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Richard L. Duchossois and Jack Wetzel at the Bruce's Field Groundbreaking ceremony November 2014



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT: JACK WETZEL
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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 28, 2022 --

It is with great sadness that I share the news today of the loss of one of my dearest friends, Richard L. Duchossois. A friend for over forty years, Dick was one of the kindest gentlemen that I have had the honor of knowing. He had the gift to enable people around him to excel at whatever they were doing. One of his greatest assets was his demeanor which was both kind and encouraging. An astute businessman, he treated his business associates with the same respect he treated his friends and family.

The Aiken Horse Park Foundation board has benefitted from his leadership and enthusiasm for Bruce's field. Even in the early years of planning and development of

Bruce's Field, Mr. D's guidance and leadership enabled us to move forward confidently while avoiding pitfalls many projects experience.

We are all so fortunate to have been given a great legacy of success. A legacy, the board is committed to continue and build upon in the years to come.

An excerpt from Mr. D's Obituary



Richard L. Duchossois, a native of Chicago, a decorated war hero, renowned businessman and horseracing icon, passed away peacefully at his home in Barrington Hills, Illinois on January 28, 2022.

Duchossois was known for his top-down management style, his exacting business principles, his customer service-oriented philosophies and his commitment to quality as evidenced in every workplace with his oft-repeated admonition, "Don't expect what you didn't inspect."

His meticulous attention to detail was applied with military precision across all aspects of his life, down to his double-breasted suits and pocket scarves. Sightings of an impeccably dressed "Mr. D," as he was affectionately called, walking the halls of his businesses were a common occurrence.

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This past May, Mr. D was celebrated for his enduring commitment to the Aiken Horse Park. Pictured above are board secretary R. Scot Evans and AHPF President Jack Wetzel.

The MISSION of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation is to Promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors