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Sigma Chi's 2009 Grand Prix Teams. Front Row (L-R): Travis Iles, Corey Vonderschmidt, Ryan Lee, Ryan Poxon Back Row (L-R): Sheldon Alt, Jordan Mitchel, Kyle Fitzsimmons, Jordan Lawhorn, Blair LeGrand, Kevin Morse, Payton Turner, Matt Reigelsperger

Sigma Chi #99 Streaks to Grand Prix Victory

Sigma Chi's Kart 99 driven by Travis Isles '09 sped to victory in the 52nd running of the Purdue Grand Prix. Travis continued a long tradition of success as Delta Delta raced two karts in this annual rite of spring. Sigma Chi's second kart was driven by Matt Reigelsperger '10. The pit crew was headed by Sheldon Alt '10.

Both karts qualified among the top 30 karts for the 75-mile, 160-lap main event, through competitive time trials. Travis's Kart 99 started in the sixth position; Kart 9, driven by Matt started in the 15th spot.

The venue for the racing has moved, from the shadows of Ross-Ade Stadium, to a completely new asphalt track at the far northwestern corner of the Purdue campus. The new asphalt track was a challenge for all the drivers. Slightly different in configuration from the old track, the new track offers an extra straight-away, that tends to spread out the competitors. Bright sun, a stiff wind, and lots of blowing dust added to the challenge. Travis was racing in his fourth Grand Prix and Matt in his third. Both used their experience and

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Order of Constantine Selects Sergesketter '58

Bernie Sergesketter '58 was inducted this spring into the Order of Constantine, Sigma Chi's highest honor. Each year only 14 brothers are selected into this prestigious group. It is given to those "who have worn the White Cross in a manner the Seven Founders would have commended." Bernie was recognized for his long service to the international Fraternity as well as to Delta Delta. He is Delta Delta's fifth Order of Constantine Sig.

Over the years Bernie has held numerous positions in the Fraternity as a member of the Publications Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and on the Board of Governors of the Sigma Chi Foundation where he has served as Treasurer. Bernie has worked closely with the undergraduates as a Distinguished Faculty Member at two Balfour Leadership Training Workshops.

Bernie's leadership as the Steering Committee Co-Chairman was instrumental in the success of the *Securing the Future of Delta Delta Campaign* to renovate the chapter house. Bernie's energy, passion, and commitment to the long term future of Delta Delta inspired us all to reach the goals of this remarkable undertaking. Bernie continues to stay involved as he has restructured the Alumni Dues program and stays

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THE SIGMA CHI CREED

I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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Consul's Corner Ryan Hatfield '09

This summer has gone by quickly. We are now back and starting the fall semester and all the brothers have returned with a great deal of enthusiasm. Our first task is the selection of our next pledge class as we complete recruitment over the next three weeks. We would like to thank all our alumni who have sent in rush recommendations.

I also had the opportunity to attend Grand Chapter in Charleston, SC in July. At this gathering of Sigma Chis I was honored to be selected as one of the two undergraduate representatives to the Sigma Chi

Executive Committee. I am excited to follow in the steps of recent Delta Delta brothers Jesse LaRose '04 and Justin Brown '05 who have also served in this role.

We would also like to congratulate Bernie Sergesketter for his selection into the Order of Constantine. We are proud to have his certificate and picture hang in the Chapter Library.

Finally we look forward to our alumni returning this fall to cheer on the Boilers under new Coach Denny Hope. It should be a fun season. Come see us at 202 Littleton.

A Very Special 21st Birthday

Over my 16 ½ years as Chapter Advisor, many Delta Delta actives and alumni have had a chance to meet my son Ryan, a young man with Down syndrome. I can attest that every Sig has shown a warm heart and true friendship to a young man who wants nothing more than to be one of the boys. This has meant undergraduate brothers wrestling in the Great Hall with Ryan when he was young, throwing the football in the front yard with him, and just hanging out in Room 16 with a root beer and watching T.V. Many alumni have patiently listened and conversed with Ryan on the upcoming football game, about their families, and where they were from.

Because Sigma Chi has been such a big part of his life, when Ryan turned 21 on June 27, we held a special party for him at the Delta Delta chapter house. With the help of Butch Brose '09, Tim Maloney '74, Jay Andrew '98 and Will Bowman '09, the house was ready for the over 80 guests who showed up to celebrate with Ryan. With all of Ryan's family, friends and neighbors enjoying the karaoke

By Phil Steele

singing, dancing and fun, the chapter house was a perfect setting. Throughout the evening I received numerous complements from many in the community who had never been in a fraternity house on how nice the house looked and its interesting history.

Ryan will remember his party at Delta Delta with many fond memories. For him it was a coming of age event where he was at college and partying just like his older brother and sister had done. For me it was a chance to see Ryan in the Sig house having fun, knowing that so many Delta Delta brothers over the years had in some small way included Ryan in their lives. The joy and acceptance my son experienced each time he walked through the doors at 202 Littleton St. is what I'll remember most. For that my brothers I will be forever grateful.

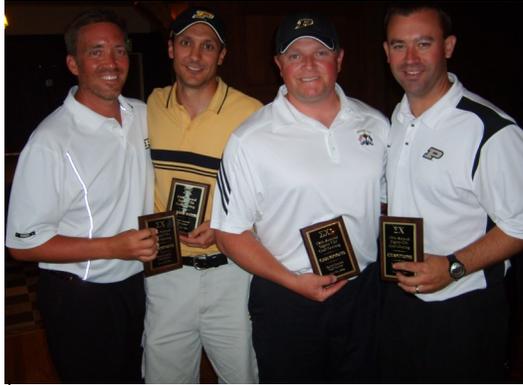


Ryan Steele

19th Annual Alumni Delta Delta Golf Outing

So what if everyone got a little wet at this year's 19th Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf outing. The day started with bright sunshine, but somewhere along the way the clouds formed and the rains came at the Battle Ground Golf Club. Fortunately the cloud burst was brief and did not dampen the spirits of the 82 brothers in attendance. As usual the golf was great, the beer cold, the steak dinner excellent, and the brotherhood priceless.

This year the Class of '95 team of Craig Johnson, Guenter Haines, Jason Baker, and Kevin Jacobson took



The Winners: L-R: Craig Johnson, Jason Baker, Guenter Haines, Kevin Jacobson



2nd Place: L-R: Bart Burrell, Tom Shurig, Jim Dishong, Mark Herrmann

top honors. A putt off was required in the Great Hall to determine the second and third place finishers since both teams tied for second with their score of 8 under par. Bart Burrell '81 deftly knocked his putt closest to the cup and the Class of '81 with Bart, Tom Shurig, Jim Dishong, Tim Hull and Mark Herrmann, claimed runner up honors from the Class of '71's Larry Nicolet, Ralph Bline, Jim Smith and Kirk Raymond.

The Class of '71 was recognized for Best Participation and Tom Leslie '68 was selected as

our most Distinguished Alumnus. Brother Drew Wagoner '94 took home the prize to Birmingham, AL for being the brother traveling the farthest to participate.

As usual Bob Burlas '86 with help from Tim Maloney '74, Tony D'Eramo, Phil Steele '77 and a small group of undergrads pulled off another great event. Each year the sounds of brotherhood on the golf course and chapter house resonant from the returning alumni and remind us of just how important our long lasting Delta Delta friendships have become.



3rd Place: L-R: Kirk Raymond, Scott McConnell, Jim Smith, Ralph Bline

Order of Constantine continued involved in the ongoing financing of the renovation campaign. Bernie now serves on the Delta Delta House Corporation.

Phil Steele '77, Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor during the renovation campaign, stated, "Bernie exemplifies what it means when we talk about serving both the international fraternity and our local chapter. He has given a great deal to both and not only have Delta Delta Sigs benefitted, but so have Sigs across the country. We are deeply appreciative of the time and wisdom he has given to

all Sigma Chi brothers, but especially to Delta Delta."

A presentation to recognize Bernie for his Order of Constantine selection will be made at Delta Delta following the annual House Corporation meeting at Homecoming 2009. This will be in conjunction with other special recognition presentations to take place that day. We invite all those who would like to personally congratulate Bernie to return on October 3rd.



Bernie received his Order of Constantine certificate at the April Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors' meeting. Presenting the award (L-R) Wayne Tucker, Grand ProConsul; Lee Beauchamp, Past Grand Consul; Sergesketter; Bob Joseph, Past Grand Consul; and Bob Jones, Grand Consul.

Chapter, House Corp Recognized At BLTW

The Delta Delta Chapter and House Corporation were both honored at the 2009 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC from July 30th to August 2nd. The chapter was again recognized as a Peterson Significant Chapter and also received the Ross Award for having the top publications program in the country. The House Corporation was a recipient of the Outstanding House Corporation award.

During this four day workshop the undergrads meet with officers from other chapters who hold the same house positions. Discussions are led by volunteer alumni brothers who help the younger Sigs develop new ideas and plans to make improvements within their chapter operations. This annual gathering of Sigma Chis from all over North American remains the largest gathering of any fraternity with over 1600 attendees.

Brandon Cortez, Delta Delta's Pro Consul, stated, "It was a very beneficial time for all the guys from Delta Delta that attended." Those in attendance were Consul Ryan Hatfield, Brandon, Magister Steven Filie, Quaester Andrew Brown, Risk Manager Spencer Hatfield and Rush Chairman Alex MacGill.

BLTW was held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for the first time and gave the Delta Delta brothers a chance to visit the famous Smith Center Basketball Arena as well as the college social scene. Ryan Hatfield was chosen as the lucky man responsible for chaperoning the International Sigma Chi Sweetheart at BLTW.

Brandon noted that he felt the Delta Delta participants made significant progress in each of their respective



Victory continued skills from their prior races to work through the crowd of competitors. Around the 40th lap, Travis took over the lead, and never gave it up. He led for the last 121 laps, retaining his lead during his pit stop to take on gasoline, thanks to the expert work of Sheldon Alt's pit crew.

Some trouble with the clutch of Kart 9 put Matt out of the race with about 15 laps to go. But we'll look for Matt to star next year.

Travis won the race by a handy margin, with a large interval between his winning Kart 99 and the second-place finisher who was closing quickly but got caught up in an accident. Travis said, "My goal was just to drive as smooth as possible and make it difficult for the

positions during the officer breakout sessions. All the brothers met with the Drew Autojay, the Grand Praetor from the Northern Indiana province, and created three strategic goals for the year. These included: 1. raise our initiation percentage among pledges to 85% 2. revamp Derby Days and Chapter Community Involvement and 3. schedule at least two brotherhood functions per semester.

Brandon concluded, "It was a great time and I hope to make it back next year."

other karts to get around me." Travis took a victory lap clockwise around the track, in contrast to the counterclockwise racing. The pit crew and Sig spectators feared that Travis would keep driving until he ran out of gas, but he eventually stopped to accept the winner's and the traveling trophies, along with the accolades of parents, his brothers from Delta Delta, assorted Purdue coeds, and several recent Delta Delta pit crew alumni, including Mark Simhauser '08, who flew in from Utah to help fine-tune the karts.

Both Sig teams would like to thank all those who supported them especially alumni Jim '71, Jay '98 and Tom '04 Andrew who helped sponsor the team by providing garage space for the kart team's preparation.

Sigma Chi Grand Prix Winners

1959 Grand Prix: Dick Clayton '60, John Alexander '59, Bob Elsperman '58, John Jeffers '59, Tom Ross '61

1969 Grand Prix: Gary Vonderheide '69

1978 Grand Prix: Bob Keagy '78

2006 Grand Prix: Brian Mudd '06 (second place)

2009 Grand Prix: Travis Iles 2009

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Keith Krach '79 who has served on the Purdue Board of Trustees for the past two years was recently elected Chairman of this group. Delta Delta congratulates Brother Krach on his new role on the board.

'44 William Cole has moved down the road to a new residence at 3652 Longview Ave., Bloomington, IN 47408.

'50 Charles Weaver and his wife, Donna, have moved to a new home at 3707 E. Alexandra Lane, Spokane, WA 99223. Email: weaver-com@msn.com

'77 John Loop has relocated to 657 W. Division St., Unit C, Chicago, IL 60614. Email: joh-nloop1@yahoo.com.

'80 Robert Fish has moved a few blocks to 1511 Ferry St., Lafayette, IN 47901.

'91 Matt Lawrence has returned to Boilermaker territory and now resides at 713 Owen St., Lafayette, IN 47905.

'91 Christopher Aimone and his family have returned to the Hoosier state. His new home is at 187 Circle, Terre Haute, IN 47803.

'95 Gavin Philipps was recently promoted, moved, and had his third child in the span of about two months. Gavin is now the Regional Manager with Boston Scientific covering MN,WI, ND, and SD. He and his wife also had a baby boy, Owen, born on July 9th. Congratulations can be sent to his new address at 5750 Sunnybrook Lane, Mound, MN 55364, or email him at gavin.philipps@bsci.com.

Gavin states, "I am looking forward to linking up with some Boilers and Sigs to cheer Purdue on when they play Minnesota this fall."

'98 Mark Baldwin reports that after three and a half years in graduate school, he recently completed a doctor of philosophy degree in Engineering at the University of Denver. Following commencement ceremonies on June 5, Mark started a new job at Lock-

heed Martin Corporation in Denver working as a Biomechanical and Structural Analyst on NASA's new Orion Spacecraft project. Mark can be reached at 18274 W 58th Pl, Apt. 39, Golden, CO 80403.

'01 Steve Egan updated us noting that he and his wife, Amy, recently moved out of Chicago to the 'burbs. Their new home is at 14119 Selva Ln., Orland Park, IL 60462. Steve is currently in sales for Tibotec Therapeutics which is the HIV division of Johnson and Johnson. For more email Steve at egansteve@gmail.com.

'08 David Busch writes that he has successfully moved to Charlottesville, VA and started his new job with Barton Malow. Until Dave gets established in his new abode, you'll have to reach him by email at David.Busch@bartonmalow.com.

Alumni NewsNotes Needed
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Chapter Eternal

All honor to their names.

Charles R. Starbuck Jr. '41 passed away in July 2008 in Seminole, FL. His wife wrote that "Dick" loved being a Sigma Chi.

George Christena '45 passed away on May 18. George, who according to Stu Pritchard '43, was the only pledge to live in the chapter house in 1942. George served his country during World War II and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery in July.

John P. Henson '46, South Bend, IN, 7-08-08.

Harold E. Parsons '47, Granada Hills, CA, 4-29-09.

Richard L. Ricker '53 entered Chapter Eternal on February 3. He was residing in Spring Hill, FL at the time of his death. "Butch" who won the Indiana state high school championship in the 440 yard run in 1947, ran track at Purdue and upon graduation became a teacher and served as Athletic Director for Frankfort, IN High School for many years. His son Dave, Class of '77, commented his Dad was always proud to be a Sigma Chi. Dave noted that during his funeral service the White Rose Ceremony was conducted and it meant a great deal to him and his mother.

Tom Branning '66, Evanston, IL, 4-28-09.

Doug Trudeau '66 entered Chapter Eternal on May 1. Doug was an Illinois all-state high school basketball player and class salutatorian. He was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984. Doug earned three varsity basketball letters while earning his pharmacy degree at Purdue. Professionally, Doug owned Trudeau Drugs in Watseka, IL, and after selling the business, continued his pharmacy career working in multiple communities in Illinois and Indiana.

Samuel M. Kintner '55 entered chapter eternal on October 9, 2008 at his home in Pittsburg, PA. Brother Kintner had a rich Sigma Chi legacy as his brother John, '51; father, John B. Kintner '24; and grandfather, Dr. Samuel Kintner '1894, were all Delta Delta Sigs. For 37 years Sam and John, were co-owners of J.B. Kintner and Sons Co., a company founded by their father in 1945. Sam was a member of the Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh Rotary, and enjoyed golf, tennis and squash.

Composite Call Out To All Delta Delta Sigs

The House Corporation Archives Committee has a project underway to electronically scan and make available for viewing by alumni at Homecoming and other events, and eventually on a website, each year's Delta Delta composite. We have scanned the following large composites still at 202 Littleton that were in good enough condition to scan:

2007-2008; 2005-2006; 2002; 2001-2002; 1999-2000; 1998-1999; 1996-1997; 1993-1994; 1992-1993; 1991-1992; 1987-1988; 1981-1982; 1979; 1978; 1977; 1971; 1964; 1957.

We need your help to fill the gaps. If you have your small composite in good condition for a year that is missing and would be willing to scan and send it to us, please first contact the project chairman Ralph Bline '71 to see if we still need your composite. Please contact Ralph at ralph.bline@usa.net and enter in the subject line of your e-mail "Delta Delta Composite" or otherwise he will delete your e-mail as spam. If a scan of your composite is needed, he will get back in touch with you with instructions.

The project to record our composite history is the second undertaking of this type. Through the diligent work of Ken Kraft '56 we have compiled a complete record of all Delta Delta Consuls dating back to 1935. As part of this effort we have recently scanned all the Consul pictures in Room 1 and will be including these on the website as well as on display at the chapter house.

We are very excited about these projects to preserve our chapter records and hope all alumni will enjoy having access to this part of Delta Delta history.

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