



INTERNATIONAL GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

48TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by the Rotarians of District 7690, this week-long event is filled with fellowship, fun, golf and adventure.

For golfers, the Rotary World Championship 54-hole tournament begins Monday with a practice round. Tournament rounds will be played on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. And there will be ample daylight and tee times for those who want to play more than 18 holes per day.

For non-golfers, there is no pressure to do anything but enjoy the ambience of the Carolina Hotel, The Spa at Pinehurst, the historic Village of Pinehurst or other area attractions. Day tours will be available for a wide range of interests.

Social activities will begin with a welcome reception and dinner on Sunday evening and conclude with a gala awards banquet at week's end. In between, there will be ample opportunity to meet old friends and make new

ones at luncheons, a Rotary meeting, home hospitality and informal gatherings throughout the resort.



The fellowship of golfers now known as the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians probably began shortly after the founding of Rotary Clubs in places where golf was being played. Such certainly was the case in Scotland, whose claim as the birthplace of golf is reasonably well established. It was there in 1962 that the first match between Districts 101 (now 1010, Scotland) and 728 (now 7280, Pennsylvania, USA) took place on the Old Course at St. Andrews. That event has continued as an annual match between the two Districts, alternately in Scotland and the USA.

This wonderful golfing liaison led to a suggestion in 1963 to Carl Miller, then incoming RI President, to further his World theme of Matched Districts, by developing this golfing fellowship on a WORLD basis. Carl responded, "I want you good people in Scotland to organize a similar competition between districts on a world basis and I will provide you with a suitable trophy."

The trophy was first played for on the historic Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, in September of 1964. Forty two golfers from 11 countries played, with the winner from (appropriately) Scotland.

This is the third time the Championship is to be played in Pinehurst. In 1975, there were 97 golfers from 13 countries, with the winner from the United States. In 1998, 385 players from 26 countries vied for the Carl Miller Trophy. The winner was an American, the runner up an Australian.

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