

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 2009 (PSC) – by Jerry Pitzer

The participants at the 17th annual trip to Myrtle Beach enjoyed probably the best weather possible; warm enough for the beach crowd but cool enough, with lower humidity, for the golfers to enjoy. And I never heard the word “hurricane”.

The week started with the traditional Sunday evening reception, including hors d’oeuvres and an open bar. The food was supplemented with snacks provided by Sandy and Frank Witkowsky. The reception gave everyone an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones from the many new attendees. Claudia Straub, Fran Grajda, Marlene Straub, and Cliff Straub made sure that everyone received their souvenir luggage tags and travel bags, complete with the ski club logo. And Michelle Zamberry took the orders and made sure that everyone received their golf shirts.

The week was filled with activities. Of course, there was bocce every day and lots of lounging on the beach and by the pool. Donna Lijewski organized a trip to the local winery where the wines were “sampled.” Marv Burkholder was the designated driver so that the others could truly enjoy the wine. Collette Pomocky and her panel of judges determined the prize winners of the annual sand castle and sculpture building contest.

Robin Savage, with assistance from her sister Terri Ryan organized a great happy hour on the beach.” With the cooperating weather, we were able to hold the event on the patio behind the hotel, overlooking the beach and the ocean. In addition to the good food and beverages, Robin provided appropriate beach music.

Debbie and Michelle Zamberry hosted the group dinner. After a lot of searching, they selected the Liberty Brew House located just a few blocks from the hotel. The restaurant provided us with a semi private room where everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and comradery. The restaurant also gave the Club Happy Hour prices all evening long. We were also treated to an excellent dinner at the main restaurant in the Sands hotel, complements of the hotel.

The annual miniature golf tournament was again in the capable hands of Sandra and John Accettola. A total of 16 prizes were awarded for various categories. The overall winners were Michelle Zamberry for the women and ties between Mike Marusa, Jerry Pitzer, Ray Miller and Bob “Chico” D’Alesio for the men. All five scored 38 on the course.

On the full sized golf courses, Kevin Duris took on the duties of arranging tee times and foursomes. He was again assisted by Dave Snodgrass who “handled the money” for the Big Dog challenge.

Linda Butkovich led the way for the women followed by Michelle Zamberry in second place. Linda also managed to win the majority of the skill prizes, dominating the

entire field. On the men's side, Kevin Duris took top honors followed closely by Chuck Hewett.

Bettie Ann (B. A.) Stephenson conducted the fourth annual beach games competition. The contestants and spectators laughed their way through the challenges. In addition, B. A. stitched the Club logo on the golf shirts and trip souvenirs; another great job.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming, helping and participating in the many activities. I especially want to thank everyone that contributed towards the wine and golf gifts that you gave me. The gifts and especially the thought behind the gifts means a lot to me. I have to say that the wine was very good and I am wearing the golf shirt as I type this.

See you again next year, same time (September 11-18, 2010), same place.

Jerry Pitzer