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RTC OPEN

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On July 14, 2014, more than 130 golfers converged at the Fort Dodge Country Club for the 16th Annual Rabiner Treatment Center (RTC) Open Golf Tournament. This fun-filled event raises funds to support the mission and work of RTC, and occurs in the name of the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA).

The temperature was COOL but the competition was HOT this year. The real focus was on having fun and supporting the programs at RTC. We heard nothing but positive comments about the tournament site and the actual tournament itself, so we think we were successful on all

accounts!

Our golfers came from all over the state of Iowa, representing ISPA locals from Sioux City, Des Moines, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids, Ames, Iowa City, Newton and Davenport. Additionally, there were a number of golfers from the Fort Dodge area and nearby communities that participated in this great tournament.

Sponsorship is always a key to a fundraising event's success. Again this year, we had a number of ISPA locals who served as "tee sponsors," including: Davenport, Sioux City, Dubuque, Des Moines, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Ames, Fort Dodge and Marshalltown. I would like to shout out a special note of thanks and recognition to our brothers and sisters of the Des Moines Police Bargaining Unit Association and Des Moines Police Burial Association for their additional donations. Lastly, a special thanks to the annual support given by Senior Police Officer Greg Trimble of the Des Moines Police Department.

This year's tournament was won by Ja-Mar Restaurant (Jerry Jordison, Jim Russell, Don Sawyer and Bruce Murman). This team shot a 59 in some very windy conditions! Congratulations, Ja-Mar.

As usual, we had several special flag events, with the number one event being the Donald S. Hensley Memorial Flag Event. This closest-to-the-pin contest was established in 2002 in the memory of Don Hensley, Past President of the ISPA and RTC Board of Directors. Each year, the RTC Board and CEO Klug put up the \$500 prize money. This year's winner was Marvin Burke of Fort Dodge.

For the past several years, we have had a putting contest as a fundraiser. Last year, Daryl Poutre of Humboldt won the tightly contested putt-off, and then with precise concentration, rolled a 55-foot putt dead into the heart of the cup! The crowd erupted with joy and high fives! Sadly, Daryl passed away in December of 2013. After a discussion with the Poutre family, we decided to name this annual contest the Daryl Poutre Memorial Putt-Off. Daryl's wife, Kris, and other family members were in attendance to watch Jim Russell of Fort Dodge win the putt-off and come oh-so-close to the \$5,000 prize.

We wish to thank Judd Gibb (PGA Professional at the Fort Dodge Country Club) and his staff for doing an excellent job of preparing the course for the Open. We also want to thank Bernard Conlon, owner of the Cellar Restaurant, for letting us use their beautiful ballroom!

Last but not least, we want to recognize the RTC Open planning team — Diane Poutre, Randy Poutre, Marvin Burke, Joyce Zehr, Amy Olps, Ann Davidson and CEO Klug — for their efforts in planning and running such a fun-filled, successful tournament.

We are already looking forward to next year's tournament, which will be our 17th annual event! We will be getting the word out early for sponsorship and golfers. Please keep an eye out for information on the ISPA and RTC websites.



ISPA Past Presidents Joel Kessler and Paul Fredenburg enjoyed the 16th Annual RTC Open Golf Tournament at the Fort Dodge Country Club.