The STC19/CONNOR MEMORIAL



May 19-24, 2023

Your committee of dedicated western Sigs (Ably assisted by Chapter Editor, WO aka the Natty Nephew)



have been diligently crafting the 2023 version of the formerly monikered tourney, *The Stanley Thompson Challenge*. It is now time for all good Sigs to "come to the aid of the party", so to speak.

In other words, it is time to cease with prevarication, vacillation, deliberation, wishy washy-ion, and any other "ions" from which you may be suffering and commit to attending *Banff Redux* to be held in, you guessed it, **BANFF, ALBERTA.**

So, to the recalcitrant Sigs who did not indicate any interest, **please do so now** as accommodation and tee times are filling quickly. The more the merrier.



To the 12 or so *committed,* please reaffirm your commitment. (.... this from the Department of Redundancy Department)

To the "maybes", you know who you are. Please see the list of enticing highlights below and advise soonest.

To those *waiting* for replacement body parts, or patching up wonky organs, ligaments, tendons, etc., please keep your committee up to date on progress.

THE PROGRAM

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Saturday, May 20th Golf at Stewart Creek. *Warm up round*. Tee times TBD Sunday, May 21st Free day for group activities. See below for options. Golf at Stewart Creek. Day 1 of modified Stapleford

Tuesday, May 23^{rd.} Golf at Banff Springs Golf Club.

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Wind up dinner in private wine room at Maple Leaf Bar and Grill

Wednesday, May 24th Departures

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Golf

Thanks to L'Orange, we will enjoy May 20 practice and May 22 tournament rounds at the private and prestigious Stewart Creek course for the ridiculously inexpensive \$90.00, all in. The final game will be held where it all began *circa* 2003, the legendary Stanley Thompson designed Banff Springs Golf Course. Price \$175+6%. BSH has kindly offered the Tunnel 9-hole course free of charge for those keeners who would like to play 27 holes, day of golf.



STEWART CREEK

Accommodation

We return to Hidden Ridge Resort where we have booked 3 Premier with Loft units. Each Unit can accommodate 5 Brothers configured in: 2 single rooms with a queen bed in each, a loft with two queen beds and a fold out sofa in the living room.

Proposed rates (assuming all 5 beds occupied)

Queen rooms...... \$215 per person x2 = \$430Queen lofts........\$150 per person x2 = \$300Pull out........ \$105 per person x1 = \$105Total per condo.... \$835

(Note: These rates are subject to change at the whim of the financial sub committee) Proposed Rates will be revised upward if we fail to fill each unit with 5 Brothers.

NB: For those committed and interested, please advise first and second bed/room choices and loft sharing partners.

Dining, etc

We are proposing a mixture of "home cooking" around our resort units and downtown dining. The restaurant scene is much improved recently. See Banff Hospitality Collective.

Our traditional windup dinner has been booked for May 23 in the private wine room at the Maple Leaf Bar and Grill. Individual bills and regular menu possible.

Transportation

It is suggested that a van be rented for Calgary arriving Brothers for transport to Banff and to/from golf courses. Details TBD

Free Day for Golfers and Activities for Non-Golfers.

(To be enhanced from suggestions by the committee)

Mountain bike or E-bike riding.

- A) Town to Bow Valley Parkway (closed to motorized vehicles) via Vermillion Lakes. Perfect for wildlife viewing.
- B) Around town and 6km ride around BSH GOLF COURSE DRIVE
- C) Banff to Canmore for lunch on the Trans Canada Trail. It's paved and parallels the TCH.





Hiking and OTHER.

- 1. Excursion to Lake Louise for lunch and hike around the lake
- 2. Lots of options on lower-elevation hikes i.e., Fenland Trail, Vermillion Lakes
- 3. Hike to the top of Tunnel Mountain
- 4. More golf for the golf fanatics
- 5. See Trip Advisor for best activities and sites around Banff.





Days of Yore.... Circa 2009 Banff Jasper Stanley Thompson

















