

## A brief History of the Legends Heritage Cup Evolution

The legends golf group had its beginning in the year 2004 when a few men (Fritz Hintze)—since deceased, Worth Joyner, Bob Dawkins, and Ed. Yarasheski arranged to make tee times and play on a regular basis----at that time twice a week. Our most competitive rounds involved determining who would pay for the iced tea drinks at the end of play. It's to be noted that the present legends group has two subsets of players, a fun group and a nassau group. I'll let each group member explain the difference to their wives/friends. As the years went on (as I will explain later) the original group began to expand as new members joined the Heritage Club and learned about our group. At present we have approximately 50 names on our list.

In 2005 Jerry McInnes conceived the idea and set up the format for having a legends tournament patterned after the Ryder Cup Tournament. At that time there were approximately twelve men who were playing on a regular basis and participated in the inaugural tournament. Of those twelve, two are deceased and four of them continue to play regularly with the legends. (Ralf Haskell, Jerry McInnes, Joe Vartanesian, Ed, Yarasheski)

If you follow along in the year to year progression you can read the names of those men who joined the legends group and continue to play. There were others but they no longer play.

In 2006 we expanded the tournament to 20 players and joining us were Rich Brown, Larry Harrison, Bob Lanham, and Bob Longley who still participate in the tournament.

While we remained at a 20 player tournament in 2007 we were joined by Rufus Alston, Ed. Eads (deceased), George McGuire and Dick Stenta.

Then in 2008 the tournament expanded to 24 players and new players included Larry Davis and Wayne McCulloch.

In 2009 the tournament remained at 24 players but added newcomers Lou Peverill, Dick Jordan, and Percy Taylor.

In 2010 the tournament grew to 32 players and we welcomed Tom Bacca, Mike Connell, Bob Grosso, Jerry Martonic, Ted Paczek, Dave Rowley, and Tom Sullivan.

Once again in 2011 the tournament numbers increased to 36 players. With newcomers Randy Cobb, Jim Oleksa, Henry Rogers, and Don Rose.

During 2012 the number of players remained at 36 but we did have some new players joining us. Tony Aiello, Jerry Casler, Tom Gurganus, Kirby Primm, and Andrew Whiley.

In 2013 the tournament numbers increased to 40 players with the addition of Jay Davis, Duke Luksis, Wells Martin, Ellis Nelson, and Ron Smith.

The year 2014 had the highest number of players (44) that participated with Dick Berger, Ted Broyhill, Bill Kloepfer, Tom Lionelli, John McEver, Chuck Houseworth, and John Woloski joining us.

Our 2015 tournament of 40 players included newcomers Gary Eiloo, Rick Finley, Steve Tate, Dick Merrill, and Bob Dunbar.

The legends year 2016 included the additional golfers: Bill Bethurem, Ken Kalloway, Jim Salisbury, Wayne Webster, Bob Hope, and Tom Halik joined for the tournament.

While I indicated that our current list of players contains about 50 names not all of our legends are available at the time the tournament is held, or opt out of playing for other reasons. Additionally the Club has asked the tournament committee to limit the number of players/guests in order to be able to accommodate us for dinner. I believe it was back in 2007 that it was decided to arrange a dinner with wives/friends to show our gratitude to them for their support, as well as to continue the camaraderie that this event has fostered. We thank you all for your attendance this evening.

This inexact history of the evolution of this tournament and its players would not be complete without mentioning the names of some of the men who have actively assisted in helping to keep the group functioning. I apologize in advance if I omit any one.

But kudos should go out to:

Jerry McInnes—founder and organizer of each year's event

Ed Yarasheski, Jerry McInnes and Mike Connell – team organization and pairings

Chuck and Meg Houseworth – banquet reservations and table decorations

Joe Vartanesian & Larry Davis—shirt purchase arrangements

Rick Finley and Chuck Houseworth – Photo and slideshow

All the past captains for their roles in the tournament.

Tom Gurganus, Tom Bacca, and Larry Davis who set up the SUG program and keep it up to date.

All the men who arrange the weekly tee times for the group.

All the men who make the arrangements for the ten dollar tournaments. The first tournament was held in 2005 with 12 participants. i.e.

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The first tournament was held in 2005. Participants were Ed. Yarasheski, Ralph Haskell, Jerry Simons, Bob Dawkins, John Ice (deceased), Fritz Hintze (deceased), Jerry McInnes, Worth Joyner, and Pete Zuleba.

List of captains: <b>Winners in Red</b>		Players	Scores
2005	<b>Ed. Yarasheski</b> , Chuck Cascio	12	9---6
2006	<b>Ralph Haskell</b> , Joe Vartanesian	20	13--10*
2007	<b>Worth Joyner</b> , Bob Longley	20	15.5—9.5
2008	Bob Lanham, <b>P. Gallo /R. Alston</b>	24	15.5-14.5
2009	Pete Zuleba, <b>Fritz Hintze</b>	24	18--12
2010	<b>Dick Jordan</b> , Wayne McCulloch	32	24--16
2011	<b>Tom Bacca</b> , Mike Connell	36	29--16
2012	Larry Davis, Tom Sullivan <b>(Tie)</b>	36	22.5-- 22.5
2013	George McGuire, <b>Percy Taylor</b>	40	25.5--24.5
2014	<b>Lou Peverill</b> , Henry Rogers	44	29.5-- 25.5
2015	Randy Cobb, Kirby Primm <b>(Tie)</b>	40	25---25
2016	Tom Gurganus, Tom Lionelli	40	

\* 2006 had a forfeit event and so the point total is less than 25.