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IMGA Golfer of the Month
Don Dinkelman

IMGA Club Championship Results

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John Concannon, Publicity

This month my "subject" for this column is someone known, not only to IMGA members, but throughout IronOaks; not because of his golf prowess, but, because of his current occupation.



Don Dinkelman, in addition to his activity in IMGA is what I call a Vacation Watch Mgr., but more on that later.

Don was born on June 28, 1938 in Chicago where he spent his early years. He attended Leo High School and South Shore High School and at the age of 17 1/2 he joined the U S Navy, going through "Boot Camp" at Great Lakes Naval Station. Following boot camp, Don attended and graduated from Personnelman School in Baimbridge, Md. and was assigned to Command Naval Forces, Japan. Don had the distinction of being a naval person assigned to serve at several U.S. Air Force bases while stationed in Japan.

Don was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1959 and returned to Chicago taking a position with Peoples Gas & Light Company. In 1961 he joined the Chicago Police Force. Eighteen months later Don met his future wife Rose Marie Marlin, a union which resulted in two sons, Donald and Kenneth. Don was promoted to Detective In 1969. Don left the police force and became a Special Agent for Union Oil Company of California. Don and his family moved to Hoffman Estates where they lived for 3 years. We fast forward to 1984. Don's wife had died and Don married Nancy Christine (Thompson) Marlin.

If that name is familiar, it is because it was his first wife's maiden name. Don had married his sister -in- law (once removed) whom he had known since he married his first wife. Nancy's husband had died and in addition to marrying his sister-in-law, his nephew and niece became his step children. It was certainly an unusual event.

Don was promoted to Chief Special Agent and transferred to UNOCAL's Corporate office in Los Angeles. He moved his family to Diamond Bar California, where they resided for 12 years before retiring from UNOCAL.

In 1998 Don and Nancy moved to Sun Lakes, purchasing a home next to Ironwood's 9th tee box. Don became involved with MOGA, holding all board positions except President. Don resigned from MOGA due to the success and growth of his business. I said earlier that he is probably known throughout IronOaks because he has built a successful business "house sitting" homes while residents are away.

The business is an outgrowth of watching a friend's home as a

favor. Don and Nancy currently have about 90 active customers. Jim Today introduced Don to IMGA and after joining the club, was asked by Frank Gould to become Tournament Director, which he did for two years. Don was elected V.P. of IMGA and ultimately became President with the resignation of Jack Liptrot. Don has been head of the Prize Committee for 10 years and continues to enjoy playing with IMGA.

John Concannon – Publicity

The sole Home & Home event of 2015 was completed at Phase 1 on Thursday, April 23rd.

I know it is almost May and I am just getting around to welcoming our most recent new active golfers to the IMGA family : a hardy welcome to Glen Butler, Russ Cauffman, Craig Fliescher, Thomas T.J.Jones, Jim Junkameier, and Mike Wallinger.

For those who plan ahead, be aware that Ironwood will be closed 6/1 – 6/6, and 7/20 – 25 for general maintenance.

Recently, I was cleaning out some boxes of old "stuff" and came across an article I wrote back in May 2000(I can't believe I am still doing this). In reading the article, which in those was entitled IMGA PLAYDAY RESULTS, I realized that there are a couple of significant difference between the IMGA of 2000 and 2015 IMGA. While we just completed our only Home & Home tournament for 2015, we had similar events with Pebble Creek, Palo Verde, Cottonwood, Sun Bird, Sun Lakes Phase 1, and Mountain View at Saddlebrooke. I wondered why. Maybe it was due to the fact that we had over 400 members back then to draw from, or maybe it was because so many of us were relatively new to the area and want to see and play other courses. Then, again, maybe the concept of the Home & Home Tournament has just seen its day.

Speaking of membership, our current number of active golfers is around 257, a far cry from our 400 plus membership years. The most striking fact that hit me was the number of members who are no longer with us. A stark example of that is to look at the 20 IMGA winners of the Pebble Creek H & H, only 4 are current members. I started tallying up the winners of the various play day events for that month and realized that it would be easier to note the members who are still with us. Names like Maurice Striker, Gene McSweeney, Larry Kinnamon, Michael Leddy, Tom Johnson, Paul Sillars, David Cluseau, & Bob Burke represent just a few of the members I golfed with and who no longer

**April 21 & 23 Home & Home Results
Ironwood & Sun Lakes Country Club**

4/21		4/23		
PLACE	SCORE	NAME	CHIT #	\$
1st	202	Coking, Duane	1071	50
		Derenne, Bud	1070	50
2nd	205	Ranney, Bill	653	40
		Hatch, Gary	338	40
3rd	208	Wellwerts, Frank	881	30
		Poole, Jim	534	30
4th	210	Ewan, Chuck	248	18
		Reagan, Ray	1133	18
4th(tie)		Flangan, Jim	1141	18
		Rizzi, Joe	681	18
6th	211	Royer, Bob	696	10
		King, Gayle	486	10
7th	212	Gould, Frank	307	7
		Gaudiosos, John		7
8th	215	Gaudioso, Frank	284	6
		Johnson, Harry	1233	6
9th	216	Smith, Harley	773	4
		Martin, Louis	524	4
9th(tie)		Martin, Jim	523	4
		Anderson, M.	18	4
Closest to the Pin		Chit #	\$	
Ironwood 4/21				
		Reagan, Ray	1133	Paid
		Dinkelman	208	10
Sun Lakes 4/23				
		Beltz, Bill	54	10
		Birlin, Larry	68	10

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play golf, have moved from Sun Lakes, or who have just “moved on”. Someone recently coined the phrase, “The Gray-ing of Ironwood”. Whatever you call it, the passage of time stops for no one, but, as a friend recently said, “It is better to be seen than viewed”. Enjoy every day you have.

If you are reading this piece on the IMGA website, you obviously have noticed the new and wonderfully redone format. Thanks to the work of our president, Bill Beltz, we have a website that should encourage all members to read it frequently. Great job, Bill.

Notice:

The Ironwood Course has enacted rules for carts with Handicap Flags. You are not allowed to drive within 30 feet of any green.

Reminder :

We request all of our members to fill fairway divots and Putting green ball marks during every round played on our course.... Thanks

Ironwood Clubhouse Summer Hours

Grill on the Green at Ironwood

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9am – 2pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9am – 4pm*

Upcoming Events

1 Gross – 2 Net of Foursome – 8 AM & 12:15 PM

May 12 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

4 Man Scramble – 7 AM & 12:15 PM

May 19 @ 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cha Cha Cha – 7 AM & 12:15 PM

May 26 @ 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Team Stableford 4 Man Team – 7 AM & 12:15 PM

June 9 @ 7:00 am - 5:00 pm