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RABINER ROUND-UP — News and views from Rabiner Treatment Center, home of the Jerry Rabiner Memorial Boys Ranch

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Hello to all my brothers and sisters in law enforcement! I hope you and your families all are safe and healthy! Here are a few Rabiner Treatment Center (RTC) updates for you:

Tour of Fort Dodge Law Enforcement Center (FDPD): On May 24, 2016, Director of Programming Justine Smith and I took the Elite Corps members on a tour of the FDPD. This tour was arranged by Captain Bob Thode of the FDPD and an RTC Board Member. Officer Matt Webb led the tour, passing on valuable and interesting information to our boys. We saw most every part of the police department, and the boys had opportunities to ask questions (which they did!). The boys (and staff) had a wonderful visit. We wish to thank Captain Thode, Officer Webb and the FDPD for opening their doors to us and for their hospitality and time.



Rockets baseball: Coach Andy reports that we did not win any games this year. However, as usual, the boys had a great experience, learning about teamwork, competition and sportsmanship. Our thanks goes out to Coach Andy (in his first year), the staff who helped coach the boys and the boys who gave it their best shot, even though most have had little to no experience with organized baseball.

RTC Open Golf Tourney: On July 11, 2016, we held the 18th Annual RTC Open Golf Tournament at the Fort Dodge Country Club. The weather was dry and not nearly as hot as usual. I started the tourney out by recognizing the members of our law enforcement family that we lost in the senseless violence in Dallas and around the country.



golfers. In addition to our traditional special events (i.e. the Donald Hensley Memorial Flag Event), we had a “rocket ball launcher” with which participants could “shoot” their tee shot. Golfers also participated in a longest-drive and closest-to-the-pin contest. This year’s “sharpshooter award” went to Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) Past President Brad Novak (Cedar Rapids), whose ball ended up just a few feet from the hole!



After the tournament concluded, we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner provided by Fort Dodge’s JAMAR restaurant, owned by Jerry Jordison, a former RTC Board Member. This year, we enjoyed our meal in the air



This year we had a couple new “twists” to the tourney. First of all, we had members from the RTC Elite Corps greet golfers and help them carry and load their clubs on the carts. Our boys also helped hand out lunches to the



For the second year, we posted memorial signs in remembrance of two ISPA leaders: 1997 Past President Ron Reid (Ames) and Third Vice President and RTC Board Member Bob Flannery (Dubuque).



conditioned ball room at the Cellar Restaurant. We thank ISPA Local 8 (Fort Dodge) for sponsoring the use of this comfortable setting!

In closing, a number of ISPA locals sent teams and/or sponsored holes/events again this year and for this we are eternally grateful. It was another great tournament and we hope to get representation from all of our locals next year for the 19th Annual RTC Open!

Thanks again for your time and support! Take care and God bless!