

37th Twin Falls, ID Newsletter by Joan Drown

On August 7, 2006, there were 36 golfers that attended the 37th Annual Far West Golfers for the Deaf Tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls, Idaho. The scenery over there is a stunning view of the canyon filled with trees and river. Thank to Mike Grammer for chairperson of the tournament. Disappointed to have no enough players due difficult gas expense and travel expenses?

The general meeting went well with some interesting changes. A silent prayer was given for our beloved Gil Lentz, a longtime FWGAD activator, who passed away on September 19th, 2005. Mike Grammer was elected as President replacing John Hayes who decided not to run. Joan Drown was elected as Vice President replacing Ron Rhodes. It was first woman to elect for FWGAD. It was interested to see how the officers run. Jim Revell and Ed Bazan were same until next year to elect. We want to thank John Hayes and Ron Rhodes for their dedication and contribution to FWGAD over the many years as players and Board member. We wish them well and expect to see them playing in the years to come.

On Tuesday, August 8, 2006, on the first round, The golfers played to hit the ball over the river to honor and pay respect to Gil Lentz. Sandra Mortenson would be standing by 14th holes to take photos of all groups behind the waterfall. The weather was overcast and light winds with us. Thanks to our creator for giving us a nice day to play. The leader of the first round was Scott Hansen shot 73.

On Wednesday, August 9, 2006, we were still played until afternoon. The weather was sunny, few clouds, and calm. The temperature was little warmer. They break and went to the Centennial Park where they had buffet and tour the boat rider around the Snake River. Funny things to remember that Ron Rhodes's favorite (?) cap lost in Snake River. He said that he could remember when he comes to Twin Falls to view the Snake River and look at the river to remind him to remember where he lost his cap. After the enjoyment place, they went to back to hotel and had good talking to remember.

On Thursday, August 10, 2006, we were still played until excitement for last day. The weather was sunny and calm. The temperature get little warmer than yesterday. Everyone get little tired and sweaty. The last round was an exciting one since three days.

The banquet was delicious food. Everyone had good times. Awards were given to the golfers with their shiny smiles. The slide show was very good with the entire picture that Sandra Mortensen took during the tournament. Thank to Mike Grammer, Chairperson of the tournament, was excellent job. The committee did a super fantastic job.

Donation to the memorable of Gil Lentz who passed in 2005 was contributed to FWGAD.

The official winners were:

FWGAD Champion: Scott Hansen, Oregon

First Flight Champion: James Saltman, California

Second Flight Champion: Nolan Parker, Utah

Senior A Flight Champion: Art Gendreau, Minnesota

Lowest putts of three rounds: 87, Neil Johnson, Minnesota

Highest putts of three rounds: Jack Frost, Nevada

Now back to reality, the 38th FWGAD chairperson, a wonderful man, Deu Mahlon and his great committee gang, is ready to have an exciting tournament at Salt Lake City, Utah at two golf courses, Stonebridge and West Ridge. The location between the hotel and the golf course is approximately 30 minutes apart. Please do come and support the Deaf Utahan to have a successful tournament. I am looking forward to see there and **so are you!**

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