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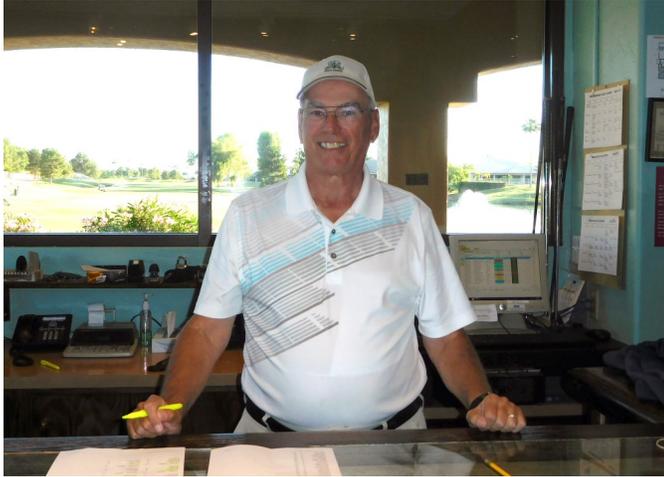
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Ironwood Men's Golf Association



IMGA Golfer of the Month — Danny Smith

Bruce McCorkle



"It's been a life accented by wonderful memories and good fortune, but also great tragedy" recounts Danny Smith, our IMGA Golfer of the month.

Born in 1948, he grew up in a modest neighborhood only a few blocks from Grosse Pointe, the mansion-filled suburb of Detroit on Lake Sinclair where the automotive elite lived and played. As a youth, he and his friends would ride their bikes down to the lake to fish in the backyards of some of those glorious, but usually empty estates, because the owners were in their northern Michigan homes for the summer.

Attending the same, small school from kindergarten to High School allowed him to build close friendships that have endured to this day.

His summer job during college was with Douglas & Lomason Company, a family owned automotive company that started in 1902.

Little did he know that he would spend his career working there with colleagues who became almost like family. He rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Manufacturing Cost Analysis and traveled to manufacturing locations throughout North America.

His college years not only signified the launching of his career, but it was also when he met his wife, Nancy. She worked in the College Psychology Department as an Administrative Assistant. After three years of marriage, their first son Jason was born in 1974, followed by son Jim in 1976.

Tragically, Jason died when he was just 21 years old, and Nancy died suddenly just 10 years later.

Concerned about Danny's well-being, his boss told him that she would call him every day...just to check up. It was a promise that she faithfully kept. However, one day, she informed him that she was going to travel out of the country and that an "alternate person" would be calling. The new "checker-upper", Beth, ultimately became his new wife when they took their vows at the rim of the Grand Canyon over 8 years ago.

Now that he has recovered from a year-long bout with

lung cancer, when not playing golf or working for IMGA, you might find Danny at a friend or neighbor's house solving their computer-technology problems...or preparing tax returns during tax season.

Those of us in IMGA readily recognize Danny as one of the smiling faces behind the counter before our tournaments and the announcer in the parking lot giving us our marching orders.

What we don't see is the 5 plus hours per week he spends as the IMGA Tournament Director, setting pairings, making adjustments for no-shows and add-ons, establishing the Annual Schedule of Games, attending course maintenance and IMGA meetings, coordinating the work of 8 Scoring and Pairing Volunteers, etc. Not to mention the over 30 hours he's already spent learning new software which must be implemented by the first of the year.

Hearing Danny explain the "behind the scenes work" that is required to allow IMGA to function as a club motivates us to express our sincere gratitude to him. THANK YOU, Danny!

IMGA News and Events

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Congratulations to the IMGA/Phase I Home and Home Champions:

1st Place: Ed Norris, Joe Rizzi, Chris Bell, Jon Kelley

The Home and Home with Phase 1 was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Hole In One: Bob Deken got a hole in one on number 10 during IMGA play. Congratulations, Bob!

Weekly Tournament Results

4/18 AM Cha Cha Cha 1st Place Team: Joe Rizzi, Mike Willimer, Bill Schauermann, John Armour

4/18 PM Cha Cha Cha 1st Place Team: John Skworn, Larry Mears, Larry Schuffler, Rod Richmond

4/25 AM Low Net Tournament Results: 1st Place – Max Spenser, Jim Martin, Gene Valenta, Craig Annis, Don Dinklemen, Lou Martin

4/25 PM Low Net Tournament Results: 1st Place – Ward Stone, Don Robins, Edward Thorn, Dick Teater, Donald Fayfar, Pat Dooley

5/2 AM Team Stableford 1st Place – Ron Fagar, Jim Martin, Gene Meyer, Peter Burstynski

5/2 PM Team Stableford 1st Place – Wayne Karp, Tim Atkison, Tom Chase, Donald Fayfar

5/9 AM 1 Best Ball Gross & 2 Best Ball Net of Foursome : 1st Place Tied – Don Pelz, Gary Hutchinson, John Sinks, Mel Reep, Bruce Wright, Murry Luther, Paul Jordan, Richard Scranton

5/9 AM 1 Best Ball Gross & 2 Best Ball Net of Foursome – Bill Ranny, Bill Schauermann, Mark Saylor, Richard Winkelman

Coming Up:

IMGA Summer Club Golf Schedule 2017

June 22nd Thursday@ Sunbird Golf Club

July 11th Tuesday@ Ironwood Golf Club

August 17th Thursday @ Sun Lakes GC

Sept. 7th Thursday@ Palo Verde GC

Sign in between 6:30 & before 7:15 as play begins at 7:30.

Coffee and Donuts are usually provided by the host club.

The cost is \$18.00 per event. This includes a light lunch.

You do not need to play in every event.

Players with annuals or punch cards will have to pay the regular greens fee at Sunbird only.

IMGA Photo Album: Thanks to those of you who have posed for your pictures to be included in the IMGA Photo Album. It is now available on the IMGA Website at <http://iwmensgolf.com/>