

Bogey Boys History

This is a history of the “Dine Out Club” later “The Bogey Boys” and THE L.S.M.S.G.A. as was entered into a diary, of Ed Williamson. The year was 1960, Ed Williamson was transferred, by Graybar Electric Company, to Tulsa, from Kansas City and joined The Tulsa Downtown Lions Club. Ed and his Wife, Claudine, had been in a Mixed Bowling League in Kansas City, prior to their transfer to Tulsa, and was seated with Bill and Flo Williams, owners of The Yale Bowl, that had just opened for business at 51st and Yale, and Bill was promoting his alleys to the effect that they were of “state of the art” and the largest side by side alleys in the city. During the conversation, that evening, Bill and Ed decided to attempt to start a mixed bowling league in the Lion’s Club. Also seated at this table was Bill and Mickey Pigman. The league was started as a summer league and Ed was accepted the presidency. The end of the summer league proved to be just a teaser for the group and they decided, at a dinner meeting at the old Hotel Tulsa, to enter the winter season as a full fledged league and became one of the largest that bowled at The Yale Bowl for about fifteen years.

Many friendships were made and some of these friendships developed into golf outings at the end of the bowling season. Shang-Ri-La became the favorite for this outing and mostly because of the golf course where most of them spent a large part of their time. About this time retirements began to happen in this group of friends and bowling was replaced by games of golf. First at The Pecan Valley Course at Mohawk then to other courses around town, at that time.

In the early 70’s there was Woody Hardin, August Lee, Elvin Johnson, O’Dell Conley, De DeJarnet, Ray Barrett, John Fulton, Bill Williams, Ed Williamson and Julian Brooks. Through invitation’s to friends we soon had four or five foursomes. In order to play together we would load the starting ball tube with this many balls. Complaints soon hit the club house’s about this and we were allowed to make a block of reservations, at LaFortune, provided they were made a week in advance.

Some of the original golfers, had just finished a round, at LaFortune and thought it would be nice to have dinner, that evening, together with our wives and it was suggested that we meet at the “Hungry Pelican” 31st and Yale. This was Friday, June 18, 1982. That evening the group met and present were, August and Helen Lee, Donna Jean Walker, (Helen Lee’s Sister) Elvin and Edith Johnson, Julian and Virginia Brooks, O’Dell and Lida May Connely, John and Nesene Fulton and Ed and Thelma Williamson.

Someone suggested that we do this for breakfast and dinner once a month. The first and third Tuesdays were selected and the group was born. No name was selected but we became “The Dine Out Club” for want of something better.

The name of “BOGEY BOYS” was suggested by O’Dell Connely some time in 1983 and it has stuck ever since. This group then melted into the golf association and became the

charter members of the men's senior golf association. We have grown since then and a motion was made sometime in 1989 that we try to keep the membership not more than twenty four. This would make the assignment of hosting duties nearly even. The main reason for this was the simple fact that it had become nearly impossible to find an establishment that could take care of our group, because of the size, and give us a satisfactory service, good food and a reasonable price.

Now, back to the golf association. The "Bogey Boys" had arranged for special tee time blocks with Paul Ridings, at LaFortune which lasted for a couple of years and until Course management had so many bitches from non members, about the special privileges, they had to be rescinded. It was in the spring of 1988 and the advent of electronic tee times, that Paul Ridings and Jerry Jones told The Bogey Boys, that in order to have any kind of tee time blocks we would have to organize a "Seniors Golf Association". Ed Williamson had been spending the winters in Florida and had been one of the organizers of a group of golfers, there, into such an association, of the Mobile Home Village and had the by-laws and rules of play that was accepted, by this group, in his computer.

Ed Williamson presented this information to "The Bogey Boys" at a breakfast at The Embassy Suites Hotel, May 1988, and after a lot of discussion and a big boost by Chili Stone, it was voted to establish this association using the By-Laws Ed had, with some necessary changes. Ed Williamson agreed to be spokes person and later became the first president of the association. These documents were handed to Paul Ridings and Jerry Jones, who then presented them to County Park Manager and Mel Rice, County Commissioner.

Our organizational plans were accepted by the County with a couple of stipulations. One was that we could not have a closed end group. It would have to be open to any golfer who met their requirement of being 62 years of age. The other that they would agree to the Monday, Wednesday and Friday days of play but would set the tee off time to begin at 9 A.M. on each of these days.

I assume that all of the changes reflected since then have been duly kept with the By-Laws and the records kept by the secretary.

Ed Williamson

**The oldest information located regarding a membership roster for the
Bogey Boys:
Bogey Boys Diner Club Membership - May 21, 1985**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Barrett, Ray & Lucile	4631 S. Florence	Tulsa
Bennett, Lee & Irene	5207 S. Toledo	Tulsa

Brooks, Julian & Virginia	3613 E. 49 th Place	Tulsa
Brown, Pete & Jessica	5833 S. Joplin	Tulsa
Clayton, Carlos & Mary Ruth	3936 E. 54 th Street	Tulsa
Cooper, Paul & Inez	13236 E. 32 Ct	Tulsa
Day, Allen & Evelyn	5128 S. Irvington	Tulsa
Elkins, John & Pauline	444 S. Atlanta	Tulsa
Fulton, John & Neleene	7084 E. 52 nd Place	Tulsa
Knouse, Kenneth & Marilyn	5407 S. 79 th Ave	Tulsa
Lee, August & Helen	5809 S. Quebec	Tulsa
Lillard, John & Anita	7528 E. 26 th Place	Tulsa
Logan, Herb & Roberta	6513 E. 58 th Street	Tulsa
Norris, Beecher & Mildred	2940 E. 46 th Street	Tulsa
Price, Tom & Ruth	4341 S. Braden	Tulsa
Stanbery, Bill & Winnie	2940 E. 45 th Place	Tulsa
Stone, Chili & Ina	1944 E. 34 th Street	Tulsa
Weatherholt, Aubrey & Elizabeth	4618 S. Florence	Tulsa
Williams, Bill & Flo	4626 E. 55 th Place	Tulsa
Williamson, Ed & Thelma	5732 S. Indianapolis	Tulsa
Winter, Pete & Ginger	6725 E. 26 th Place	Tulsa