the Rio Rancho Sunrise Rotary Club for arranging an outstanding event. Thank you for your efforts! I also want to recognize our two national champions. Patrick Eakes of Greensboro, North Carolina was crowned our new National Gross Champion and Don Forbes of Christchurch, New Zealand claimed the National Net Champion award.

Patrick Eakes was actually a double winner this year. Not only was he crowned National Champion, he also succeeded Bill Durmer as president of this organization. Thank you Bill (and wife Elaine) for an outstanding three years of "Service Above Self."

USGFR membership numbers are down from a year ago: 245 members (160 lifetime members and 85 annual members) but the Fellowship finances remain steady from last year. One very positive note regarding membership: This year's event welcomed 11 first time attendees.....a record, according to USGFR charter member Dr. Frank Smith. (And Frank should know.....he's played in all 27 USGFR National Championships!)

The Executive Committee continues to seek members to step up and fill director positions. We currently have vacancies in the North East, Middle Central and South West regions. Please contact Patrick Eakes if you'd like to join the 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 Albuquerque, I urge you to make plans now to join us in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, September 11-15, 2017. Members of the Illinois Beach Sunrise 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 Wisconsin. I hope to see a record crowd in Lake Geneva!

Jim Brock
USGFR Executive Secretary

Editors Note

As is my habit with the newsletter, I present an update of my wonderful grandson, Clayton. Notice that there is also a picture of a trophy that I won in Nashville in 2011. Clayton wanted to know if that was the only time that I have won in the seven years that I have belonged to the USGFR. I told him that I won a shirt this year for closest to the hole. In fact, I beat the great Patrick Eakes for that honor. He said wow! I guess he has a little of his grandfather in him.



All seven of the venues that I have attended have been wonderful. The Hyatt Tamaya Resort was also exceptional. The facilities were top quality and the onsite staff were wonderful. The Twin Warriors course was beautiful but was not kind to this golfer. The Santa Ana was also beautiful and a better fit for me, but still no trophy.

I want give a shout out to Jim Easley and the small but mighty Rio Rancho Sunrise Rotary Club as they were accommodating in every way, including the local tours that they arranged. Thanks for being such a gracious host.

And also, thanks to Bill Durmer for leading the organization for the last three years with his always cheerful Elaine at his side.

After you check out the pictures, (most of which were submitted by Larry Newman, Elaine Durmer & Susan Brock) I want to direct your attention to the last two pages. It's all about Lake Geneva next September. It looks outstanding and "Ya Just Gotta be there".

Denny Horack, Editor

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We had a challenging and fair competition in 8 categories, with most golfers playing on two great courses at Twin Warriors and Santa Ana. Hats off!

The 8 categories included the 2016 USGFR Men's Gross Champion, Men's Net Champion, & Women's Net Champion. We had Men's divisions: 1-Champions, 2-Blue & Gold, & 3-Heritage. The other divisions are Two Day Champion, and 2-Golfers Team. We played using Stableford points: GROSS points for the 2016 Champion, and all other champions were based on Stableford NET points. The scores were very close in all categories.

Congratulations to all of the winners. We were all winners--we had a great time of golf, fellowship, and food. Our thanks to the Santa Ana Pueblo Club, particularly Jim Easley (Tournament Director and MC--what a dual selection).

To learn more about our 2016 tournament and our United States Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians, please go to our website (www.usgfr.com) and click "2016 Tournament". We look forward to seeing you in Lake Geneva, WI, September 11 to 15 of 2017, our 28th Tournament.

Gross National Champ

Patrick Eakes



Patrick Eakes is our National Gross Champion based on collecting the highest Gross Stableford points. Patrick lives in Greensboro, NC with his wife Kristen.

The Directors of the USGFR Executive Committee would also like to congratulate Patrick on becoming the new President of USGFR.



Don Forbes from New Zealand is our NET Champion.



Ed Anderson from Chico, CA is our Champions winner.



Phil Tobin from Wadsworth, IL, is our 2-Day Champion.



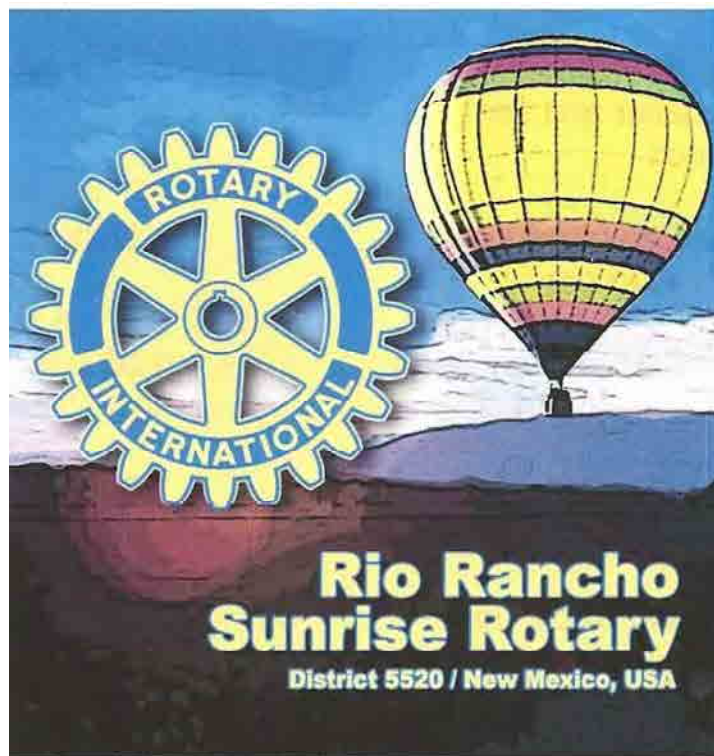
Bob Plumb from Coronado, CA is our Blue & Gold winner.



Deb Knowles from Alameda, California is our Women's Net Champion.



Dr. Jim Hardy from Winter Park, FL, is our Heritage winner.



Outside of the beautiful Hyatt Tamaya Resort we were treated to a display of vintage Roll Royce's that were driven from different parts of the United States.



All smiles at the director's dinner. Please contact Patrick Eakes if you are interested in a position on the board including newsletter editor.



Rich Lytle made a new friend. I'll bet it cost a bunch to ship him home.





“It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.”
-Babe Ruth



'A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par 3 the priest asks, 'What are you going to use on this hole, my son?'

The young man says, 'An iron, father. How about you?'

The priest says, 'I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray.'

The young man hits his iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, 'I don't know about you, father, but in my church when we pray we keep our heads down.'





Don Forbes gave this editor a thrill with a hole in one. It was only the second time that I witnessed one in person. Don generously took care of us at the chuck wagon dinner.







Ouch. This was tough stuff and it seemed to find my ball frequently.





“These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.”

Sam Snead



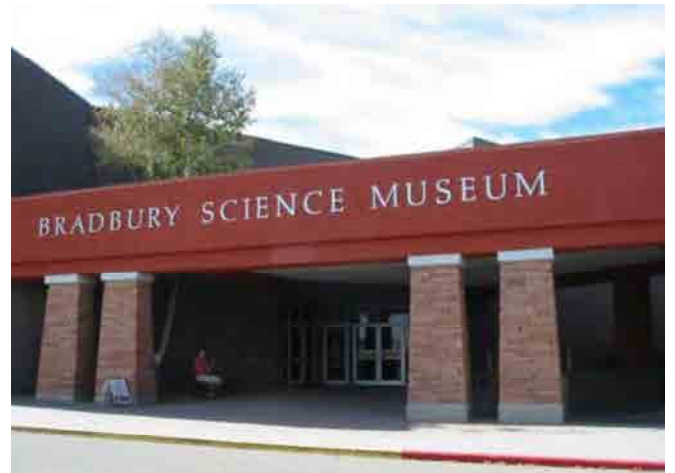
The following pages of photos are from the chuckwagon dinner, the tours and the awards banquet. Again, thank you to Larry Newman, Susan Brock and Elaine Durmer for sending these.



OK Bob Plumb, what's going on here? It looks like two stages of slumber and then a rude awakening.









Nice pants Jon. I guess that Rotary has gotten away from tattoos. Now they issue the District Governor a pair of pants. There is no pain and it is probably more economical. You wear them well.



"When do you think this
oversize craze will end?"



RULE 6.A.9(k)

THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR SO-CALLED "OUT OF BOUNDS." IF PENNY-PINCHING GOLF COURSE OWNERS BOUGHT SUFFICIENT LAND, THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR. THE SENIOR GOLFER DESERVES AN APOLOGY, NOT A PENALTY.

















President Bill welcomed eleven first time participants. Some joined the USGFR and some were guests of members. Here is the list of the first timers.

Dave Baland from Rio Rancho, NM
Nick Brown from Clayton, NM
Steve Furtado from Pleasant Hill, CA
Don Forbes from Christchurch, NZ
Steve Hiatt from Bonita Springs, FL
Deb Knowles from Alameda, CA
Lynn Lewis from Mississauga, ON Canada
Ken Lewis from Mississauga, ON Canada
Bill Manuel from Winter Park, FL
Robert Smith from Markham, ON Canada
Jonathan Spillman from Greensboro, NC

Welcome and please join us in Lake Geneva.

More photos of the category winners with the PREZ.







Thanks again to Bill Durmer for three great presidential years. You left the USGFR in good shape for president Patrick Eakes and the rest of us. And Elaine kept us smiling with her Betty Boop golf Shoes.



In Memoriam 2016:

Dean Johnson

Dean Johnson of Fort Collins, CO was a charter member of USGFR and passed away on April 12, 2015. Dean's widow Marie writes: "Although he was not able to participate in the tournaments these past few years.....he enjoyed every event and often reminisced of his fond memories and Rotarian friends."

Ray Taylor

Ray passed away on Feb. 16, 2016 at the age of 91.

Ray was a Life member of IGFR and a Charter Life member of the USGFR. He served as our president in 1999-2001 and also in 1993. He was IGFR president in 1998 and 2001. Ray was a polio survivor and was the founder of the Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group. He was a past District Governor and received Rotary International's Service Above Self award in 1997.

Richard Herbert "Dick" Trotter

Dick passed away on Dec. 9, 2015 at the age of 91.

Dick was a charter member of USGFR and took the love of this golf fellowship back to his home club in Pacific Grove, CA. There, he was instrumental in the founding of the Monterey Bay Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians in 1991. Since then, MBGFR has held monthly tournaments throughout California and MBGFR members have been consistent supporters of the USGFR. Seven MBGFR members are participating in this event.

Rest In Peace, Dean, Ray and Dick



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28th Annual

USGFR National Championships

September 11-15, 2017

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Host District District 6440

District Governor 2017-2018 - **Donald Brewer**

75 clubs

The District includes areas in the northeastern part of Illinois

Host Rotary Club

Illinois Beach Sunrise

Club President 2017-2018 - **Donna Linder**

The club has 21 members as of 8/20/16



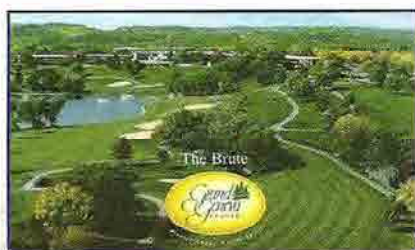
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

- The City of Lake Geneva is located in southeastern Wisconsin, 10 miles north of the Illinois state line, 75 miles NNW of Chicago and 45 miles SW of Milwaukee WI.
- It was recognized in 2009 as, One of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- The city sits on the eastern shore of Geneva Lake in Walworth County.



Grand Geneva

Grand Geneva's stunning grounds have been recognized by Conde Nast Traveler, which named the campus one of the Top 10 Northern Golf Resorts in the United States. With two distinct courses, the resort provides plenty of opportunities for the golf enthusiast. The resorts 1,300 acres make for some awe-inspiring views. As you survey the scene you can't help but want to get on the beautiful fairways.



The Brute

The Brute, one of the most challenging layouts in the Midwest, stretches over 7,000 yards and features a par 72 layout. Designed by Robert Bruce Harris, the course features 68 bunkers and huge rolling greens averaging more than 8,000 square feet.



The Highlands

With its picturesque landscape of scenic hills, trickling creeks and lush foliage, The Highlands instantly transports golfers to the hills of Northern Scotland. A shorter alternative to the Brute, the course was created by golf legends Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus.

The Schedule

Monday, September 11, 2017

Early Registration

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Registration

Practice Round at the Highlands Course

Opening Ceremonies and Reception

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Golf Highlands Course

Dinner On Your Own

Thursday, September 14, 2017

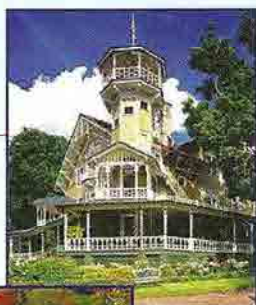
Golf Brute Course

Dinner Cruise

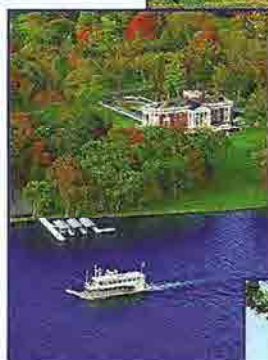
Friday, September 15, 2017

Golf Highlands Course

Awards Banquet



Black Point Estate



Boat Cruise



Johnsons Wax Tour



Lake Geneva Shopping

Accommodations

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa

Book by, August 14, 2017

Daily rate of \$199

(the rate includes resort fee and taxes)

(262) 248-8811

www.GrandGeneva.com



For The Non-Golfer

Narrated sightseeing boat tour along the north shore of the lake before disembarking at the Black Point Estate for a guided tour of the 1888 home and grounds

Guided tour Johnson Wax research facility designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, movie about the founders, lunch on Lake Michigan shore and a tour of the home designed for the Johnson's by Frank Lloyd Wright

Trolley ride to downtown Lake Geneva, one-mile walking tour of estates, lunch and shopping in downtown Lake Geneva and a return trolley to Grand Geneva

Directions

Grand Geneva is conveniently located between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Preferred vendor shuttles are available from both Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee and O'Hare Airport in Chicago. Special group pricing is available at goriteway.com.

There is also a private, FFA-approved executive airport on site.

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