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The Class of '92, pictured above, took home the Best Participation award at this year's Alumni Golf Outing. In no particular order, present were: John McCall, Neil Schmidt, Blair Dryden, Dave Han, Brook Bales, Ed Quatman, John Folkers, Matt Crawford, Mike Graber, Tom Newman and John Taylor.

Great Golf, Great Brotherhood Mark 9th Annual Alumni Event

Great weather, great brotherhood, great golf by some, and maybe not so great golf by some others, all contributed to a great time at this year's annual Alumni Golf Outing. Over 75 alumni returned to challenge Purdue's revamped Ackerman golf course with the foursome of Dave Richter '84, Greg Klug '85, Bryan Nikirk '84 and Jeff Wilson '84 taking home first place honors with a round of 11 under par. The winners were closely followed by the team of Jim MacDonald '80, R.L. Berry '80, Bob Marks '80, and Mike Spooner '80. Finishing third were Brad Muehlbauer '95, Brad Hunter '95, Mike Syljebeck '95 and Ryan Polen '01. Greg Klug '85 and Craig Johnson '95 hit the longest drives of the day, Dave Richter '84 and Matt Tigchelaar '91 knocked it closest to the pin and Gunter Haines '95 sank the longest putt.

The Class of '92 took home the prize for having the greatest participation and Brother Ron Karns '64 was this year's Most Distinguished Alumnus. In a hotly disputed ruling John Puterbaugh '80 who flew in from Denver
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Blinn '55 Leads Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter

Robert Blinn '55 is now the Washington Alumni Chapter President where he has the honor of working with over 5000 Sigs living in the greater Washington, DC area. This involves regular luncheons, a biannual Congressional Luncheon, Derby Day and several social activities. Bob has served the alumni chapter over the past 20 years in various positions and is a Life Loyal Sig.

Bob noted that he has always loved Sigma Chi and often reflects on his Delta Delta pledging and initiation experience. He says that like many young freshman he was terribly immature with awful study habits. This led to early academic trouble and some social irresponsibility even though several Delta Delta upperclassmen took some dramatic steps to turn him around. According to Bob there efforts were to no avail and he left Purdue after two years in 1953 to join the Air Force. After a shaky start in the service, Bob stated that "he somehow recovered to make a good career and he retired from the Air Force in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel after
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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.

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Consul's Corner Andy Wesdorp $\Delta\Delta$ '00

By the time this news hits the streets most of us will be finishing up summer jobs, where we have taken advantage of the summer break to display our money-making abilities. Many of us, such as myself, are in the construction trades, some are testing the waters of their academic fields with internships and co-ops, and a handful of the guys are spending their summer working at the Purdue Golf Course Complex, headed up by Assistant Pro Joe Kane, Delta Delta '99.

We finished the semester on a high note with two carts in this year's Grand Prix and we held the second annual spring formal on the Belle of Louisville in Louisville, KY. Special recognition also came to the chapter as Brandon Gough '99 was selected as Greek Man of the Year for his leadership and participation in all aspects of Greek life. Busch Voights '00 got into the spirit of campus politics and was elected next year's President of Purdue's student body.

Over the summer we have sought to stay in touch with our brothers in a couple of ways. First of all, the House Corporation decided once again to open the house for the summer, allowing an inexpensive place for brothers attending summer school to live. As part of the summer arrangement those brothers living in were assigned a house improvement project. This gives several brothers a chance to remain active with the chapter over the summer. Secondly, the Delta Delta web page is up and running, as Todd Snyder, Delta Delta '01, has done an amazing makeover on the site. Todd has set up a chat room as well as a message board for everyone to

enjoy. Check it out at www.deltadelta.org. This web page enables us to continue communicating with each other, make plans for get-togethers, and carry on the inside jokes that develop throughout the year.

By the way did everyone see in the latest edition of The Magazine of Sigma Chi the feature on past International Balfour Award Recipient Keith Krach '79. Keith is Chairman of the Leadership Training Board, and five of us will see him again this summer at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, held in early August at Kansas State University.

With the new school year rapidly approaching the undergraduates are preparing for another great year. We start immediately with Derby Days and Rush and additionally we will be taking part with the Interfraternity Council in building a Habitat for Humanity house. The chapter's other goals are to stress academic excellence and improvement, become more involved on campus, and promote a greater sense of volunteerism around the house, where there is always opportunity to lend a hand. We are looking forward to a year filled with challenge and accomplishment.

We hope you've had a great summer as well and we would like to encourage all our alumni brothers to come back for Homecoming or stop by and visit anytime.

HOMEcoming 1999
OCTOBER 16
Come cheer on the Boilers !!!!

9th Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing



Delta Delta Roars To Third Place In Grand Prix '99

Four years ago three young Delta Delta Sigs undertook a mission that would eventually bring our Grand Prix Race Team into the spotlight. Stephen Provost, Jeffrey Mellinger, Josh Crawford, all Delta Delta 99ers, and a handful of other recent Delta Delta grads, began a fund-raising effort that would provide the necessary funding to put a competitive cart on the track.



This year, after many amazing contributions of both time and money, the reality took place. For the first time in Delta Delta history, we were able to field two carts in the race, with rookie driver Jason Bezy '02 finishing and impressive third place. Steve Provost in his third attempt to make the winner's circle, finished out of the money, after escaping one potential wreck, and then experiencing clutch trouble.

The man who put in many long nights and filled many tires full of air, Crew Chief Jeff Mellinger, had this to say. "Obviously to see Stephen go down with the clutch problem is not the way I wanted to see it end, but to see the transformation that our racing team has made in my four years is something that I'll cherish forever."

Jason Bezy, a recently initiated Sig surprised everyone by taking the house's second chassis to the highest finish by Sigma Chi in recent memory. Jason who is looking forward to next year already, stated, "I was fortunate to have this incredible first season, and with my crew and I together for two more years, we definitely look to improve our team standing and reputation as a force to be reckoned with at the Purdue Grand Prix."

Both crews and the entire chapter, wish to thank our many generous alumni for their contributions to the team. Without their ongoing support and encouragement we could not have reached this level of accomplishment.

Alumni Golf continued . . . took the honors for traveling the furthest to reach West Lafayette. After consulting a travel atlas, Mike Schunk '79, who ventured up from southern Florida, filed a formal protest. The rules committee denied his protest so Mike will have to return next year to try and resolve this gross injustice.

As you can see the spirit of fun and brotherhood was evident throughout our afternoon of golf and the steak dinner that followed. Jeff McKean '86, and his dedicated crew of Tom Leslie '68, Jim Andrew '68, Phil Steele '77, Chris Corrigan '85, George Bender '69, Dave Westerbeck '83 and Jim Trachtman '85, deserve a big thank you for putting on the 9th annual event. The brothers would also like to thank Scott Kaminski '81 for providing a special credit card/money clip that commemorated the outing. As always the undergrads did a nice job of preparing and cleaning the chapter house.

Next year's event will serve as the chapter's major activity to commemorate Delta Delta's 125th Anniversary. Our hope is to host an event that will attract every living Delta Delta brother and to have over 250 play golf. Make plans now to join us and all your pledge brothers on June 10, 2000.

Blinn continued . . .

serving as a Bombardier/Navigator including combat in Vietnam, and a variety of assignments as a staff officer". Upon his retirement from the Air Force Bob joined Teledyne Brown Engineering and today works as a senior systems engineer working in Government Contracting Systems.

Because of his abrupt departure from Purdue Bob has mostly lost touch with his pledge brothers, but did return to Delta Delta in 1995 for his class's 40th Reunion. Bob finished his education at Ohio State while in the Air Force, but has never forgotten the wonderful feelings he had on initiation and as a pledge and active, if only briefly.

Bob concludes by saying "I am proud to be a Sigma Chi and in this very honorable position with the Washington Sigma Chi Alumni". Any Delta Delta Sig in the Washington D.C. area should look Bob up if he can be of service in any way. He can be found at 2802 Cathedral Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Alumni In The News . . Alumni In The News . . Alumni In The News-

'63 **Robert Kessler** has packed his bags and moved south to 14 Twin Pines Rd., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

'77 **Brian Ortman** reports that he will be in Bethesda, MD for the next year as part of the Masters of Public Health program. Cindy and the kids will remain in the St. Louis area and Brian can be reached at 805 Deer Creek Rd., O'Fallon, IL 62269. Email Hogbristle@aol.com.

'78 **Larry Prahin** has recently moved into a new home at 8 Talshire Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77479.

'79 **Robert Holloway** has moved back to his hometown of Louisville and is working with his father to manage several swimming pool and hotel properties. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 43906, Louisville, KY 40253-0906.

'80 **John Puterbaugh** for the past two years has served as Senior V.P. of Human Resources for Einstein Bagel Corp. following a tour of

duty with Nike. Puter, wife, Sue, and children Madeline, 7, and Harrison, 4, call home 285 Pearl St., Boulder, CO.

Email: jputerbaugh@enbc.com.

'81 **Robert "Skip" Clark** has had a couple of interesting years. He recently left General Motors and is now consulting with a small firm, eImagine Tech Group, located in Indianapolis. He is also been learning what life is like to have twin daughters, Ciara and Molly, both 1, and wife, Sarah is expecting again. They all call home 4484 Braedonwood, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

'86 **Timothy Lee** and wife, Marcy, were married in 1996 and by the time this goes to print they should be first time parents. The Lee's reside in the Boston area at 4 Cambridge Terrace, Cambridge, MA 02140. Email tlee@crja.com.

'90 **Shaun Bonwell** and wife, Christina, are proud parents of new daughter. They can be reached at 12142 Pepperwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46236.

'91 **Aaron Thomas** and his wife, Barbara, have a new addition to their family, a daughter, who currently reside at 5925 Hillside Dr. East, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

'92 **Brooke Bales** is currently Division Manger for Kirby Risk Electrical Supply in Richmond, IN. Brook can be reached 306 E. Union St., Liberty, IN 47353.

'93 **Brad Meuhlbauer** recently completed his MBA through the University of Michigan. He is currently working for BP Amoco as a business analyst and can be found at 1012 W. Armitage #1, Chicago, IL 60614.

We Need To Hear News From You!

The Brothers of Delta Delta welcome your correspondence. Send your news updates on births, moves, promotions, honors, reunions to Delta Delta c/o Chapter Editors at 202 Littleton St., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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Brother Bill Weigel '63, on the right, enjoyed his meal. Brothers Jim Ritchie '63, left, and Jim "Lank" Latham '63 just found out Brother Weigel isn't going to pay for their dinners . . . somewhere in San Francisco.

Alumni Newsnotes cont. . .

'94 **Dave Cera** now calls home 2855 Peachtree Rd. #322, Atlanta, GA 30305.

'94 **Jeff Hackleman** reports he is midway through optometry school at Ohio State. He can be reached between classes at 6400 Dublin Rd., Delaware, OH 43015.

'94 **John Allen** and wife Misty have relocated their family to 5679 Norwaldo Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

'96 **Noah Glazov** has made another move. He now hangs his hat at 2970 N. Sheridan Rd., Apt. 1110, Chicago, IL 60657.

Chapter Eternal

All honor to Their Names . . .

'22 **Harry J. Knapp**, Berne, IN, 1997.

'35 **Robert S. Tuttle**, Sun City, AZ, March 1999

'40 **Joe Martin**, Minnetonka, MN, March 1998

'61 **William Inskeep**, Ft. Myers, FL, January 1999

Planning A Reunion? Just Do It!

Last October the Class of '58 celebrated their 40th Reunion at Delta Delta's Homecoming celebration. Robert Puzey '58 wrote "For the alumni to walk the halls, talk with the actives and their dates, tell your sweetheart how good you used to be at ping pong and pool, and just to stand on the porch and look out over the Wabash river is the stuff reunions are made of. The amazing way the house has stood up since years before any of us were there, until the present, is a physical representation for the strength of our spiritual brotherhood."

Brother Puzey in his note added, "If your class hasn't been getting together occasionally then start now. If you depend on "someone else" to organize, it won't happen. You do it! Do it now!"

Anyone needing address lists for their class should contact Phil Steele at email: Steele@wcic.cioe.com. Begin planning now for that special reunion with your brothers and if the chapter can be of any assistance let them know.

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