

The 53rd National Golf Tournament was hosted by Nest 80, South Bend, IN last month. Tournament chairs Bob Kuzmich and Lorra Junk did a great job organizing the event. The staff at Nest 80 was amazing especially Kim and Mike. Ken Staszewski and his crew cooked fabulous food for both nights!

One hundred and twelve golfers happily arrived in South Bend on Wednesday to check in, catch up and enjoy each other. Four golfers received partial refunds to a death (one of the golfers Mom passed away) and Covid concerns for the other three.

Both hotels were very close to the Nest hall; even though the Nest provided shuttle service.

The courses were fairly close as well. Both mornings tee off time was at 9:00 on beautiful mornings! The weather was probably the best we have ever had! Each golfer received a goodie bag and a bottle of water compliments of Nest 80.

The folks at Elbel and Erskine could not have been nicer. Their entire staffs were very kind and accommodating. We hear that Erskine had never sold so much food or beverages as the day we were there.

Our first day was at Erskine and they did not have a sound system. It was encouraging to me how many noticed and commented about our not singing the anthems.

Friday morning, Sue Kobek and Vicky Mlynarczyk (South Bend) led us in the singing of the Polish anthem. Dave Grine (New Castle) then led us in the singing of the American anthem.

Neither course had a cart person so Sandy Czerniewski (St. Louis) and Dan Dolata (Pittsburgh) (both of whom are golfers but were unable to golf due to health reasons) who had come to support the tournament drove around both days to keep the golfers hydrated!

District VI President Mary Pluta took care of the card game.

District VI National Director Mark Albin attended both days and was very helpful. He took pictures of each group and shared them with Courtney.

At the turn, when the golfers came in Mark took a photo of their score card. Mark would read the scores while I would input them into the computer and John (Nicpon) would write the scores for the skins! Beginning the tabulations during the day made the final scoring much simpler.

The four of us had a great time and they made my life much easier!

Winners for both events were both announced on Friday evening. Thursday is a Singles event and Friday is a doubles Scramble. As an FYI, each golfer confirmed their handicap with me prior to golfing. The golfers were awarded cash prizes. The skill holes each received boxes of golf balls.

Entertainment was fun each evening with some impressive karaoke going on.

The 2023 54th National Golf Tournament will be hosted by Nest 493, Batavia, NY. In 2024, the PFA will head back to Jackson, MI for the 55th event.

The winners of the golf were announced at the tournament Friday evening and listed in a blog.

The winners of my awards were:

- Best dressed man-Larry Szymanski (a visor)
- Best dressed woman-Barb Kosciolek (thermal lunch bag) (this was a random drawing as all the women look very nice)
- Most participants-Nest 45 with 15 in attendance (this is a traveling trophy which is actually a gnome on a motorcycle with an American and Polish flag on the back fender)
- Traveled the furthest-I had announced Nest 580 but was informed that Nest 519 is actually a few miles further. Nest 580 kindly sent it to Joe McLean of Nest 519, Middletown. This is also a traveling trophy that is a customized Falcon hubcap!
- Early Bird gift went to Chuck Johns for being the first to register. Chuck received a Hawaiian shirt covered in birds.

Nest 80 was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation for providing Merriment, Fraternalism and Friendship.

Most of our Districts were represented:

District II:

- Nest 45, St. Louis, MO
- Nest 907, Cicero, IL

District IV:

- Nest 8, Pittsburgh
- Nest 41, New Kensington, PA
- Nest 146, New Castle, PA
- Nest 159, Ford City, PA
- Nest 182, Ambridge, PA
- Nest 804, Headquarters

District V:

- Nest 307, Southington, CT
- Nest 519, Middletown, CT
- Nest 580, Pittsfield, MA

District VI:

- Nest 4, South Bend, IN
- Nest 80, South Bend, IN
- Nest 276, Muskegon, MI
- Nest 564, LaPorte, IN

District IX:

- Nest 52, Rochester, NY
- Nest 74, Auburn, NY
- Nest 430, Auburn, NY
- Nest 493, Batavia, NY

- Nest 610, Erie, PA

District XIII:

- Nest 31, Detroit, MI
- Nest 79, Southgate, MI
- Nest 86, Hamtramck, MI
- Nest 336, Jackson, MI

Officers in attendance:

- Former Second VP Bobby Joe Gorny
- Former District VI Director Bill Junk (and Nest 80 President)
- Former National Golf Commissioner Mary Whalen
- Insurance Agent John Denning
- District VI National Director Mark Albin
- District XIII National Director Chuck Johns
- District VI President Mary Pluta
- Parkway Advisors-Chad Hoes
- National Marketing Director Jared Gostanczik
- National Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Gregg
- National President Tim Kuzma

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Patricia B. Del Busse

National Golf Commissioner