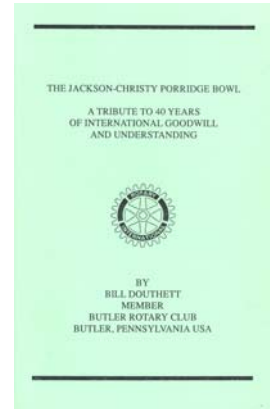


Golf Challenges and Exchanges

See “The Jackson-Christy Porridge Bowl: A Tribute to 40 Years of International Goodwill and Understanding,” by Bill Douthett (Butler) (2002) for a detailed history of the Scottish golfing challenges.

Here, the following competitions are briefly described:

- 🏌️ Doughstick Competition
- 🏌️ Heather and Gorse Competition
- 🏌️ Jackson-Christy Competition
- 🏌️ Couples Golf Exchange
- 🏌️ District Golf Challenge



A golf competition among Rotary clubs, known as the *Doughstick Competition*, occurs at every district conference. All Rotarians are eligible, regardless of handicap. The winner is determined using the five lowest Calloway scores for each Rotary club represented. Sounds simple, but a Rotary club with only two golfers can be the winner. (A formula is used when a club has fewer than five golfers involved.) The winning club is awarded the Doughstick Trophy, which is then engraved by that club. The trophy was given to our district by visiting Scots at our 1977 district conference.

Doughstick Trophy		
Year	Winning club	Site
1978	Butler	

Another golf competition, known as the *Heather and Gorse Competition*, occurs at every district conference. In this competition, all Rotarians who have either been on an outgoing Scottish Couples golf team or hosted a Scottish Couples golf exchange team couple are eligible. The fee is \$5 per entry. The winner is determined by the Stableford scoring system, used in Scotland for competition between Rotarians. The player with the highest Stableford score is the winner of the competition. Full handicap is used, with strokes taken as they fall on the card.* All ties are to be decided by matching cards starting with the #1 handicap hole and proceeding in order of handicap until a winner is determined. The winning golfer is awarded the Heather and Gorse Trophy, which he can then have engraved with his name and keep at his home club meeting place until the next district conference.

* Double bogey and above = 0; bogey = 1; par = 2; birdie = 3; and eagle = 4.

Heather and Gorse Trophy		
Year	Winner	Site
2002	Ron Vodenichar (Butler)	
2003	Mike Lintelman (Rich-Mar)	

The big golf competition for our district is known as the *Jackson-Christy Competition*. In this one-on-one match, two Rotarians, one American and the other Scottish, play 36 holes over a two-day period. To qualify to play in the Jackson-Christy Competition, the American Rotarian must win the Balmashanner Trophy at a qualifying tournament at the previous year’s district conference, and the Scottish Rotarian must win the Uffner Trophy at a qualifying tournament in the Scottish district. The site of Jackson-Christy Competition alternates each year between the American and Scottish Rotary districts and is held at the hosting district’s annual conference.

The Jackson-Christy competition started in 1967. In 1962, Kenneth Christy (Butler) met Peter Jackson (District 1010) at the international convention in New York City, and the two Rotarians devised a scheme of golf competition and Rotarian camaraderie.

The September 1979 governor’s newsletter stated “Out of the 18 times that the tournament has taken place, we have held [the Jackson-Christy Porridge Bowl] 8 times. And this is our fourth year in succession.” That newsletter also describes the trophy: “it really is a bowl, but what a bowl. Turned from wood on an elaborate wooden stand, it is worth fighting for.”

Jackson-Christy Porridge Bowl and Dipper			
(Bold indicates winner)			
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)	Site
1962			
1963		H. Dean McCandless (Butler)	Royal and Ancient Golf Course at St. Andrews, Scotland
1964	William Maitland	Jack Smith (Butler)	Butler
1965			Scotland
1966	Richard Storey	William Douthett (Butler)	
1967			
1968			
1969	John Devine	Jack Smith	Scotland
1970			
1971			
1972	John Devine	Paul Martis (Zelienople)	Scotland

Jackson-Christy Porridge Bowl and Dipper			
(Bold indicates winner)			
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)	Site
1973		Jim Callas (Kittanning)	
1974			
1975			
1976	Eric Brown	Frank Guesman (East Brady)	Butler Country Club
1977		Mitch Ufner (Butler)	Glen Eagles, Scotland
1978		Paul Martis (Zelienople)	here
1979		PDG Jack Nicklas	Scotland
1980	Peter Giles	Bob Brain (Zelienople)	
1981			
1982			
1983	Ron W. Berry	Bob Meeder (Zelienople)	Clarion
1984			
1985		George Bilowick	Cross Creek
1986			
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1993		Cal Neithamer (Erie)	Scotland
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1996			
1997	Wendy Mitchell (Ceres)	R. David Cunningham (New Castle)	Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, West Middlesex
1998			
1999			
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2002			
2003		Ken Fair (Butler)	
2004			
2005			
2006			

Another golf competition that is alternated between our district and District 1010 in Scotland is known as **Couples Golf Exchange**. Eight couples travel to the host country to spend two weeks as guests of the Rotarians there. The Rotarian golfers have varied golf competitions almost every day of the visit, finishing with “The Tournament,” which is eight match-play pairs competing to win the trophy for their home district.

Any Rotarian in good standing who plays golf is eligible for the Couples Golf Exchange. Golfers with handicaps from 3 to 36 have gone on this tour.

While the Rotarians are golfing, the spouses are having enjoyable days touring, shopping, and developing friendships that often continue long after the visit has ended. The evenings are spent getting to know the host better, sometimes quietly as two couples together or, more often, at wonderful parties.

Participating in the tour is a several-year commitment, however. Not only do the couples travel to other district, but they also must host a visiting couple for five days or so in August on an alternate year. Couples must host once, but are encouraged to host twice. While in Pennsylvania, for example, the Scots usually spend five days with each of three hosts. Efforts are made to have a southern, central, and northern stop within the district. Economically, this is a wonderful way to visit Scotland. While hosting, one is responsible for all the costs of entertaining a Scottish couple, including golf, admission fees, and meals. However, when it is your turn to go to Scotland, your only expenses are transportation, clothes, and gifts for the hosts. Not only does it spread the cost of the trip over several years, but one could never travel and do the things planned in Scotland for the amount of money an American Rotarian spends in this program. The Couples Golf Exchange builds lasting international friendships, shows guests the best of each area they visit, and provides opportunities for challenging golf, good food, and lots of fun – all at a reasonable price.

Couples Golf Exchange		
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)
1978	8 guests	
1980		won
1981		Dick & Ruthie Hunt (Zelienople) George & Agnes Foster (Erie) Bob & Marie Jones (Ellwood City) Chuck & Pauline Waltenbaugh (Meadville) Cliff & Sarah Woessner (Portersville) Bob & Dorothy Brown (Presque Isle) Avor & Helen Lee (Sharon) Bill & Dot Uhl (Zelienople)
1982		
1983	Jim MacDonald	won

Couples Golf Exchange		
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)
	Tommy Holmes Les Ferguson Jim Munro John & Cathie Dunn Peter & Hazel Gordon	
1984		
1985		
1986		Ted Zimmerman Gerry Crowley (Ellwood City) Bob Stahl (Ellwood City) Hand Weymer (Meadville) Jim Stranahan (Mercer) Tracey Griswald (Erie) Bob Fehnel (Elk Valley) Harry Ennis (Zelienople)
1987		
1988		Harry & Gwen Ennis (Zelienople) Cal & Skip Neithamer (Erie) Bob & Louise Thomas (Meadville) Fran & Barb Remington (Warren) Lou & Marian Bret (Elk Valley) Jim & Marion Brydon (Presque Isle) Dale & Ruth Smith (Zelienople) Miff & Madeleine McBride (Grove City)
1989		Ken & Barb Fair (Butler) Don & Molly Williams (Cranberry Township) Dale & Millie Pinkerton (Butler) Bill & Debra Pettigrew (Rich-Mar) Bob & Nancy Fisher (Butler) Joe & Michelle Mancuso (Cranberry Township) Larry & Debra Garvin (Butler) Bob Alexander & Linda Griffin (Portersville/Prospect) Tom & Paula Rummell (Butler)
1990		
1991		
1992		
1993		Harry & Martha Sniden (Erie)

Couples Golf Exchange		
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)
1994		Paul & Carolyn Rizza (Slippery Rock) John & Mary Beth Chips (Rich-Mar) Jack & Kathy Fatica (Erie) Brad & Donna Keith (Slippery Rock) Dave & Joretta Kennedy (Zelienople) Mike & Nancy Lintelman (Rich-Mar) Lou & Betty Pollock (Erie) Jim & Marilyn Thomas (Erie)
1996		John & Mary Beth Chips (Rich-Mar) Lad and Jan Hudac (Rich-Mar) Bill & Jackie Schilling (Erie) Ken & Julie Applegate (Erie) PDG Bernie & Jane Hoyt (Mercer) Ray & Betty Johnson (New Castle) Dale & Millie Pinkerton (Butler) Ken & Barb Fair (Butler)
1997	Frank & Alison Strang David & Ella Arnot William & Margaret Duncan Lester & Dorothy Hearndon David & Dianne Barnett Ian & Helen Macartney Mike & Cynthia Stent Bob & Pam Thomson	Southern Area: Ken & Barb Fair (Butler) Bob Alexander & Linda Griffin (Portersville/Prospect) Bob & Nancy Fisher (Butler) Paul & Diane Burke (Parker) Bill & Karen Wilson (Butler) Don & Molly Williams (Cranberry Township) Ron & Linda Vodenichar (Butler) Joe & Michelle Mancuso (Cranberry Township) Middle Area: Edwin & Patricia Galbreath (New Castle) Brad & Donna Keith (Slippery Rock) Duncan & Bonnie Jean Sargent (Slippery Rock) Art & Audrey Towne (New Castle) Dave & Linda Cunningham (New Castle) Clark & Carole Hoffman (Meadville) Ted & Judy Zimmerman (Ellwood City) David & Joretta Kennedy (Zelienople)

Couples Golf Exchange		
Year	From Scotland (District 1010)	From USA (District 7280)
		Northern Area: Ken & Julie Appletree (Erie) Harry & Martha Sinden (Erie) Jack & Kathy Fatica (Erie) Mike & Lisa Bergquist (Erie) Don & Nancy Bernardo (Erie) Gordy & Debra Naughton (Erie) Dick & Barbara Reeves (Erie) Rick Claffey & Barbara Hauck (Kearsarge)

District Golf Challenge (Bold indicates winner)			
Year	Rotary Club	Goal	Site
1996			Rained out
2002	Rich-Mar: Larry Bracco, Matt LaNeve, Mike Lintelman, Chris Abernethy	Raised \$3000 for Polio Eradication Campaign	Armco Golf Club, Slippery Rock