

“The Tee Box”[©]

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year for RIGC-2014. With the harsh winter just finishing, the membership was looking for a bit of a break in the year with the start of the 2014 season. The membership of the club increased again as the word gets out to other friends about this club. More and more general players have come on board and enjoyed the structure, competition and the generally fun play with a bunch of men mostly retired can do on a Wednesday.

As usual, the year started out with our general gathering with introduction of the 2014 board of directors, general calendar of events, and the introduction of our tournament schedule. This year, the club introduced the Super Senior Club Championship to be played within the club's medal play club championships.

We set up the play schedule with the first three rounds of practice. What happened, most of our practice were rained out....As usual, the club moved forward and started at usual of regular season play, the first Wednesday of May----Month of May gave us two rainouts and two Wednesday of wet play, June gave us some relieve as we moved along to start the annual Match Play. July, August and September produced some nice weather to play our game....

As the membership grows, we observe that there were NO repeat champions. This year the club crowned another mid handicap match play winner-Wynn Miller. RIGC's 2014 Club Champion Scott Moore came from five strokes behind to garner this award along with Jim Filak grabbing on the first round LOW NET and never gave it up. Bill Huney, a new member, was crowned out first Super Senior Champion. Without even playing, the Finale-Bill Siegert was able to outpoint all players to take home “THE JUG.”

Mid-season, RIGC introduced and Open Invitational to the members and quest. We had 48 participants in this better ball two-man competition. The event was a success and with a bit of a change for 2015, the Open Invitational should exceed 64 players. A change of date after the Labor Day holiday will increase the competition.

When the season turned toward the fall time-after Labor Day, the club's “fun” events kicked in with our newly named game “The Mayor's Yellow Ball Challenge.” What a challenge it was for all of the players---This four-man team event will garner even more participants for 2015.

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The annual FINALE of our club—the 27 hole two-man event, this year produced the FIRST ACE by a member since the beginning of the club 2009. New member, Kevin Downey, acing the par three 172-yard hole on the Eagle Course of Pine Knob with a 5 iron. WOW, it finally happened. Now that this draught has been broken, maybe there is a need for that “insurance” for 2014.

To close out the season, the membership along with their wives or significant others along with guest, gathered at a local establishment to honor all of the Champions, all of the players and general, put an end to the 2014 season. Pictures and video can be seen on our Facebook page, Rolling In Golf Club.

This closes the season—to all the membership of RIGC, the guest on the mailing list—May you all have a safe and wonderful off-season. May God watch over your travels these months.

We will convene our gathering this spring either the end of March or the Beginning of April. See you then and bring a friend along to join in with this club. Membership will close at 50.

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