

1997 Classic Gin Tourney

1997 Champ: Old P.V., Paul Voykin

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The 1997 Classic Gin Tourney started out with a low turnout. However, the cream of the crop was there. The 1996 winner, Peter Voykin, showed up with a third-stage Hong Kong flu, along with Johnny "The Bear" Berarducci, "South Side Dudley", the Rookie From Glenview: Jeff Leuzinger, and many long-time losers with the likes of Bob Rigney, Jay Druhan and Jim Burdett.

The Northwest group of Mike Bavier and his Old Line Contingent were not player-ready and backed off.

It started off with the Old P.V. embarrassing old Wally Fuchs into buying some friendly sociables.

Old P.V. quickly swept through the early rounds until he matched up with the formidable Johnny "The Bear." He uncannily did not say a word for one and a half hours, one of the longest matches in Gin Tourney history. When he finally defeated Johnny "The Bear," he renewed his verbal attack on long-shot Wally and his associates.

Old, Old, P.V. finally prevailed, winning his first weather-aborted Gin Tourney. They say "on the South Side," the final four marches through Silver Lake C.C.; however, Old P.V. retains the trophy for the Northsiders at the Last Dance.

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"The Bear" ■

Director's Column

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not paid. This has been an reoccurring problem, so please check with your group and make sure all of them want to play and have sent their money in. This would help me with all the last-minute calls to the guys who had never intended to play but who had been signed up with a group that was short one player. I hope the new charge system will give another option to pay for our events.

Many have asked why there are limits put on the field for the monthly events. The limits are placed by the hosting club. Many clubs do not have carts or seating to accommodate a group the size of MAGCS; plus, because of time restrictions, many clubs have other events going on later in the day.

The price of the events has been questioned. We have to pay for golf, carts and sometimes a portion of both. Many events serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Then there are all those great new prizes.

If it were not for our monthly sponsors, the price would be even more than what we are now paying. I know Arrangements Chairman Greg Thalman does his best to keep costs down.

Two years ago when golf chairman Kevin Czerkies handed the reins of the Golf Committee to me in a cold Medina C.C. parking lot, he stated to me, "You will

never please everyone." There have been mistakes made, but that is part of the learning process. We tried to accommodate as many of our members as possible and will continue to do so. I encourage anyone to come get their hands dirty and come serve on the Golf Committee. ■



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