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The year in golf: 1999 tournaments grow from one to three

The year began with the crazy idea of expanding the very popular Holiday Weekend Golf Tour to include July 4th and Labor Day. This was suggested by the heavily drinking host of the Memorial Day golf outing; a member of the Executive Committee (EC) incoherently agreed.

There was not much thought, at first, about what planning may be necessary to expand our insatiable desire to play golf at two new Midwest locations. But who needs a reason to play

golf? Speaking as one-third of the EC, I believe everyone had a good time at each event.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Indianapolis third of the EC, please phone, write, or e-mail Phil (pcoudret@nationalcity.com) or me (jpearson@wje.com). The Chicago postal system is notorious for losing mail; I think Mr. Jester's invitations have fallen victim to this phenomenon. I know Mark would not miss two Memorial Day events in a row without

a good reason. It is going to be tough enforcing the two-missed-events-and-you're-out rule on a member of the EC. For others, like Bill Steverson, it won't be as hard.

We plan on having events again in 2000 for Memorial Day in Evansville, 4th of July in Chicago, and Labor Day in Lexington. Read on to find out what happened at the 1999 events and how you can participate in this year's golf extravaganzas.

1999 Memorial Day Golf Outing — Evansville, Indiana

A few things changed with the 1999 event; others stayed the same. As usual, it rained on us. And, as usual, it did not dampen our zest for playing golf. Well, maybe it did for a few people. But the rain always keeps the media and fans away, which is good for those of us who have a hard enough time concentrating without all of the groupies eyeing us.

The prize for this and all other events was money. Money is the one prize that winners will not leave at the Theriacs' for Mary to clean up. People did not seem to mind this change in the award structure. Cash goes with any occasion.

We paired last year's winners (as usual) and the 1997 winners together before conducting the "blind" draw. The 1997 winners were paired because C.J. Theriac forgot to ask his boss (Mitch) for the day off and could not help Sean Thomson defend their 1997 title in 1998. The 1998 winners, Tim

P. Krumm and Mike Mohr, defended their title admirably and posted a 68. The 1997 winners did not fair as well. They posted a 70. A conversation between C.J. and Sean was overheard in which C.J. told Sean not to worry that since he quit working for Mitch he had a lot of time to work on his game. It looks like Sean relied on C.J. too much.

The EC hopes that these four will not be paired up again in the near future. The winning team of Teresa Krumm, Andy Theriac, and Bill Pearson posted a 6-under par 64. This is the lowest score ever for the Memorial Day event.

The team scores are posted on page 2. Due to increased production costs (Julie isn't going to do this for free forever), we have not included photos of each team. Until I win one of these stupid events, I am not paying for the extra printing costs.

Make your travel plans for 2000 now and celebrate the holidays of summer with at least 18 holes of golf!

**Memorial Day — Evansville, IN
Fourth of July — Chicago, IL
Labor Day — Lexington, KY**

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Fun at the 1999 Memorial Day Golf Tournament, continued from page 1

Steve Boyd organized some side wagering to liven things up a little. Although gambling is strictly prohibited at this event, it is strongly encouraged. I believe the people that won some money enjoyed the skins game and those that did not felt like losers.

Sean Thomson walked away with some cash despite not posting the low score. He won both longest drive holes. The first long drive hole was #2, a rather wide-open, fairly straight 475-yard hole. Sean poked the ball approximately 307 yds $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. The second long drive hole was #18, which is also a fairly straight 485-yard hole that borders the driving range, which usually reeks havoc with slicers. Sean hit his drive approximately 354 yds $10\frac{1}{2}$ in. During the post round media session Sean said that on #2 he probably could have hit it further but was not warmed up and on #18 he was a little tired from the round and was opting for control rather than distance. Note: These driving distances were measured by Mitch Theriac and verified by no one.

Teresa Krumm won the first closest-to-the-pin hole. This was hole #5, a challenging 150-yard hole with a small pond just to the right of the tee box. Unsubstantiated reports have claimed that the water-golf ball attraction of this pond is ten times that of normal ponds on golf courses. This unusual phenomenon has been reported to the X-Files division of the FBI. A report is forthcoming. Back to golf, Teresa placed her ball approximately 3 ft $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from the hole with

a pitching wedge. When interviewed, Teresa said that she was going to use her sand wedge but the wind was blowing against her so she was forced to take one more club length. Her team ended up paring the hole. Obviously the hardest putts to make are those 3 feet and in.

Father Jack Frerker won the other closest-to-the-pin hole. This was #17, a long 175-yd hole protected by bunkers on either side of the green. Fr. Jack rolled the ball to within 2 in. of the cup for a birdie 2. It seems that God can help the priest win money but he can't give us one day of golf without rain. When asked, Jack said that he prayed for a sunny day or to win some money. Jack said he used a 7 iron but he probably could have used any club. There were reports that the clouds separated and the sun shined down on just this hole as Jack teed up the ball. At that moment Jack said, "What the hell, give me any club to hit. I have a good feeling about this hole." He said this even though his partner, Steve Boyd, had just hit his ball fairly close to the hole. God probably did not want to make the day too enjoyable for that many questionable people, so God answered the easy part of Jack's prayers.

Thanks to the Theriacs for hosting the post-game ceremonies and all

Teresa Krumm, Andy Theriac, and Bill Pearson	64
Tim P. Krumm and Mike Mohr	68
Ed Pool and Jerry Murphy	69
Sean Thomson and C.J. Theriac	70
Frank Mohr and Jack (father-in-law of Mike Mohr)	70
John Pearson and Phil Coudret	71
Mitch Theriac and Dave Felletti	71
Ed Shannon and Bill Aldrich	73
Jack Frerker and Steve Boyd	74
Leo Zegler and Tim R. Krumm	74
Jean Taylor and Mike Thomson	77
Tom Rees and Phil Pool	78
Mark and Adriana Wright	84
Jim Pearson and Jim Coudret	84

those that helped getting the food ordered, purchased and prepared. I will be in touch with Mitch and Mary to find out if they have raised their banquet fees for this year.

The venue has changed for this year's outing. The 2000 Memorial Day Golf Outing will be held at Eagle Valley Golf Course in Evansville (visit members.iwic.net/jearson to see a map). We will be playing on Sunday, May 28. The first tee time is tentatively scheduled for 10 AM. We have reserved seven tee times so far. The cost is \$30 and includes green fees and cart. An entry form is included with this newsletter. Please return your entry form no later than May 8, 2000, to reserve your spot.

First Ever Fourth of July Golf Outing—Chicago(land), Illinois

The Fourth of July outing was held at Nordic Hills Resort in Itasca, Illinois, on a very hot and humid day.

Mitch Theriac, Ed Pool, and Willie McKinney encouraged this outing during a golf weekend in Jacksonville, Illinois. Out of the three, only Mitch attended. I think his leash is the longest.

The course at Nordic Hills was in good condition considering the drought that affected the Midwest. The greens were very fast and consisted of glass painted green to look like grass. The fairways had grass, but they were very hard.

Despite the playing conditions (at least it was not raining), everybody had a good time. We had a good turnout, with people coming from as far away as Texas (Kenneth Rudy, Stanley Sultar, and Howard Farfel) plus the diehards from Evansville (Jean Taylor and Mitch and Mary Theriac), and many locals. (I am not sure if Crete is considered a suburb of Chicago yet. We will have to ask Kevin Kelly and Dave Thompson how they feel about that.)

Play was a two-person scramble. Teams were chosen based on a very complicated mathematical formula developed during my graduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I will not go into the details of the formula, but suffice it to say that if two people wanted to be paired together, the magic 8-ball was shaken and a decision was made. As with the Memorial Day outing, all prizes were cash and Steve Boyd organized the skins game. Posted

below are the team scores. Mary Theriac and Steve Boyd were the winners with a low score of 4 over par 74 (see above about playing conditions).

Prizes for this outing were for 1st and 2nd place, two closest-to-the-pin, and two longest-drive.

The first closest-to-the-pin winner was Mark Menacker on hole #6. This is a 182-yard hole over a small creek or, at the time of the outing, a ditch. Mark hit the ball approximately

"really close" to the hole. It really does not matter *how* close he hit the ball to the hole because he was the only one that landed his ball on the green.

The second closest-to-the-pin winner was Kenneth Rudy on hole #13. This is an intimidating 81-yd. hole over a huge gorge with the green tilted toward the gorge. Apparently playing on the Nike Tour helped Kenneth overcome any fears he had so that he could place the ball approximately 3 in. from the hole.

Kenneth's tour experience has not been verified, but, based on the money he won for this hole, his team placing second, and the skins game during this event, he may have qualified for the PGA Tour next year.

The first longest-drive hole winner was Kevin Rutherford on hole # 7. This is a long, 411-yd, slight dogleg

right par 4 hole with a tee shot over a dry creek bed. For those of us that were playing in front of Kevin and his partner Jim Kliebhan, we can attest to their driving capabilities (however inconsistent). On the par 4, 285-yd #4 hole, Jim and Kevin both hit past the green as we were putting. Golf etiquette is really taking a turn for the worst. Kevin's drive on #7 was approximately 285 yds. 3 1/16 in. (give or take 1/8 in.).

The second longest-drive hole winner was Don Metter on hole #12. This is a 489-yd. par 5 hole that is straight, very few fairway or green side bunkers and straight, deceptively easy and straight, and the No. 1 handicapped hole and straight. Don hit a fairly straight approximately 301-yd. drive. Eyewitness accounts have reported that Don was the only one to land on the fairway.

Note: The above approximate distances were not measured.

Thanks to everyone who attended. I think it was a lot of fun, even if my partner refused to watch the line of any putts. This year's event weather promises to

be just as hot and humid. I hope everyone can attend. We will be playing at Buffalo Grove Golf Course on Sunday, July 2. This is a challenging course with longer par threes than Nordic Hills (sorry, Kenneth). The cost is \$45 for green fees and cart and the first tee time is 11:30 AM.



Mary Theriac and Steve Boyd	74
Kenneth Rudy and Ron Pickard	75
C.J. Theriac and Leo Zegler	76
Dave Thompson and Paul Krauss	80
Jim Kliebhan and Kevin Rutherford	81
Stanley Sultar and Howard Farfel	81
Keith Menacker and Mark Menacker	82
Dave Felletti and Don Metter	84
Mitch Theriac and Jim Pearson	84
Dave Nixon and John Pearson	88
Kevin Kelly and Jean Taylor	96

Labor Day in Lexington, Kentucky: First Fall Holiday Tournament in 1999

Two people can take the credit (or blame) for the Labor Day Outing: Mike Thomson and Julie Pearson. While celebrating the 1998 holidays with family, Julie and Mike felt Labor

Day was the perfect time to spend in Lexington, Kentucky. And what else is there to do in Lexington when it is not basketball season and UK football is *usually* not worth seeing? Play golf, of course.

The outing was held at The Campbell House Golf Club or, as Sean affectionately calls it, the "Blue Hair Club." This course was similar to Nordic Hills: the greens were fast and the fairways were hard because of the lack of rain. The city of Lexington imposed a watering restriction on the golf courses towards the end of the summer. The city of Lexington obviously was unaware of the major tour event that was taking place at the Blue Hair Club or else it would have allowed the club to water the course before the event. But, again, being true fanatics, this did not keep us from playing. Most of us can play poorly under any conditions.

The play was a two-person scramble. Teams were chosen by playing Red Rover. Actually, teams were chosen based on various factors as skill level, former college roommates, family members in the same four-some, clients that that needed to be impressed, and 13 year old scratch

player and father. The winning team of college roommates Sean Thomson and Greg Mayer shot a one-over-par 73. The father-son team of Al and Marcus Campoli were close behind with a 74. Marcus said his father missed a couple of clutch putts or else they would have won by at least 4 strokes.

This event had only one closest-to-the-pin and one longest drive hole. In the absence of Steve Boyd, we continued the much loved skins game. Although the purses were not as big as the other events (Sean's purse is always the biggest on the tour, and it usually matches his shoes), competition was stiff. The closest-to-the-pin hole was #7. A deceptively short, uphill 100-yd hole. The green location of hole #6 relative to the tee box for #7 added to the difficulty of this hole. One player thought the #6 green was actually the #7 green. Although he hit a beautiful shot that landed squarely on the green very close to the hole, it was still the wrong hole. The courteous opposing twosome allowed this befuddled person to hit again after he made the trek to the #6 green, excused himself to the foursome that was playing the hole, and picked up his well-hit ball. John Pearson won

the closest-to-the-pin hole by hitting a pitching wedge within 3 feet of the hole. Team Pearson, known for their putting, parred the hole.

The longest drive hole was #17. This hole is 482 yds with a relatively straight and rolling fairway. The right side of the fairway was heavily wooded to protect the motorists on the street that runs parallel to this hole. The trees did not bother some of us that can slice onto any road no matter how well protected it is. The potential to slice into a car did not deter Sean. He drove his ball down the fairway approximately 200 yds. It was one of his weaker drives, but because none of the other competitors could hit the fairway it did not matter.

Thanks to Marty and Amy Brewer for allowing us to invade their home for some post-golf activities. The food and hospitality were wonderful. And

Sean Thomson and Greg Mayer	73
Marcus Campoli and Al Campoli	74
Marty Brewer, Walt Brewer, and Pat Brewer	77
Mike Thomson and Tom O'Connell	83
Jim Pearson and John Pearson	84

since Marty and Amy were the post-golf hosts, Helen decided to take it easy on Marty during the family initiation. Marty reported that the brand looks very nice now that the skin has healed.

The 2000 Labor Day outing is scheduled at Widows Watch Golf Course southwest of Lexington on September 3. Check the Web site for additional information.