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FINAL MESSAGE TO THE TOUR PARTY-- FRANCE JULY 2003

SHIRTS

An URGENT request to all to check the size on each of the shirts delivered to you. There has been one occasion where a "Large" size was received instead of a "Medium". It is likely that someone has a "Medium" instead of a "Large". Let me know.

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LADIES GOLF ORGANISER

Brenda Jones has reluctantly agreed to act as co-ordinator of the ladies golf. Brenda was on the Seniors tour to South Africa so has some knowledge of what is needed.

PRESENTATIONS

Our NSW President, John Higson has arranged for a number of wooden plaques to be made with our coloured national emblem embossed on them. There will be a brass plate that can be attached to the plaque saying that it is an appreciation from the Australian Senior Golfers' Society Touring party in July 2003. We do not know how many we will need but any left over can be used with a different brass plate by the England /Scotland tour party in 2004.

TRAVEL ROUTE BETWEEN HOTELS

I have not been able to get clear details of the actual route to be taken but we can assume that the coach will keep to the expressways. The long day is from Mougins to Biarritz. At the suggestion of Michel Joullie I have agreed to a stop at the old city of **CARCASSONE** for a short guided walking tour to stretch your legs and an organised lunch. the cost at 35 Euro per head for the tour and lunch has been included in your credit card charge for the balance of the tour cost.

WHO IS ON THE TOUR

FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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To: <elainecameron@ozemail.com.au>
Cc: <ASSGF@wanadoo.fr>
Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2002 10:12 PM
Subject: French golf tour july 2003

Dear Elaine,

We are very pleased to confirm now final schedule and itinerary for your group ; we have only changed one accomodation l'OREE des CHENES and have upgrated you at les BORDES HOTEL and GOLF Resort without any supplement.

ACCOMODATIONS BOOKED :

CANNES MOUGINS : HOTEL DE MOUGINS **** : IN 11 out 15 /07
BIARRITZ : HOTEL REGINA et du GOLF**** : IN 15 out 20/07
LES BORDES HOTEL **** : IN 20 out 23/07
ST GERMAIN HOTEL L'ERMITAGE *** sup : IN 23 out 27/07
DEAUVILLE HOTEL du GOLF **** : IN 27/07 out 02/08

GOLF COURSES : tee times confirmed :

SU 13 /07 : CANNES MOUGINS G.C. : from 12.27 to 13.21
MON 14/07 : ST DONAT G.C. : from 09.30-10.00
WED 16/07 : BIARRITZ le PHARE GC. : from 09.10 '- to 10.20'
FRI 18/07 : MOLIETS G.C. : from 10.00
CHIBERTA is not available due to a grand prix competition ; Moliets is one of the top club in the area designed by Trent Jones)
MON 21/07 : LES BORDES G.C. : from 09.00
TUE 22/07 : LES AISSSES G.C. : from 09.00
THUR 24/07 : ST GERMAIN G.C. : from 10.00
FRI 25 or SAT 26 /07 : ST CLOUD : subject to confirmation (GREEN)
from Seniors Golfeurs de France
END of JULY -DEAUVILLE NEW CLUB : subject to tee times allocated
to MEETING ASSGF

*Cochet's Wed.
- Hippodrome
Clairfontaine
Dinner Friday.*

*4 handicap match play. 3/7 (Red & White).
-> Semifinals Thursday.
Final Friday.*

We trust this meets with your expectations.

May I point out again that at this stage , only are included in your tour , a private coach with driver and all transfers , all accommodations on a twin basis sharing with in some cases like Hotel de Mougins (2 Dinners included) and all greenfees .

If you require any visit , sightseeings, guides ,.... we will be very pleased to provide you with services and bookings ; it might be also usefull to prebook some places for lunch when you will have longs transfers such like CANNES to BIARRITZ (as it will be hard to get a place due to peak tourism season ; you can also consider having quick light meals in self restaurants located along the highways with no necessity of booking) ; while you will be staying in the various places you might also wish to see few places .

Please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance .

Kind regards
Michel Joullie

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8 APRIL 2003

CIRCULAR MESSAGE TO PARTICIPANTS -- FRANCE TOUR JULY 2003

There have been numerous communications to and from France both with Michel Joullie, who is organising our internal travel and with officials of the Association Sportive des Senior Golfeurs de France (ASSGF). This circular is to bring you up to date with what has happened and been ascertained since my last message on 16 December last. (No wonder some of you thought I had gone to sleep on the job.)

THE TOUR PARTY

Attached is an updated listing of the tour party with contact numbers, current handicaps and club memberships. Dean and Gillian Trowse and Peter and Jill McAuley all of Queensland pulled out and their places have been taken by Jack and Denise Larkin of Queensland and Geoff and Jann Howard of NSW. We now have 5 from Victoria, 1 from W.A., 4 from Queensland and 6 from NSW. There are now no reserves on the list.

APPOINTMENTS

Dick Kirby from Victoria who was Vice-Captain has been elevated to Captain because of the withdrawal of Dean Trowse and Noel McGuire of Queensland is the new Vice -Captain.

DEAUVILLE TO PARIS

The coach we will have on tour will be available on the morning of Saturday 2 August to take those who wish to Charles de Gaulle Airport or into Paris. The coach will leave Deauville before 9am and should have you at the airport by midday. If you are making airline reservations to depart Charles de Gaulle on the Saturday it would be wise to make them for late afternoon flights. The same comments apply if you are leaving Paris by train.

GOLF MATCHES AND GAMES

As you know we have definite bookings for two games of golf at each venue. We now have confirmation of a match against the ASSGF at their home course - St Cloud- on Friday 25 July followed by an official dinner. The ASSGF have appointed a Captain in each of the other three areas to arrange local Seniors to play against. I have been advised that there are only a few Seniors in these areas and we will be there at the height of the holiday season when many of them will be away. We can not expect them to have enough Seniors to match our numbers. They have stated that there will be a minimum of 8 Seniors at one of the two venues at each of the first three stopping place. The "Captains" have been instructed by the ASSGF to organise as many ladies as they can to play against our ladies. My original intention was to approach the Secretary of the golf clubs, where we have tee times and do not have ASSGF opponents, to see if the secretary could arrange club members to play against us. However some of the courses are not "member" courses and rely on visitors only, so that the task has become difficult. I am a little disappointed but will continue to arrange as much opposition as possible. I am confident that the courses that have been selected by Michel are first class courses and that the ASSGF will work hard to get as many starters as possible.

DEAUVILLE

The first three days at Deauville (Monday to Wednesday) have two events running concurrently. The first is the 4 man team event and the play is match play each day against another team in the same group of 4 in which you are drawn. (So, if there are 24 teams at Deauville there will be 6 groups of 4 . Teams in each group score points for the number of matches won over the first three days and at the end of those three days 4 teams are selected from the winners of each group. The selection is again based on the number of points earned. Those 4 teams then play off over the Thursday and Friday to decide an overall winner. The golfers not in the play-offs play in a 4BBB competition on both the Thursday and Friday.

The second event over the first three days is an individual stableford event on a net basis. As we are only allowed to enter 3 teams of 4 in the team competition the other 4 men may be asked to fill in for another country to make up teams of 4 or can play in the individual competition. I do not yet know if we can wait until we arrive at Deauville to give them the names of the members of each of the 3 teams. If we have to name the teams early we will have to ballot for the 12 positions and then select from the balloted 12 the members to comprise each team.

There will be golf available each of the five days at Deauville for the ladies and they will be put into groups of ladies from the various countries represented.

GOLF ATTIRE AND OTHER DRESS NEEDS

I am advised that most French golf courses do not allow metal spikes. Shorts with short socks are allowed provided the shorts come down to the knees.

There will be no black tie functions on our schedule and slacks and reefer (yachting) jacket will be acceptable dress on all occasions. Senior ties (for the men) of course are a must.

Those of you who were at the McIntyre Trophy Event in Sydney should still have the name tags for both men and ladies. I will obtain new tags for those who have lost them or were not at Sydney as I feel it is important that we all have the same form of name tag.

On the Australian Seniors tour to South Africa we all wore the Australian Seniors lapel badge on our jackets. Some of you have not ordered any of these but I will get one at least for you (at a small cost) so that we have some uniformity.

NON GOLFING LADIES

Beryl Pearson has volunteered to contact all the non-golfing ladies with a view to arranging some joint activities while the golfers are playing. I am sure that there are plenty of things to do and a coordinated approach will be helpful.

MONEY

Michel Joullie has advised that he needs the final payment by 1 May. The final amount has to be confirmed but it will be about 2190 Euros for each of the golfing ladies and men and 1872 Euros for the non-golfing ladies. I have credit card details for most of you and need your approval to tell Michel to use those numbers again. Please check the details on your enclosed personal memo.

I have a bank account opened called " C.D.Cameron French Tour Account", and I need a payment from each of you to cover the following:

1. Entry fee into the Deauville Tournament. Last year it was 55 Euros for each of the men and

will probably be a little more this year.

Estimate \$120.00

2. Cost of farewell dinner at Deauville on Friday 1 August. Last year it was 48 Euros per person. Again it will probably be a little more this year. Estimate \$200.00 per couple
3. I have paid for all the shirts ordered and for the embroidery and need your payment of \$50 per shirt.
4. I will order your requests for ball markers and lapel badges and post them to you with your shirts when they have been delivered from the embroiderer.

On the enclosed personal memo and questionnaire I have rounded off the amount requested from you and have allowed a few extra dollars to cover variations in costs. I will keep an individual account for each of you and just before we head off to France I will have your credit balance converted into Euros and hand those funds to our Treasurer Clive Jones together with a copy of your account. I will also provide you with a copy so that you know how much of your money Clive is holding.

GOLF SHIRTS

The supplier who previously made all the NSW Seniors shirts and the Australian Seniors shirts is going out of business. The only colour shirt available was the yellow shirt and these have been ordered. They will have "France 2003" embroidered on the sleeve and the Australian Seniors emblem on the pocket. I have ordered a couple of spare shirts which might be needed on the trip as give-aways.

PRESENTATIONS

There will probably be a couple of occasions on the tour where a presentation should be made to our host group (eg St. Cloud Dinner). I am looking at some appropriate Australian gifts to take with us. Suggestions are welcome.

HANDICAPS

The French rate each of their courses on a similar basis to the American Slope System. It is therefore important that you have your handicap shown in full decimal form. (eg 17.4 not 17.)

Regards to all,


Doug Cameron

GOLF CARTS

The message from Michel is that we should book carts for at least some courses. His comments were Cannes Mougins (very few trolleys) and St.Donat, Moliets, and Les Bordes which are hilly courses with long walks from green to tee. I have asked him to book carts for those courses. We can phone ahead at other courses as we think fit but I felt we should accept his recommendation.

BALL MARKERS, LAPEL BADGES AND NAME BADGES

You have all received the ball markers ordered and I hope to have the extra lapel badges available before we leave. I will bring them with me along with the name badges ordered and I will also have a spare 100 ball markers in case we run out.

ENTRY FEES AND FINAL DINNER COST

The entry fee for men at Deauville is 52 Euros and the final dinner is 50 Euros per head. all these payments have been made from the funds advanced to me.

SELECTION OF TEAMS FOR DEAUVILLE

I had hoped that we could leave the selection of the personnel for the three teams to play in the "Coupe de France" until we arrived in Deauville but the organisers have asked us to send details of the teams urgently. I have discussed the matter of selection with both our Captain and Vice Captain and the agreement has the following elements:

- a. W.A. with only one representative gets a place.
 - b. The Captain and Vice Captain will be included.
 - c. A separate draw was done for the remaining members in each State.
 - d. The last drawn member from each of the Eastern States was eliminated
- d. The teams were :

Team 1. W.A.

The Captain

No 1 selection from the three from Qld

No 1 selection from the six from NSW

Team 2. The Vice Captain

No.2 selection from NSW

No.2 selection from Vic

The No.1 selection from a separate ballot between NSW No's 4 and 5 and Victoria's No 4.

Team 3 No.3 selection from Qld

No.3 selection from NSW

No.3 selection from Vic.

The No. 2 selection from the separate ballot between NSW No's 4 and 5 and Victoria's No 4.

The order of playing in each team will be determined by handicap with the **lower handicap playing first**. The four players not included in the teams will be entered in the Individual Stableford competition that will be played over the same three days. The French Seniors will be advised that these four golfers are quite happy to make up another country's team if there are vacancies so they could finish up playing in any one of a number of teams. The draw was

conducted by the members of the NSW contingent as it was a matter of some urgency and the result of the draw is as follows:

Team No.1 Irvine Jock
 Kirby Dick
 McNee Don
 Howard Geoff

Team No.2 Slattery Peter
 McGuire Noel
 Motteram Peter
 Cameron Doug

Team No. 3 Jones Clive
 Pearson Peter
 Thorne David
 Parsons Bryce

Individual Stableford Comp:

Hamilton Don
Brown Kevin
Larkin Jack
Layet Robert

— *Novotel Nice Centre*
8/10 Parvis de L'Europe
8/7-7/11/7.

I assume it will be possible to make minor adjustments at Deauville if there are any casualties or sickness but we will deal with anything like that at the time.

All the 10 playing ladies have been entered in the events over the five days.

NICE ARRIVAL TIMES

Can you let me know your arrival time at Nice Airport if that is how you plan to arrive.

Depending on numbers Michel may be able to arrange for our coach to meet some of you at the airport. Those of you with access to E-Mail can send me a message to cdca@ozemail.com.au

GOLFING SUCCESS

Rumour has it that two of our tourists combined at Commonwealth Golf Club this week to finish 10 UP. I hope they were gearing up their games for the tour and have not gone off too early. A great round of golf for the two Peters.

FRENCH COURSES

Have a look at the internet to see details of some of the courses we will play at. For example the course at Les Bordes has this to say " The centrepiece of Les Bordes is a woodlands golf course consistently ranked among the finest in Europe, voted number 1 in Europe by the Peugeot Golf Guide 2002/2003 and winner of Golfjournal's 2001 Travel Oscar for Best European Golf Course. Designed by Robert von Haage at his most inventive, water shimmers on 12 of its 18 holes. An exhilarating challenge even for the best players (the course record is only a stroke under par and is held by Jean Van de Velde) the experience of playing Les Bordes is something

TRANSPORT

Luxury 50-seater coach with two drivers alternating to conform to French regulations. I am assured the driver is used to driving foreigners. I have not booked an English speaking guide as we would only require their services on the 4 days we are travelling by coach and we would have their salary, accommodation and all meals for the whole tour if we had an exclusive guide. (Just polish up on your French between now and then). No excursions have been planned or included in the costing but the coach will be available and we can negotiate side tours on the spot if needed.

MEALS

Because of the number of people in the party there is a strong recommendation from the tour operator that we negotiate to have, say, 2 meals at each hotel. Such an arrangement can result in quite large savings.

QUESTIONNAIRE AND INFORMATION SCHEDULE

I enclose a schedule to be completed as soon as possible and returned to me.

FINANCE

The net cost per golfer is 3650 euros and non golfers 3120 euros. I intend opening a separate bank account to handle finances. I will call it C.D. Cameron Trust Account for French Tour 2003. The tour operator requires a deposit of 40% by the end of October. They will accept payment by credit card but **only** Visa and Master Card. Some of the ladies may only wish to play some of the courses available. At this stage, if any golf is played your deposit should be based on the 3650 euros. We will arrange an appropriate adjustment at a later stage.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

At this stage I have not attempted to put together a group travel plan for the trip from Australia to France and return. I know some have plans for overseas either before or after the tour while some might be using frequent flyer points or have special arrangements with airlines. However I have included a section in the questionnaire and will make some arrangements if there are enough interested.

GOLF SHIRTS AND GIVEAWAYS

For the South African Seniors tour we had golf shirts made with "Senior Golfers Society - Australia" surrounding a small Australian flag. We found it gave the team a good image and I suggest we may all take, say, 3 shirts each to France. They cost about \$50 each and are made by Ralsport and are of good quality. Possibly we should all get the same colour shirt so we look like a team. The colours are yellow, blue, green and white. My choice would be for the yellow but let's go by the majority.

25/09/2002