

SNOWBIRD RECAP 2011

BOB & LINDA WHITE

2011 CHAMPIONS

26 pair of Idaho Snowbirds gathered in Lake Havasu City, Arizona for the annual 5 day winter golf outing. Beginning on Monday February 7th there were four days of golf with Wednesday being a day with no scheduled events. Some took that day off to shop or do other things but some hardy souls played at Emerald Canyon in Parker and others played the new Los Lagos course in Fort Mohave.

Monday and Friday were about as perfect as winter days can be with temperatures in the mid 70's and no wind. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were windy. On Monday we played a Havasu Scramble on the Olde London Course. That event was won in a tie by the teams of Danny & Loetta Lankford, Keith Shark & Linda Fennen and Ralph & Carletta Breeding and Henri & Marta LeMoyne. Both teams shot a net score of 115. On Tuesday the game was Three Sixes, played on the Nassau Course and was won by Don & Carol Vick and Mike & Linda Woolley with a net score of 56.35.

The next two days were devoted to two Chapman competitions. The Snowbird event differs from regular season Chapman events in that each day is paid separately but there is one overall winner based on scores from both Thursday and Friday. The Thursday event was won by Henri & Marta LeMoyne and the Friday event was won by Bob & Linda White and that win propelled them to the overall Snowbird Championship.

Quite a few interesting things happened this year and one seems to have stuck out in several minds. At the 18th hole on Tuesday Don Vick hit a shot that ended up right behind a very large rock near the green. Carole Vick did not have a shot so Don used the loose impediment rule to just toss about a 100 pound rock out of her way. Carol then made a nice shot and seemed pretty proud of what looked like a sure fire par for the four person team. (Anyone who knows Carol can surely imagine her quietly going about her business) About 5 seconds later Mike Woolley chipped in for a 3 from off the green. It was still a nice shot Carol.

On the last night Paul & Shirley Ruhter presided over a banquet in the Havasu Room of the Quality Inn. There were lots of jokes and a few presentations. We all got a big laugh as Shirley had trouble pronouncing a tough word when her tongue got nervous. (Anyone interested in the whole story will have to ask Shirley) Paul announced that the ICGA handicap program began in 2004 and since that time Neal Dean and Sergene Jensen have played in the most Idaho

Couples Golf Association events. Believe it or not they had played in 200 tournaments prior to the Snowbird event.

A highlight of the evening was a power point presentation by Mike and Linda Woolley. Linda is a picture taker and during the banquet showed photos taken at Idaho Couples Golf Association events during the last several years. There were a lot of memories in those pictures.

After dinner Mike and Linda put on another show. Each year at the end of the final night someone is chosen, or stuck, with what is known as the suitcase. The keepers of the suitcase are charged with collecting information on ICGA members throughout the coming year and presenting any interesting or funny facts and memories at the Snowbird banquet. The Woolley's did a particularly good job of this and showed us photos and also gave out awards, which were mostly funny. The bearers of the suitcase for 2011 are the LeMoynes so beware.

Thanks to Paul & Shirley as well as several other people who helped out with this year's event. Next year the Snowbird event will be a week later and generally the wind will be less at that time of year.



Is Don Vick moving a loose impediment?