

# The History of Pro Duffers

## Golf and Fun

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## **Introduction**

The idea for compiling the History of each Chapter was born at the 2003 National hosted by Del Val at Hilton Head, South Carolina. The host Club President, Gil Spriggs asked Mel Blackwell, Secretary of the DC Chapter, to provide a history of how Pro Duffers got started. After delivering the history as told to him by one of the founding members, Sewell Horad, a lively discussion ensued for several weeks thereafter calling for a complete history of all Chapters. A noble idea and an idea whose time had come. Mel Blackwell offered to compile the History if all of the Chapters would submit their history and the project was under way. After several months and great work by all of the authors, the history has been told from the eyes and lips of each Chapter. Added are the history of how the National Organization was formed as told by Dr. Milton Bernard, former National President and DC Chapter President, the Constitution and by-laws and a future vision of Pro Duffers.

## **How Pro Duffers Got Started**

About forty five years ago - in the late fifties - a group of golfers from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, known as the "Del Val" golf club contacted several of their former Howard University classmates who lived in the Washington Metropolitan area, and expressed an interest in engaging in some friendly gold matches- area against area.

This very intriguing idea caught the fancy of nine D.C. golfers who decided to form a golfing group, with a name. The original group included Mark Brown, Otho Ferguson, Sewel Horad, William Hyde, Hugh Jackson, Mordecai Johnson, Leo Willis, William "Bus" Lofton and John "Buster" Rector. Sewell Horad was chosen as leader (president) of the group. And even though they had not decided on a name, their purpose was well defined - BEAT DEL VAL. competitive spirit ran high, but early encounters were not too successful.

Several months after the first encounter with the Del Val group, Robert Smith and Sewell Horad met a fellow golfer at Norwest Park golf Club who identified himself as a "profession duffer." The next time they met with the D.C. group, they proposed the name "Pro Duffers" as a suitable title for the D.C. golfers. The idea was accepted unanimously, and the group became the PRO DUFFERS GOLF CLUB.

It soon became obvious to the PRO DUFFERS that in order to match the size and skill of the Del Val Club, they would have to expand their own membership. Their first act was to recruit all the golfers who were members of the "WHAT GOOD ARE WE SOCIAL CLUB." Even with the increased membership, our success in defeating the Del Val Club did not change drastically. So the search began for some more skillful golfers. The next person to join the club was Booker Kent, who was sponsored by Bob Smith and Bus Lofton who had observed his game at the East Potomac golf Course and were impressed with his ability to play.

The largest single increase in the Pro duffers membership took place about a year later when a group of physicians, dentist and other professionals who played golf primarily at

Langston golf Course agreed to join the club. This group headed by St. Elmo Crawford, included Thad Mumford, Joe Murray, Bus Yancy, Joe D. Saunders and others. Through the years, we continued to increase our membership to the point where we found it necessary to declare a moratorium on new members.

During the early years, even with an increased membership all meetings were held in the members' homes on a voluntary basis. It was during a meeting at Horad's home that "Joe D." Saunders introduced his friend and houseguest Foster Kidd, from Dallas, Texas. Kidd was so impressed with the group that he asked permission to form a group in Dallas, to be known as the Pro Duffers Southwest. His idea met with great success in Dallas. Soon after that, a small group of golfers in Memphis, Tennessee learned about the Pro Duffers in Washington and the expansion in Dallas, and asked permission to form a group in called the Pro Duffers Memphis. The Memphis group was headed by C.C. Jones.

Several years ago, Calvin D. Banks (who had been our Secretary in Washington) moved to California. Soon after he settled there, Cal asked and was granted permission to form a group of golfers in that area to be known as the Pro duffers West. This brought the count to four Chapters. This Chapter never got off the ground and eventually faded into the sunset. But, not to worry, as other Chapters sprang up and blossomed into strong and viable Chapters among them Little Rock, Atlanta, Houston, Del Val and Northern Virginia.

## **National Beginnings**

## **Chapters**

### **Washington, DC Chapter**

All of the history of how Pro Duffers was formed is the history of the DC Chapter, as DC is the "Mother Chapter." That leaves plenty of opportunity for recounting some of the colorful Characters who have and are still a part of the DC Chapter. Two of the founding members of the Chapter are still with us---Sewell Horad, the first President and Dr. William "Bill" Hyde another one of the nine illustrious Presidents. Sewell still hits the ball straight as an arrow even though he professes to have but "one good eye".

One story about Sewell...a few years ago (2001) D C played its annual grudge match against the Del Val Club and Sewell was hitting from the senior tees ( he was 84). Mel Blackwell was his partner and Gil Spriggs and Carmel orgye wre the opponents,both

under 40 year old. After every stroke Sewell would ask “did you see where that ball went?” Every time it was straight down the middle. We won hole after hole and they got tired of Sewell asking “did you see where that ball went?”. At the 14<sup>th</sup> hole Sewell and Mel closed them out and Gil and Carmel asked to see Sewell's identification and looked into his eyes to make sure he had a sight problem. Sewell has never let them forget that match. Sewell was the National Treasurer for many years.

Another colorful character was Booker Kent, arguably one of the best golfers in the history of the chapter. He was a DC policeman and told story after story about his encounters. His swing was silky smooth and had an irregular putting stroke, but he found the hole almost every time. Watch your wallet when you played with him, as it was always lighter at the end.

William “Big Bill” Carr, another character. A raspy voice and walked the links to the end. He passed away a few years back and is sorely missed. His significant other designed the logo.

Odell Polk. He was club champion after he turned 80, yes EIGHTY! Odell was famous for talking smack constantly and distracting his opponent. He was mild mannered and full of life, but all of his efforts were aimed at beating the opponent and it happened!

Beginning in 1986, the Pro Duffers in Washington began to discuss the potential of an outstanding group of professionals and agreed unanimously to focus our attention on a specific goal, and not just merely play golf and socialize. It was decided that a "Memorial tournament" would be held in memory of our deceased members and at the same time, raise funds to help needy and deserving D.C. high school students interested in continuing their education.

Under the determined leadership of our president, Milton Bernard, we have been able to give something back to the community. For the past three years, our Club has been quite successful in conducting our annual "Memorial Tournament" designed to raise funds for our Scholarship Program.

In the future years, we plan to establish a foundation by using half of the money generated from the annual tournaments. The other half will go to deserving students in the form of scholarships. It is our vision that the foundation will perpetuate the scholarships.

**Dallas Chapter**

**Memphis Chapter**

**Little Rock Chapter**

## **Atlanta**

The Atlanta Chapter of Pro-Duffers USA was founded at the behest of Johnny Thomas (a Pro-Duffer at large) and Ocie Irons following their attendance at the 1995 Pro-Duffers' National Convention in Jamaica.

The rationale for the formation of the Atlanta Chapter was to serve the members common interest in golf. In addition, it was felt that there was a community need to involve underprivileged youth who may not otherwise be exposed to the game of golf.

C. C. Jones, a Memphis Pro-Duffer, formally installed the Atlanta Chapter of Pro-Duffers USA, on January 19, 1996. The sponsor for the Atlanta Chapter was Pro-Duffers USA, South Memphis. Pro-Duffers from the Memphis and Dallas Chapters present were Dan Evans, Wilson Clayton, Foster Kidd, Leon Griffin, C. C. Jones, Charles Campbell, Clyde Saunders, Larry Colbert, Bill Terrell, and J. McClure.

Fifteen charter members were inducted into the Atlanta Pro-Duffers. They were Thomas Arnold, Mark Brinkley, Obie Clayton, Francis Davis, Carver Fortson, Earle Harris, Ocie Irons, James Johnson, Wilbur Leaphart, Robert Manley, William Shropshire, Leo Smith, Johnny Thomas, Ira Turner, and Craig Williams.

Our chapter was a proud bunch of men. We were looking forward to being a stalwart in Pro-Duffers USA. Our play indicated otherwise. Our first club champion was a transplant from the Dallas Chapter. He left after the first year. Our next club championship had a first day leader by 18 strokes and lost by three. That same year we hosted the Nationals (1997) and were admonished as being great dressers but poor golfers. Well, we have come a long way as our chapter won the 2003 National Club Championship.

The Atlanta Pro-Duffers Constitution provides for three (3) general meetings at the beginning of each year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of January, February and March. An Annual Awards Meeting is also authorized. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. The president presides according to the conditions at hand and pursuant to an approved agenda. At this time, new members are considered and accepted or rejected. Dues, annual budget, play schedule and particular community and scholarship activities we plan to support are discussed, voted on and approved or modified.

Pursuant to the National Constitution, the Atlanta Pro-Duffers' Annual Tournament is co-sponsored with the Marriott Marquis Bell Staff in June. This tournament provides a percentage of the funding for community projects that we sponsor. The projects we presently support are these:

1. Hook-A-Kid Project
2. John A. White - 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program
3. Whitefoord Elementary School
4. Partners with Youth - Y.M.C.A.
5. John A. White - Saturday Golf Academy
6. West Manor Elementary School
7. Brown Middle School

For each of the past six years, the Atlanta Chapter of the Pro-Duffers USA has sponsored 20 to 30 youngsters in the "Hook-a-Kid on Golf Program." The youngsters receive a week of golf instruction, a starter set of golf clubs, and other materials needed to help them learn the game. Clinics are highlighted by special talks about golf course maintenance, rules, and etiquette, as well as alcohol and drug awareness. These young people continue to improve their golf skills through the Atlanta Pro-Duffers Saturday Golf Academy and Youth sponsored tournaments. The Golf Academy for intra- and inter-city youth is conducted by the Atlanta Pro-Duffers and supervised by a PGA-certified professional.

The president appoints a tournament director and a tournament committee. The committee's responsibility is to select regional public and private courses and to schedule play to determine three divisional championships, one club champion, and other mixed formatted plays. At least three 19<sup>th</sup> hole celebrations are scheduled yearly at the discretion of the committee. In addition, we have a yearly club competition with the Ebony Drivers Golf Group, Warner Robins, Georgia, on a home to home basis. This tournament utilizes a floating trophy which is presented at a festive 19<sup>th</sup> hole.

The Club Championship play, conducted over a two-day period, establishes the best golfer, based on a net score for the year. This golfer receives a trophy as do the divisional champions. These trophies are presented annually at our Annual Awards Meeting.

Our records reflect the following Club Champions:

Pete Draper	1997
Walter Johnson	1998
Johnny Thomas	1999
Francis Davis	2000
Sam Scott	2001
Jim Harmon	2002
Herman Ponder	2003

The Annual Awards Meeting is held the first week of December. We invite wives, significant others, and special guests to this meeting at which trophies are presented. This affair is as elite as we can make it. Dress is semi-formal and is usually held at a four-star facility. We honor our wives and significant others by presenting them with special gifts as tokens of their forbearance. The president makes acknowledgments and special awards at this time.

A highlight of our membership in the National Organization has been our participation in the Annual Spring Fling and National Tournaments. This has afforded us an opportunity to interact and establish lasting friendships with many other golfers from other chapters.

### **Atlanta Pro-Duffers USA Membership**

Curtis Anderson	Marshell Echols	Moses Norman
J. Bernard Arnold	Clinton Elmore	Herman Ponder
Louis Bell	James Hall	Samuel Scott
Lonnie Bolton	James Harmon	Bill Selmon
Cowan Brooks	Cass Hatcher	Coleman Seward
Lawrence Bryant	William Hines	Lee Shelton
Walter Burgess	Bobby Jordan	William Shropshire
Alfred Byrd	James King	Leo Smith
Clayton Carter	Florazel Lamar	Ted Sparks
Augustus Clay	Wilbur Leaphart	Johnny Thomas
Robert Collins	Edgar Lewis	Ira Turner
Steve Daniels	Robert Manley	Alfred Wyatt
Francis Davis	Robert Nance	

### **Officers of the Atlanta Chapter Pro-Duffers USA 2004**

President	Earle Harris
Vice President	Don May
Secretary	Roy Hadley
Treasurer	James Johnson
Parliamentarian	Louis Bell
Tournament Director	Larry Browning
Statistician	George Trammell

At this juncture in our history, we respectfully acknowledge the loss of the following members:

**In Memoriam**

Charles Funderburg  
Ocie J. Irons  
Carver J. Fortson  
Walter J. Johnson  
Thomas A. Arnold

**Del Val**

**Houston**

**Northern Virginia**

As a new chapter in the Pro Duffers, I am pleased to have this opportunity to participate in this historical initiative.

The idea for a Northern Virginia Chapter came from Bob Frazier, a member of the Washington Chapter, who lives in Vienna, VA. Bob discussed the idea with Bill Taylor and other officers of the Washington Chapter, and they all supported the idea. Bill Taylor had several conversations with the National President and National subsequently concurred with forming a new chapter. At the National meeting in Hilton Head (Sep 2003) Bob made a presentation recommending a Northern Virginia Chapter, and the idea won overwhelming support.

On November 7, 2003, the first meeting was held in the cocktail lounge at the Hilton Hotel in McLean, VA with 12 potential members present. Currently, there are 22 members who love to play the game of golf.

The chapter was installed on Saturday, January 31, 2004, in the home of Bob Frazier. Dr Milton Bernard, the first National President conducted the installation ceremony. Mel Blackwell, President, Washington Chapter, and Bill Taylor, past President Washington Chapter, were also present.

The founding members are as follows:

Officers:

Bob Frazier, President  
Don Brown, Tournament Director  
Fred Blanchard, Secretary  
George Lovelace, Treasurer

Members:

Fred Adams

Roland Braswell

Bernie Coston

Dr Richard Clark

Walt Gooley

Wilburn Hardison

Dale Hogg

Dr Akin Oduolown

Daryl Savage

Al Rosier

Leroy Spivey

John Tompson

Don Tindall

Victor Thornton

Tommy Walker

Bill Walker

Chet Wilson

Dues are \$375.00 per year which provides for meals at meetings, transportation for the mystery trip, prizes for team and medal play, awards dinner and administrative costs.

The chapter meets in April, June and September. If other meetings are required, the Executive Committee will schedule them or the chapter will meet before playing a golf outing. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with standard meeting protocol.

As a new chapter on the links, we don't have any colorful tales or stories to share at this time. However, with the skills (several 8 handicaps) and the desire to win, we will have some great stories to tell in upcoming years.

Some of the best courses in Northern Virginia have been selected that will afford the opportunity for the low, middle, and high handicappers to score well.

Play will consist of team play (4 teams) the first two teams will be recognized, medal play to determine the chapter champions both for seniors and non-seniors, a mystery trip, and a match with the Washington Chapter. There will be a total of 6 matches played during the season (April-

September). This does not include the 2 national events. In 2005, we would like to schedule a match between Philadelphia and Washington to determine the best on the East Coast.

The chapter is very interested in performing or supporting some form of community service work or project. We will sort out what direction to take in 2005.

All members are looking forward to participating in the scheduled national events and meeting members from other chapters.

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization is PRO-DUFFERS USA ("The National Organization").

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to promote and encourage a greater interest by its chapters, members and the public in the game of golf and related social, civic and charitable activities.

### **ARTICLE III: TYPES OF MEMBERS**

The membership of this organization consists of five types:

A: Charter Member - All participants of each club who met the financial obligation to Pro duffers USA at the time of the meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 11 to 15, 1988 are designated as charter members and founders of Pro Duffers USA.

B: Chapter Membership - All members in good standing of each local chapter are entitled to full membership in the National Organization and are subject to all local chapter rules and regulations and all rules and regulations of the National organization.

C: At-Large Membership - At-Large membership shall be granted by a majority vote of the Organization or the National Council to those persons who, not belonging to a chapter, but by presence and expression, have demonstrated a desire for membership. No At-Large membership shall be granted in an area where the National Council determines there is geographical accessible chapter in good standing. These members are subject to the rules and regulations of the National Organization.

D: Honorary Membership - Honorary Membership may be granted by a majority vote of the Organization or the National council to those individuals whose actions or deeds warrant the gratitude and esteem of the general membership.

E: Emeritus Membership - Emeritus membership may be granted by a majority vote of the Organization to those individuals who:

(1) Have been members in good standing in a local chapter for a minimum of 15 years and are nominated by such local chapter based on the service provided the local chapter and/or National Organization; or

Have been members in good standing at least (10) years and have been determined by the National council to have made significant contributions to the National Organization.

#### **ARTICLE IV: QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

A: Any person not less than twenty-one (21) years of age may become a member of the National Organization upon being approved by and having met all the local chapter and/or national qualification. Each local chapter may set its own requirements for local chapter membership as long as they do not conflict with the requirements set forth in this Constitution.

B: At-Large and Honorary membership may be granted at any meeting of the national Organization or by the National Council at any other time.

C: Emeritus Membership may be granted at any meeting of the National Organization.

D: If an At-Large member relocates to an area where a local chapter exist, he shall apply for membership in the closest local chapter and meet local and national financial obligations.

#### **ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION**

A: This organization shall consist of Pro-duffers USA ("The National Organization") and local chapters in geographical area as approved by the Organization. Only one chapter shall exist in each designated area. The approved and existing chapters as of September 1, 1995, are:

Name	Area
1. Pro Duffers East	The Greater Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Area
2. Pro Duffers South	The Greater Memphis, TN Metropolitan Area
3. Pro Duffers Southwest	The Greater Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX Area
4. Pro Duffers Southwest	The Greater Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
5. Pro Duffers East	Atlanta, Georgia

6. Pro Duffers East Philadelphia/ New Jersey Area
7. Pro Duffers Southwest Houston, Texas Area
8. Pro Duffers East Northern Virginia

B: Each local chapter shall abide by and adopt by-laws consistent with this constitution.

C: The fiscal year of this Organization and each local chapter shall be the calendar year.

D: The officers of the National Organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament director, and Parliamentarian. Each officer shall serve a term of two years or until his successor is elected and installed.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

A: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Organization and meetings of the National council and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Organization. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall appoint the chairmen of all committees.

B: The Vice President shall perform duties as assigned by the President and, in the absence of the President.

C: The Secretary shall make and keep a record of all meetings of the Organization and National council and shall maintain custody of all records, minutes, books, and seals of the Organization and shall do and perform all duties pertaining to the office of Secretary.

D: The Treasurer shall have complete supervision over all funds of the Organization. He shall deposit all funds turned over to him in a bank account approved by the National council. He shall keep account of receipts and disbursements and shall make reports when called upon by the Organization or the President. He shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office and his books shall be audited annually.

E: The tournament director shall direct and be responsible for all national tournaments, handicaps and standings. He shall adjudicate and resolve all disputes of play according to the U.S.G.A. rules. He will provide assistance to and be aware of all local tournaments so that these tournaments do not conflict with rules or activities of the national Organization. He shall make reports when called upon by the President and perform other duties that pertain to this office.

F: The Parliamentarian shall give advice on the interpretation of the constitution and procedures of the Organization when advice is requested by the presiding officer.

## **ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS**

The annual meeting of the National organization shall be held each year between September and November at a time and place designated by the national council. The travel expenses of the attending National Organization meetings, National council meetings and other meetings will be the responsibility of each individual member. Travel expenses shall be provided from National Organization funds only if voted by the national Council. The responsibility for hosting each annual meeting shall rotate among the local chapters.

## **ARTICLE VIII: DELEGATES**

A: Delegates shall be selected from each chapter for the purpose of voting on matters presented at the annual meeting of the National Organization. Except as specified in this Constitution, the method of delegate selection and period of their term shall be determined by each chapter.

B: Each chapter shall select one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members or fraction of ten members in that chapter who has met their national financial obligation to represent them at the annual meeting and shall provide the names of the delegates to the Secretary at least seven days (7) days before the first business day of each annual meeting. At the annual meeting any member in good standing may speak on any issue being considered by the Organization, but only the duly qualified delegates may vote. At-Large members may not vote. *Addendum: September 19, 2003: As it is written: Each chapter will have one (1) delegate vote per ten members plus the fraction with a maximum number of five (5) delegate votes per chapter.*

## **ARTICLE IX: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At every other annual meeting, the Organization shall elect from its membership a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and Parliamentarian. These officers shall be elected and installed. these elections must take place at the annual meeting. the term of office will commence with installation at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE X: NATIONAL COUNCIL**

A: The power, property and affairs of the National Organization, subject to the limitations contained in the constitution, shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by the National council.

B: The National council shall consist of all elected national officers the immediate past President, and one representative from each chapter that is not otherwise represented. The representative for a chapter not otherwise represented shall be selected by the local chapter.

C: This council shall have charge of the management of the business and affairs of the National Organization between national meetings. they shall at all times act under the direction and control of the President and shall make reports to the membership of their actions, which reports shall form part of the records of the National Organization.

## **ARTICLE XI: PAID PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE**

In support of their function and duties, the National council may engage the temporary services of appropriate personnel when needed at a level of compensation determined by the National Council.

## **ARTICLE XII: COLORS AND CREST**

The colors of the Organization are brown, green, gray, blue, black and tan and each local chapter shall use the national crest.

## **ARTICLE XIII: FEES AND DUES OF MEMBERS**

All members shall pay an annual national membership fee, in an amount which shall be designated by the National Council, and shall be due by the First Day of May each year.

### 1. Collection of Dues

a) Chapter - National dues will be collected by the Treasurer of each chapter and forwarded to the national treasurer.

b) At-Large Members - National dues of At-Large member shall be paid directly to the national treasurer.

c) Honorary and Emeritus members are exempt from national dues.

### 2. Use of National Dues

a) National dues will be used to defray all costs incurred in the operation and promotion of the National Organization. Fifty percent (50%) of all dues collected will be used to help underwrite the national meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIV: PENALTY**

Any member whose dues are not paid by the first day of May of each year is declared delinquent. Any delinquent member will be prohibited from participating in any scheduled event until such delinquency is removed.

b) The above applies to At-Large members.

## **ARTICLE XV: QUORUM**

At all meetings of the National council, sixty percent (60%) of all members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At all other

meetings of the National Organization, sixty percent (60%) of the certified delegates shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE XVI: TOURNAMENTS**

The scheduling of all tournaments will be under the direct control of the National Council. the National Open, held during the annual meeting, will be operated and conducted by the National tournament director. Local chapters will conduct and operate their local tournaments. All disputes will be resolved by the National Tournament Director.

#### **ARTICLE XVII: CHAPTER CHARTERS**

By majority vote of the National Organization at an annual meeting or of the National council at other times, the formation of a new chapter may be granted to any group of not less than ten persons from one general locale, all of whom meet membership requirements, upon formal application and payment of national dues.

The existing chapter nearest the newly formed chapter, as determined by the National Council, shall perform an installation ceremony for the new chapter.

The general organization, conduct, qualification and election of members, assessment of local dues and operation of the local chapter will rest solely in the hands of the local chapter, but must be consistent with the rules and regulations as set forth in this Constitution. Application for new chapters should be directed to the National Council via the President.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII: COMMITTEES**

To facilitate the business of the Organization, committees shall be appointed and duties defined by the President and the National council. The National council shall have the power to remove any member of any committee by majority vote of the National council at a regular or called meeting of the National Council.

## **ARTICLE XIX: GUEST**

Members are encouraged to bring guests to the annual meeting. The National Council shall fix and determine such rules and regulations concerning guest privileges and members introducing guest shall be responsible for the conduct of such guest and any obligation to the Organization incurred by them.

## **ARTICLE XX: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be initiated by a petition of and signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing of the National Organization, or by majority of the National Council, or by a majority of the delegates at an annual meeting. Proposed amendments from the membership must be circulated to each local chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to a vote being taken on the proposal. A vote of sixty percent (60%) of the delegates at an annual meeting is required to approve a proposed amendment

## **ARTICLE XXI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the National Council and the Organization's meetings, except as otherwise required by the Constitution.

*As approved*

*September 15, 1995*

*National Constitution Committee*

*Larry Brown      Pro Duffers South*

*Bill Carr          Pro Duffers East*

*Updated: September 19, 2003*

*Thomas H. Sweeney Jr., National President*

## **National Events**

## **The Future**