

# IDAHO COUPLES GOLF ASSOCIATION

## TIDBITS FROM THE PAST

### 25 YEARS OF TOURNAMENTS

NOTE: The writer of the following having been raised in Eden, been around the world twice, been to 4 county fairs, 3 calf roping contests, 1 bull fight and 1 greased pig contest, does not vouch for the validity of any of the following information that he has uncovered.

In 1976, a group of couples began studying, holding various tournaments and meetings to come up with fair handicap rules for couples golf. I have a note that courses played that year were Riverside, Big Wood, Warm Springs (Boise), Warm Springs (Ketchum) and Big Wood. They felt that using IGA handicaps was unfair and not accurate. After a year of study, meetings and many drafts, our current rules were written up. There have been some changes along the way, however, they have been minor compared to the major work that went into the first set of bylaws. The basic handicapping system has stayed the same for 25 years of competition. See Attachment A for additional information and Attachment B for Duard Lawley's history written in 1979. (Reprinted with his permission)

1977 – Your President was Duard Lawley: Parts of the schedule that I could find were a mixed scramble at Buhl 1 day and another day at another course probably Canyon Spring around May 1. Riverside (according to the news letter – WHAT A PARTY – free drink tickets, super steaks and Lasagne at the Old San Francisco Restaurant, and special prizes), Mountain Home, Jefferson Hills CC. I am sure there were others but could not find a list

1978 – Your President was Dale King: Snowbird trip was to Silver Lakes Resort near Victorville with 18 ICGA couples. Ron & Carol Schmid won the Chapman tournament. Schedule for the year included Canyon Springs, Riverside, Jefferson Hills, Rigby. Again I am sure other tournaments were held. Snowbird trip was scheduled for Lake Havasu. Paul Borchard was elected president for the 1979 season at the annual meeting and was handling all details for the Snowbird trip.

1979 – April 7, a meeting of the board of directors of the ICGA was held at the PRESIDENT'S home and the board unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the Women's Liberation and the Gay Rights Liberation movements. . . . . April Fool! 36 couples at Lake Havasu. A decision of the board was the ICGA would not participate in any tournament in which green fees are charged in addition to the entry fee. A motion was made at the November meeting for the officers to draw up a set of by-laws. Riverside was dropped because of \$22.00 green fees. Courses on the schedule were: Canyon Springs, Rigby, Warm Springs, Gooding C.C., Wells C.C., Mt. Home AFB, Jackpot, Clear Lakes, Ontario, Oregon, Burley C.C., Jerome C.C., Purple Sage, Twin Falls Muni, (STATE), and Elko, Nevada. Ken & Sandy Topholm had the low net at State to become the State Champions. Entry fee for all tournaments was \$31.00. The IGA held their fall meeting on October 13 and made the decision that beginning in 1980 the ICGA will be the official sanctioned champion and will be on the

official schedule. Kings and Lawleys received a piece of luggage for their attendance at 15 of the 16 tournaments. The snowbird trip was scheduled for February 10 – 16, 1980.

1980: Paul Borchard was again your President. New rule was a member must play in four tournaments this year to be eligible for the Snowbird trip and to win the State Trophy. Snowbird champions for that year were Doyle & Juanita Clark. 49 couples attended the Snowbird Tournament. The new 9 holes were opened at Jerome. Courses on the schedule were: Canyon Springs, Eagle Hills, Highland & Riverside (1 day at each), Rigby, Warm Springs, Gooding, Wells, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Big Wood, Buhl, Ontario, Elko-Spring Creek, Canyon Springs (again), Burley (STATE), Highland (2 day), Purple Sage, Jerome, and Twin Falls Muni. State Champions were: Mike & Rita Rawls. Jerome had the first 100 plus tournament. 997 couples in tournaments and there were 278 paid couples. A note to the handicap watchers: in 1980, if you won money your score was posted twice. In 1979 and 1980, the president also had comments about no-shows, they were beginning to be a problem. Special recognition went to Bert & Sergene Sorenson who attended every single tournament this year.

1981: The president was Jim Blake. Courses played: Canyon Springs, Riverside, Jefferson Hills, Gooding, Wells, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Ruby View-Elko, Buhl, Ontario-OR, Sand Creek, Big Wood, Burley, Smithfield-UT, Purple Sage, Jerome (STATE), Warm Springs, and Twin Falls Muni. State Champions were Jim & Lorna Faulkner. Recap of year: 19 tournaments, 268 couples, 1019 couples played in tournaments, 116 couples played in 4 or more. Snowbird tournament was scheduled for week of February 8, 1982.

1982: President was Ernie Knee. 20 tournaments were scheduled: Gooding, Riverside, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Elko, Buhl, Fairview, Sand Creek, Big Wood, Burley, Purple Sage, Blackfoot, Twin Falls Muni, Jerome (STATE), and Broadmore C.C. State Champions were Don & Izzie Robertson. Ernie & Rosa Knee resigned in August to take a job in Kotzebue, Alaska. They had played in 58 tournaments since 1977. Dick Lowe became the new President. Again the subject of no-shows comes up. It was decided that only members of the ICGA could play in tournaments. In other words "Pay up before tee-up." Recap: 298 couples paid dues 2,160 rounds of golf played by 1080 couples. \$33,400.00 was paid in entry fees and purses. This is an average of 54 couples per tournament and \$1,620.00 to the pro. Snowbird trip was scheduled for February 7-11, 1983. Again Bert and Sergene played in every tournament.

1983: President was Dick Lowe. Snowbird tournament had 49 couples. Dues were increased to \$10.00 per couple. Courses played – Canyon Springs, Highland, Fairview, Jefferson Hills, Riverside, Mt Home Muni, Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Ruby View, Buhl, Broadmore, Sand Creek, Rolling Hills, Big Wood, Burley, Blackfoot, Purple Sage, Jerome(STATE), Shamanah, Twin Falls Muni, and Ontario. Recap: 324½ members, 20 tournaments, average of 56 couples per event. 2,252 rounds of golf, with prize money in excess of \$33,700. Snowbird trip set for February 6 – 10, 1984. Record keeping was changed by J & D printing to the computer. State Champions were Glen & Alice Bradford.

1984: Bert Sorenson was your president: Had 51 couples at the Snowbird trip. It also sounds like John Crawford, Fred Burkhalter and Bob Scott were in good voice. They provided the fun and entertainment. Courses on the schedule: Canyon Springs, Highland, Fairview, Riverside, Broadmore.

Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Ruby View, Buhl (filled by April 1<sup>st</sup>), Wells, Sand Creek, Rolling Hills, Burley, Big Wood, Purple Sage, Jerome (STATE), Shamanah, Spring Creek, and Ontario. Roberta & Louis Canine were the State Champions. Snowbird tournament was scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 1985.. Membership dues were raised to \$15.00 per couple. Recap: 1,128 couples played in 19 tournaments for an average of 59 couples per tournament. 47 new couples played. There were 294 paid couples as members. Only had 6 couples who did not show. A few days after the annual meeting Bert Sorenson resigned and Charles Michael became the president for 1985.

1985: The Snowbird tournament had 50 couples. Courses scheduled: Canyon Springs, Fairview, Big Wood, Riverside, Broadmore, Springcreek, MT Home Muni, Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Ruby View, Buhl, Wells, Sand Creek, Rolling Hills, Burley (STATE), Highland, Purple Sage, Jerome, Elkhorn, Smithfield, and Ontario. This was the first year the ICGA held 2 tournaments on the same week-end in different parts of the state. 22 tournaments were scheduled. Elkhorn was cancelled because of lack of entries and Preston Golf and Country Club was added. Adeline & Cecil Stewart were your State Champions. ICGA members played 2216 rounds of golf at 22 tournaments, WITH ONLY 5 NO-SHOWS paying \$33,390.00 in entry fees. There were 278 ½ couples as paid members. Snowbird trip was scheduled for February 1986.

1986: Charles E. Michael was president: The Snowbird trip had 60 couples on Monday and Tuesday, 58 on Thursday and 56 on Friday. Tournaments scheduled: Canyon Springs, Fairview, Big Wood, Eagle Hills, Preston, Broadmore, Springcreek, Mountain Home Muni, Gooding, Silver Sage, Jackpot, Ruby View, Buhl, Wells, Sandcreek, Smithfield (UT), Rolling Hills, Burley, Highland (STATE), Purple Sage, and Jerome. Harold & Mary Ellen McFarlane were the 1986 State Champions. Riverside and Ontario were dropped and Eagle Hills was added. At a board meeting in May 1986, the word "Couples" was officially defined as a man and woman for the remainder of the golf season and will be voted on at the annual meeting in the fall. It was spelled out that "All complaints in writing directed at the management of a course where an ICGA tournament has been played will first be directed to the officers of the Association for their comments. Failure to follow this rule will result in the couple being expelled from the ICGA." 50 members attended the annual meeting at the Jerome Country Club. ICGA played 2,194 rounds of golf at 20 tournaments, paid \$32,910.00 in entry fees, and had 278 paying members. Bill Matson was elected president for 1987. Snowbird tournament was scheduled for February 15, 1987.

1987: President – Bill Matson. Snowbird trip had 46 couples on Monday and 48 couples on Tuesday, 46 couples on Thursday and Friday. Courses scheduled: Canyon Springs, Fairview, Bigwood, Preston, Broadmore, Springcreek, Gooding, Mt Home AFB (STATE), Jackpot, Buhl, Wells, Sandcreek, Rolling Hills, Smithfield, Burley, Highland, Purple Sage, and Jerome. Ruby View and Mt Home Muni were dropped. Dan & Cheri Webster won the State Championship. Cactus Petes quit sponsoring the Chapman this year. Club 93 will be the sponsor. Paragraph on getting your entries in early so that the boards can be set up before the last minute. American Falls Golf Course was added to the schedule. Snowbird trip scheduled for the week of February 14, 1988. 90 members attended the annual meeting at Jerome. The ICGA held 19 tournaments with 2,044 rounds of golf and \$30,660.00 paid entry fees. Membership totaled 292 couples with 63 new members. They had 4 holes-in-one. Entry fees were raised to \$41.00 for 1988. They had been \$31.00 for 12 years. First place was raised to \$120.00.

1988: President – Bill Matson. Snowbird trip had 28 couples. Ernie Knee received a wood with a crooked shaft to shoot around trees, Steve Feldtman received a driver with a “soft touch” because he was hitting the ball so hard he was losing them, Bud Ferrrell had trouble in the sand and received a flat lofted club with a curved shaft for tight lies, John Arrington had such a short putter shaft, he received a 10 inch shafted driver, Royse Upshaw received the S.S.D.C. 40 compression ball (Same Shit Different Course). Sounds like they all had fun. Courses scheduled for 1988 were Canyon Springs, Fairview, Bigwood, Mt Home Muni, Preston, Broadmore, Springcreek, Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Buhl, Wells, Sandcreek, Rolling Hills, Teton Lakes, Burley (STATE), Highland, Purple Sage, Jerome and American Falls. Jim & Linda Rainer were the State Champions. Overheard at Teton Lakes Chapman: (Sara Jeffs) “Since joining the Chapmans, I have learned how to hit out of the rough, sage brush or any other obstacle that gets in my way!” Nice of Parley to give her all that training. LOST: one pair ladies panties on No. 11 at Sandcreek Golf Course. The annual meeting at Canyon Springs had 184 in attendance. Recap: 20 tournaments were played with 2,044 rounds of golf. The pros received \$42,210.00 for prize money. Membership was at 270 couples with 57 new ones. The Snowbird trip was scheduled for the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>.

1989: Ernie Knee was president: The Snowbird trip had 35 to 38 entries depending on what day you counted. Jim & Doris Grant were the Snowbird Champions. Courses scheduled for this year were Jerome, Big Wood, Mt Home Muni, Preston, Broadmore, Scotch Pines, Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Salmon, Jackpot, Wells, Clear Lakes, Rolling Hills, Teton Lakes, Sandcreek (STATE), Burley, Highland, Canyon Springs, and American Falls. Salmon and Scotch Pines were new courses this year. The first tournament at Jerome had 109 couples and GOOD WEATHER! Parley and Sara Jeffs won the State Championship. Also a paragraph on getting your entries in early. Cancellations were becoming a problem. A comment was made about the Preston tournament, “We made a 9 on that Par 3.” How did you do that? “We one-putted.” In the July newsletter, it was reported that Bert and Sergene had played 205 ICGA tournaments. Some kind of record. The only ones they missed were when two were scheduled on the same weekend. They could get a jet and fly back and forth. Recap: 19 tournaments with the largest, 113 couples (Clear Lakes), smallest, 16 couples at Salmon. 1149 entrants, who played 2,256 rounds of golf, paid \$46,872 in entry fees and a total of \$1,461 in green or use fees. 290 paid members. The Snowbird trip was scheduled for February 9 – 16, 1990.

1990: President Ernie Knee: No report could be found on the Snowbird tournament with the exception that Parry & LuRae Jones were the Champions. 19 tournaments were scheduled: Warm Springs, Jerome, Salmon, Mt Home Muni, Broadmore, Preston, Scotch Pines, Mt Home AFB, Jackpot, Clear Lake (STATE), Sand Creek, Gooding, Burley, Highland, Canyon Springs, American Falls, Rolling Hills. Could not find #19. State Champions were Bill and Judy Ernst at Clear Lakes. Recap: 19 Tournaments, 1142 couples played 2184 rounds of golf, paid a total of \$45,680.00 in entry fees and \$45,505.50 in prize money. 296 member couples which includes 45 new members. 40 couples attended the annual meeting at Jerome. Steve Feldtman was elected President for 1991. Snowbird trip was scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>.

1991: President Steve Feldtman: The Snowbird tournament had between 42 and 37 couples depending on which day. Rex & Jerri Rigby won the Championship. Rooms at the Holiday were \$42.00 a day with golf costing \$60.00. We had 298.5 paid members with 2278 rounds of golf played. Tournaments scheduled: Jerome, Salmon, Mt Home Muni, Broadmore, Gooding, Mt Home AFB (STATE), Jackpot, Chimney Rock, Clear Lake, Teton Lakes, Weiser, Sandcreek, Burley, Highland

Rupert, American Falls, and Canyon Springs. Kyle & Louise McBride won the State Championship. The Annual Meeting was set for Buhl Country Club on October 13, 1991. We're having problems with couples calling golf courses saying they will play and then not showing up. 298.5 members.

1992: President Steve Feldtman: I could not find a report on the Snowbird tournament this year. Tournaments scheduled: Jerome, Salmon, Mt Home Muni, Broadmore, Preston, Gooding, Mt Home AFB, Salmon (2<sup>nd</sup> trip), Burley, Buhl, and Wells, Canyon Springs, American Falls, Highland, Rupert, Weiser, Teton Lakes, and Jackpot. There were probably more, but could not find a record. We did have 304 members and Larry & Jean Mason were State Champions. 304 members paid dues.

1993: Your President was Erv Southwick: The Snowbird trip had 42 couples with Glen & Annette Lattin winning the big prize.. Only 8 couples started on Monday and 4 finished. A little bit of rain. (Sounds familiar after the one in 2000). The schedule for 1993 was Jerome, Preston, Salmon, Riverside, Broadmore, Gooding, Mountain Home AFB, Jackpot, Wells, Buhl, Teton Lakes, Rolling Hills, Rupert, Burley, Highland and American Falls. Greg & Marcia Lanting were State Champions for this year.

1994: President – Erv Southwick: The Snowbird trip scheduled for February 13 – 18, 1994 had 36 couples with Bill & Kathy Hanchett winning the Championship. Scheduled tournaments that year were Jackpot, Jerome, Preston, Riverside, Salmon, Gooding, Broadmore, Desert Canyon, Silver Sage, Clear Lake (STATE), Teton Lakes, Rolling Hills, Rupert, Burley, Highland, and American Falls. We had 299 members with Peg & John LeMoyne winning the State Championship.

1995: President was Dale Swanson: Paul & Shirley Ruhter were married during the Snowbird trip. Courses scheduled included Warm Springs, Teton Lakes, American Falls, Highland, Burley (STATE), Rupert, Rolling Hills, Clear Lake, Chimney Rock, Mt Home AFB, Desert Canyon, Gooding, Jerome, Salmon, Riverside, Jackpot, and Logan River. Your State Champions were: Chuck & Lynda Schmidt. This year showed 271 couples as paid members.

1996: Dale Swanson was President: The Snowbird trip was scheduled for February 8 – 13, 1996 with 40 couples attending. Parry & LuRae Jone and Curt & Wilma Shockey were Co-Champions. Teton Lakes, American Falls, Highland, Burley, Rupert, Rolling Hills, Clear Lake (STATE), Chimney Rock, Silver Sage, Logan River, Gooding, Desert Canyon, Salmon, Jackpot, and Jerome were on the schedule for 1996. State Champions were: Loren Hatch & Shirley Peterson with 266.5 paid members.

1997: President was Bill Morrison: The Snowbird trip was February 9 – 13, 1997. 27 couples attended and with the reduced attendance Bob & Linda White were your Champions. Courses scheduled for that year were: American Falls, Highland, Burley, Spring Creek, Rupert (STATE), Jackpot, Weiser, Kimberly, Buhl, Wells, Logan River, Desert Canyon, Gooding, Salmon, Silver Sage, Jerome and Warm Springs. Records showed 267 paid members with Tro & Dawna Trujillo winning the State Championship.

1998: Bill Morrison was President: The Snowbird tournament had 32 couples. Even with the increased competition, Bob & Linda White were your Champions. (2 years in a row). Courses scheduled for that year were: Burley (STATE), Teton Lakes, American Falls, Rupert, Jackpot,

Weiser, Buhl, Springcreek, Logan River, Desert Canyon, Gooding, Salmon, Silver Sage, Kimberly, Jerome, Highland, and Mt Home AFB. With 263.5 couples paying dues, Paul & Jean Miller won the State Championship.

1999: President was Don Loos: There were 30 couples at the Snowbird Tournament with Bob and Linda White winning the Championship AGAIN. Courses scheduled were: Jerome, Silver Sage, Salmon, Gooding, Kimberly, Logan River, Spring Creek, Wells, Clear Lake, Rolling Hills, Jackpot, Desert Canyon (STATE), Burley, Highland, American Falls, and Teton Lakes. 255.5 couples paid dues. Nick & Babe Hanson were the State Champions.

2000: Don Loos was President. Again the Snowbird trip had 30 couples. Need I say who the Champions were? Bob & Linda White. The writer believes an investigation should be conducted on this matter. Courses scheduled that year were: Jerome, Silver Sage, Jefferson Hills, Gooding, Kimberly, Logan River, Spring Creek (later canceled because of lack of entries), Wells, Clear Lake, Rolling Hills, Jackpot, Candle Ridge, Meadow Creek, Burley (STATE), American Falls, and Teton Lakes. We had 269.5 paid members, 790 entries in 17 tournaments, 3,160 rounds of golf was played, total prize fund for the pro shops was \$31,600. Bill & Norma Morrison were our new State Champions

2001: Your President was Ken Lattimer (who managed to nap most of the summer): The Snowbird Tournament had 35 couples with, who else, Bob & Linda White winning the Championship for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. 21 tournaments were scheduled this year which included Jerome, Silver Sage, Jefferson Hills, Riverside, Gooding, Kimberly, Desert Canyon, Logan River, Candle Ridge, Wells, Clear Lake (STATE), Rolling Hills, Meadow Creek, Jackpot, 93 Golf Ranch, Burley, Highland, American Falls, Teton Lakes, Salmon, and Broadmore. Your State Champions were Larry & Linda Limbaugh. We had 264.5 paid members with 55 new ones. We played 3384 rounds of golf and paid to the pro shops \$33,840 in prize money. American Falls tournament was cancelled.

This president believes that in spite of the increased competition that attachment C shows, the ICGA remains strong and dedicated to the original goals that the founders 25 years ago set out to achieve. As long as the members continue to recruit new members, have fun, and are able to participate in many different courses at a reasonable price and have a chance to place in the prize list it will remain a viable organization. The original by-laws have had a few minor changes but basically have remained the same through all of these years. The past 25 years have taken a lot of work by a great many people, and the work will continue, but I believe that there are willing hands out their to pitch in and help. They sure have been there for Jeanne and me, and I believe they will be there for future presidents.