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**News That's
Important
to You!**

**2022 - Pickwick Golf Club
Completes Its 63rd year
as an organization!**

2022 CHAMPIONS

**Seniors - Mike Stockreiter
First Flight - Bob Churchill
Wild Goose - John DeReu
Club Champion - Norm
Stranczek**



"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." - Ben Hogan

**President's
Message
to
Members**



On behalf of our board and the membership, I would like to congratulate everyone for another successful golf season. While we have dealt with some Veterans Memorial Gift Certificate redemption issues, we had a great weather year so the course remained in good shape.

Once again, I would like everyone to keep in mind our Pickwick heritage and everyone's need to sustain and renew our club. Membership declined again this year, so again you will be hearing a lot about our fellowship and need for new members. As you solicit new members, keep in mind the reasonable dues and green fees, monthly stroke play or scramble event schedule, and match play tournament availability.

As I have stated in the past, we are very interested in your ideas, input for improvement, and comments. I hope you find that your inputs are important, listened to, and acted upon. Have a great Holiday Season and let's look forward to our 2023 season even as the snow flies. It will melt, and then we can hit the little white ball again. Cheers.

**Bill Martin
President**

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW... Joe Dietrich

Today, we take a look into the life of one of the longstanding members of the Pickwick Golf Club, and who has since passed away. His story is representative of the many veterans that are and have been members of our organization.

Joe was born and raised on the South side of Chicago and studied for the priesthood for six years before meeting his wife Carol. They were married for 61 years, had six children, and now have 16 grandchildren. They lived in the same Wilmette home for over 48 years.

He began his military career in 1952 as an Air Force Navigator flying Super Connies, which were Lockheed Constellations, a propeller-driven, four-engine airliner built between 1943 and 1958. He flew numerous European and Asian trips between 1956 and 1962 with the Air Force Reserves out of O'Hare.

From 1962 to 1976 he flew the Boeing KC 97L Stratofreighter and KC 135 Stratotanker with the Illinois National Guard as Chief Navigator flying weekly refueling missions, with numerous tours in Germany with NATO and accumulating over 8000 flying hours. Joe retired as a full Colonel in 1976 with 25 years of service.

One of his sons Tom became a Marine pilot, also flying KC 135s Air Refueling Tankers and was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star for his duty in Iraq. Tom also retired with 29 years active and reserve duty, and now flies for FEDEX (International).

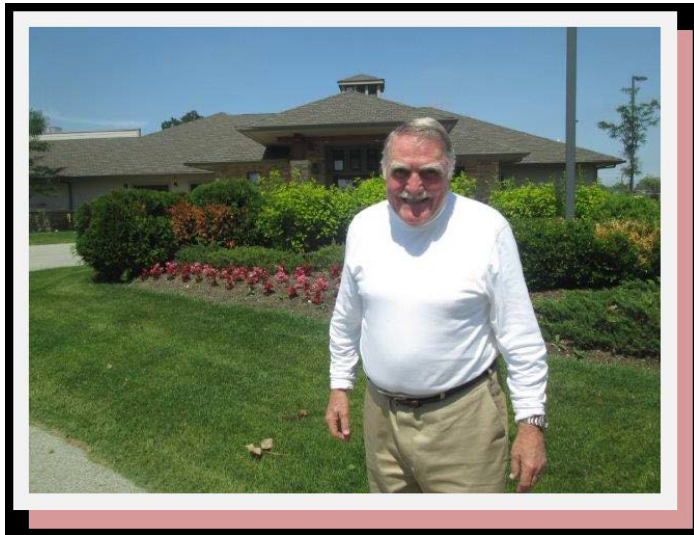
Joe earned his degree in Accounting and his MBA in Finance from Loyola University and started his own accounting and tax business in 1970. In 2012 he retired, turning over the business to one of his other sons, John.

In addition, in 1975 Joe became Administrator for the Illinois Seniors Golf Association serving for the next 38 years before retiring in 2016. The ISGA currently boasts a membership of nearly 300 golfers from all corners of Illinois. Many of the state's finest courses, including Medinah, North Shore and Olympia Fields, have played host to the organization's two annual events.

Joe was honored by the Illinois Seniors Golf Association at its spring tournament at Exmoor Country Club on June 5, 2016. To commemorate his retirement, the Illinois Seniors presented Joe with a bronze statue of Bobby Jones with the engraved "Thank You Joe Dietrich....ISGA Legend for 38 Years— from Your Many ISGA Friends".

Joe's son, John, succeeded him as the association's administrator and they have cultivated a great relationship with the Pickwick Golf Club and hope it continues into the future.

Joseph Nicholas Dietrich (June 21, 1931 - February 12, 2018)



Lockheed Constellation (AKA "The SuperConnies")



The KC97L Stratofreighter



The KC 135 Stratotanker



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