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History

The first Pro Duffers National was held in Las Vegas with four chapters, Washington, Dallas, Memphis and Little Rock. This will be our 26 event. Since then we have added five additional chapters and twenty- seven years of member diversity, ideas and structure. For this reason, we must remind ourselves that we cannot please everyone. The idea is to find an accommodating location where the majority of our members will be able to attend. Remember, we will have disgruntles at all of the pre meeting and tournament discussions who have a variety of reasons to dislike any facility. It is usually personal reasoning rather than collective thought. At post meeting and tournament, discussions you will find everyone enjoyed the outing for reasons described in our purpose for having our gatherings.

Purpose

The purpose of the National Convention and Golf tournament is three fold: 1. National business meeting 2. Golf 3. Fellowship: The order of importance is dependent on the individual member. Spouse appreciation is our underlining commitment but not our purpose for holding the event. Although bringing ones family is a prerogative, a family vacations has never been the intent for our events.

Criteria

The facility must be able to accommodate our itinerary and 150 or more golfing members and guest. The golf venue must be able a provide shotgun starts for all three days and two golf courses. The courses should have a level of difficult and caricure to offset the machismo of our aging, often times hacking membership, not so difficult that a seven hour round of golf is eminent. The facility must have ample recreational opportunities for the spouse or significant other. The facility should be within reasonable driving distance from major carriers, if possible. 5. Cost and location should be within justifiable limits to allow the majority of our members to attend.

Goal

This is not a spitting contest nor is the goal to out do the previous event. Although we would, all enjoy visiting exotic locations and have the pampered experience; it is not our true purpose and certainly should not be the goal of the site selection chapter. I say again, with all the locations agreements, disagreements, personal ambitions and philosophy the bottom line is satisfying our purpose, achieving our goal and furthering our history.