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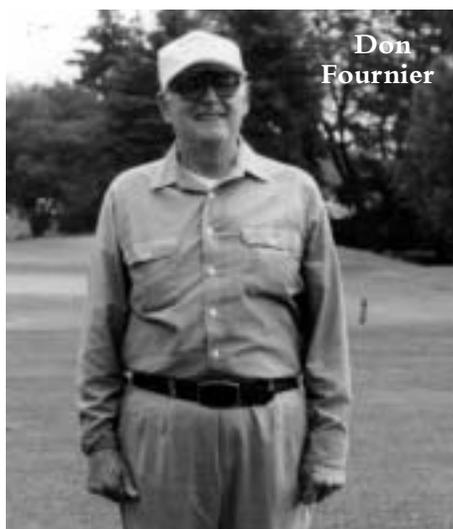
Golf Report 2003

By Sgt. Gordon Barnhill, Vice President



AM Shotgun Sign In

Once again the CPSA held its Annual Golf Outing at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Ill. The morning Shotgun start saw 74 golfers take to the links and complete their rounds. Unfortunately, the afternoon Shotgun Start was cancelled due to the heavy rain that began around 1:00 PM and continued well into the afternoon.



Don
Fournier

The AM Shotgun went off rather well. As dependable as the proverbial *Time x*, retirees Don Fournier and Ed McGuire

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President's Message



Dear Fellow Sergeants:

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, although it flew by too fast. Now it's time to send the kids back to school and settle into a normal schedule again.

We were all saddened by the tragic death of Sgt. Francis Skroch on August 5, 2003. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Skroch family.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Superintendent Terry G. Hillard on his retirement from the Chicago Police Department. We wish him and his family continued good fortune for many years to come.

The Fall Legislative session is upon us and it is basically a veto session. USUALLY, no new legislation is passed during this session. Any new legislation would not be anticipated until after the New Year.

I would like to congratulate all the officers and supervisors who responded to and were involved in the recent tragic work place shooting incident at 3912 S. Wallace St. The professional response and subsequent handling of this "heater" incident brought well-deserved praise to our department, not only locally but also nationally.

Contract negotiations are in progress, however the process is moving slowly and will take some time. We will keep you posted on our progress in future editions of the Chevrons.

Building update: In the last edition of the Chevrons I stated that all permits had been obtained. This statement was inaccurate. The demolition permit for gutting the interior of the building had been obtained and the building permits were applied for. Gutting of the interior has been completed and we are in the process of obtaining all other required permits. Until all permits are obtained we cannot speculate on a target date for moving into the new building.

That's it for now, be careful and stay safe. ⚡

James Cosgrove

Important Dates To Remember



ANNUAL PIZZA MEETING

General Meeting
18 Sep 2002 • 1900-2130 hours
Home Run Inn



PBPA STATE CONVENTION

October 3, 4 & 5, 2003
Indian Lakes Resort
Bloomington, Illinois



TURKEY RAFFLE

General Meeting
20 November 2003 • 1900 hours
Location To Be Announced

NOTE: All General Meetings begin at 1900 hours unless advised otherwise.



From the Desk of the Editor

I would like to thank all of our members, retirees and guests who helped make our Golf Outing a success despite having the afternoon shotgun start rained out. Many thanks to the Golf Committee, for their excellent job in organizing and executing the outing.

As most of you know, we are in the midst of contract negotiations with the City. We do not anticipate a quick solution to all the issues and have been diligently working to better our contract...your contract. Your Contract Committee and your Negotiating Team has met several times. We thank all of our members who responded to our Surveys. We need and value your input. Your patience is also appreciated. You have several options to express your concerns. Attend a General Meeting, send us some email or some snail mail or just give us a call at the office.

We are making progress with our new building. Several permit issues have been resolved in our favor. Hopefully we will pass the last few obstacles in the very near future so that the remodeling can be started and brought to a successful conclusion.

Sgt Gordon Barnhill, Editor

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manned the \$\$\$ Hole. This was Dons' 41st outing helping us out.



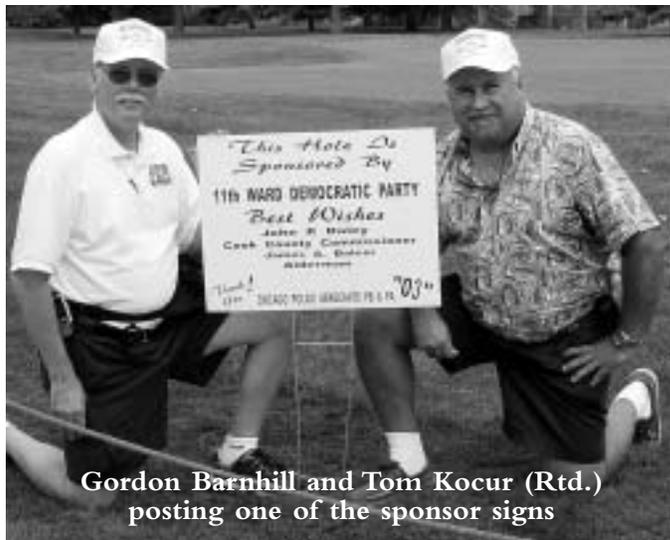
Jacobs Twin Buick Hole in One Prize

Would you believe, no one won the Buick/Hole in One! Our Thanks to JACOBS TWIN BUICK for giving all the guys n' gals a shot at it!



Lunch is served!

The lunch bar-b-que was a great success and the raffles went off without a hitch. The Grand Prize Raffle went forward with all who entered from the AM & PM crowd as well as all those who sent in their tickets.



Gordon Barnhill and Tom Kocur (Rtd.) posting one of the sponsor signs

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**AM Closest to the Pin:
Steve Kowow**

**AM Longest Drive:
Rich Sleva**



**Course Monitors
Ed Brennan & Tim Brophy**

We would like to thank the 23 Businesses and Organizations that were Hole Sponsors for this year's event. With their assistance and those of our many supporters and donors, it appears that we will be able to deposit approximately \$4,000.00 into our Fund to assist the Families of our member sergeants who die In The Line of Duty or in the Performance of Duty. Thank you all so much!

A special thanks to all the business's and individuals that made donations which helped to make the outing a success:

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And last, but not least, a very, very special THANKS to the Staff of **SILVER LAKES COUNTRY CLUB** for all their efforts and support of our golf outing. They did a terrific job (as usual)! 🏠



**Fearsome Foursome
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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!!!

We would like to THANK the following organizations for their Sponsorship of our Annual Golf Outing. Although all the bills are not yet finalized, it appears that we will be able to put approximately \$4,000.00 into our Fund for the families of Sergeants who die in the Performance of, or Line of Duty. Without the support of these business's and organizations, this would not have been possible. Please remember to support and patronize them whenever possible.

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Tour Report

By Sgt. Nancy Higgins



Forty-one active sergeants and P.O.s along with retired sergeants, family and friends returned May 19th from our “Mediterranean Mosaic” cruise. This was the first trip to Europe for my husband Frank and I. We were in the company of many world-class travelers. Imagine the experiences shared by people like Bob and Ellie Dart. Bob has visited 115 countries and Ellie has seen 85 countries. We met so many nice people and gained new respect for those with adventurous spirits. The weather could not have been more beautiful and everything ran smoothly except for one day at sea when we encountered high winds and twelve-foot waves. The rocking ship was fun for a while but I was ready for it to stop by the time we docked the next morning!

After an overnight in Rome, we set sail on Holland America’s MS Noordam passing the Stromboli Volcano and approaching the Strait of Messina. Dubrovnik, Croatia was our first stop followed by Corfu, Greece, Valletta, Malta, Palermo, Sicily, Menorca, Spain, St. Tropez and Sete, France with another overnight in Barcelona, Spain.

It’s amazing how much sightseeing some members of our group were able to fit into a few hours in port. We joined a couple of interesting tours in Dubrovnik, Malta and Barcelona. Mostly we took it easy and saw some of the sights but made it a point to wander around in the

local neighborhoods to get a feel for each place and the lifestyles of the people. During our explorations two thoughts kept running through my head. I wondered if the people born and raised in these places appreciate the beauty with which they are surrounded. And I was eternally thankful that I didn’t have to drive in the crazy traffic, with tiny “Smart” cars, motorcycles and scooters weaving in and out. In Sicily, I was convinced they speed up when they see an American trying to cross the street.

I have been asked repeatedly which of our destinations was my favorite. Although each place was truly unique, I have been able to narrow it down to three. I would love to be able to spend enough time in Rome, the Greek Islands and Barcelona to really relax and appreciate their culture and history.

Since returning, I realize that our experience has left me with a collection of memories and images that I hope will last forever. I found the things I remember most clearly are not the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, but the looks on the faces of the nuns and priests from all over the world as they tour the Vatican. Not the amazing architecture, but the feeling of being in the midst of these ancient structures; listening to the language spoken in Malta, a mixture of Arabic and Italian; swimming in the Ionian Sea

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When In Doubt ...

by Laurel Hickman, PBPA Attorney

I recently had the pleasure of representing a Sergeant before the Pension Board. In 1993 (a Patrol Officer then), this Sergeant was shot while investigating a suspicious man. He took two bullets in his left shoulder, two in his chest and one in the stomach. The bullet in his stomach was removed, along with half of his spleen. He also had a collapsed lung. He was on the medical roll for a grand total of 93 days before returning to work.

In 1995, one of the bullets in his shoulder started to move and had to be removed. The Sergeant came right back to work. In 1996, the Sergeant tore the rotator cuff in his left shoulder while arresting a suspect. After this surgery he returned to work within 60 days. He was on light duty, working as a desk officer. In 1998, the Sergeant stepped in between a teenager and his father. The father was angry at the teenager for getting arrested. The Sergeant again tore the rotator cuff in his left shoulder. Another surgery was required, but the Sergeant again came back to work. He was then promoted to Sergeant and worked the streets for a while. But it became obvious to him that he may not be able to defend himself or to protect other police officers on the streets. He is left handed. He still had one bullet in his shoulder, two in his chest and had now undergone four surgeries

on his left shoulder within eight years. But this Sergeant still wanted to work. He worked the desk in his district.

Then he started to have problems with his vision. His eyesight was rapidly deteriorating. He had been an insulin dependent diabetic for years. He was told by his doctor, that the vision problems were a result of complications from the diabetes. He now needed surgery on his eyes. His medical time ran out six months short of his 20 year anniversary. He went on disability.

This Sergeant had occasion to speak to Jim Cosgrove at the Sergeants Association. Jim suggested that he call the attorneys. The Sergeant hadn't thought about talking to a lawyer. He hadn't thought about applying for a duty related disability. Why should he? His vision problems were the result of complications from the diabetes. How could that be duty related?

The Sergeant and I applied for the duty related disability. We went to the hearing. The pension board deliberated almost 60 seconds before granting the duty related disability. The Sergeant's wife, who was allowed to attend the hearing, was in tears with relief. The Pension Board was more than willing to give the Sergeant what he rightfully deserved. He just had to ask. ⚡



Legal Benefit

One of the Union benefits is legal representation for appearances at I.A.D., O.P.S., and sergeant involved shooting incidents.

For representation at I.A.D. or O.P.S., please call the offices of **Robert D. Kuzas - 312.629.1400**. In the case of a sergeant involved shooting, please call the Union office at 773.376.7272.

Remember to identify yourself as a member of the Sergeants' Association, PBPA Unit 156 Sergeants. Ask for Attorneys Bob KUZAS or Laurel HICKMAN. ⚡

Pension Report

by Sgt. Tim Brophy, Sgts. Pension Representative

What's the best time of the month to retire?

Any time, but you should know that if you retire in the first half of the month you'll get your first annuity payment almost a month sooner than if you retire in the second half of the month. If you retire on the 15th or before (say September 15th) you will receive your first annuity payment on the last day of October. If you retire on the 16th or later you would receive your first annuity payment on the last day of November. The reason for this is that the 15th of the month is the cut off date. The office staff needs time to process your request and the Board must approve any payments. So, plan ahead. Decide the date you want to retire, then, at least two weeks prior to that day, let the office know. ⚡

Protect What You Have

By Ed Maloney, General Counsel CPSA

Time and time again, police officers ask whether or not their homes can be subject to attachment if they are named as a Defendant in a lawsuit from their job as a police officer. The easiest answer is that it depends on how the property is titled. Most married couples own their homes as joint tenants with a right of survivorship. This means that each person has an undivided one-half interest in the property. Upon the death of one, one-hundred percent ownership goes to the other person. If your property is held this way, it could be subject to forced sale if a Plaintiff obtains a financial judgment against you individually.

Another way to hold property is through a trust. Unless the beneficial owners of the trust have given up control of the property to a third party, the property held in trust can be subject to collection proceedings as a result of a judgment being entered against an officer from a lawsuit that arose from his conduct as a police officer.

A simple way to avoid this would be to have the marital home held in joint tenancy by the entirety. There are certain requirements that the owners are married and the property is their primary place of residence. Vacation homes are not protected. The property must be titled this way before the act which causes the lawsuit occurs. A money judgment entered against only one spouse cannot force the sale of the primary residence to satisfy the award.



This is only meant to be a basic discussion of this area of the law. Each person's situation is different and should be reviewed with your family attorney to see if this would be appropriate for you. ⚡

Legal Defense Team

By Sgt. Patrick Fitzgerald

We are looking for former detectives with violent crime experience, interested in working on the legal defense team, particularly to handle call-outs when sergeants are involved in shootings. Please contact the office at 773-376-7272. ⚡

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CPSA Star Offer

The CPSA tie tack/lapel pin is being offered for sale to our current and retired members. These pins are perfect for trading with officers from other law enforcement agencies or during the CPSA European Tour. The pin, as depicted in the accompanying picture, is a miniature replica of the CPD Sergeant's star and is gold in color with black printing. The pin costs only \$2.00 or 3 pins for \$5.00. CPSA members who want to purchase a pin (or pins) should send a written request with a check or money order payable to the CPSA. Include your name, address, phone and number of pins wanted in your written request and send it to:



Chicago Police Sergeants Association
3637 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60609

Those who wish to have the pins mailed to their home, please add 50¢ for postage for orders of six pins or less and \$1.00 for orders of more than six pins. ⚡

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Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and Success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train. To realize the value of ONE-SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics. Treasure every moment that you have! Treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.

A close family and true friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their heart to us. Remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!!! ENJOY IT!!!!!!

MAY WE ALL BE BLESSED TO LIVE AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT. MAY G-D BLESS YOU,

KEEP YOU SAFE, AND ALWAYS KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE. AMEN

The Chaplains are here to assist you in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to call if we can be of service. ⚡

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on a hot, sunny day on the island of Corfu and the fascinating conversation shared with Claire, the 87 year old woman who had lived in St. Tropez for fifty years. Don't get me started on the foods we tasted in each place, and don't get my husband started on the hours of shopping he



endured.

Plans are underway for our 2004 CPSA Tour to Alaska. We will be doing a four or five day land excursion followed by a seven-day cruise. Watch for the posters in your units, which will inform you of the date of the informational meeting in September or call myself of Bonnie Williams at Beale Travel to get on the mailing list for info on this next adventure. I'd love to see some new faces on this trip so if you've ever considered Alaska, now are the time. It will probably be in mid-July so bring the kids. I would really appreciate a call so we can get a rough idea of the number of people interested. You can leave me a message at the CPSA office 773-376-7272 or at work 312-745-4521, or you can call Bonnie at Beale Travel at

Retiree Roll

By Sgt. Michael Dejanovich, Membership Chairman

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

Last Name	First Name	Unit	Star	Age	Years of Service	Retirement
CRISTOE	Craig	284	1135	52	31	13 Apr 03
BRYANT	Lloyd	003	1119	60	30	15 Apr 03
EVANS	Ernest	640	1283	62	29	15 Apr 03
LACEY, Jr	Sammy	015	1680	54	28	15 Apr 03
MINGEY	Edward	650	1731	60	37	15 Apr 03
MYERS	Beverly	004	2364	50	26	15 Apr 03
OGLETREE, Jr	William	477	1946	61	33	15 Apr 03
OLSEN	Earl J.	018	1965	55	30	15 Apr 03
BARTON	James	012	1794	54	33	16 Apr 03
PEKARA	Terence	765	2397	53	32	18 Apr 03
SEPULVEDA	Joseph	152	1231	58	35	30 Apr 03
KANE	John E.	620	1699	53	30	15 May 03
EICHLER	Thomas	010	1448	63	34	10 May 03
KLAUBA	Bennet	126	827	63	32	28 Jun 03

In Memoriam

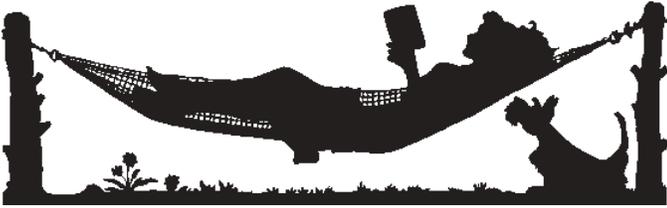
The following sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families. Please contact our office if you become aware of any of our fellow sergeants passing on; we are not always notified in a timely manner.

Name	Status	Passed Away
James A. O'MALLEY	Retired	2001
Irvin SCHMIDT	Retired	01 Mar 02
Robert MALONE	Retired	04 Jun 03
Thomas O'HARE	Retired	20 Jun 03
Marvin J. BERGER	Retired	21 Jun 03
Thomas R. FINNIN	Retired	22 Jun 03
Patrick J. MATTHEWS	Retired	28 Jun 03
Francis SKROCH IV	Active	05 Aug 03

SOS!!! *If you know of any retired CPD employee, sworn or civilian, over the age of 60 who lives alone and who would welcome a visit from a current member, please call the 16th District at 742-4537 and leave a name, address and/or a phone number. Also, if you are an active or retired member who is willing to visit a retiree on your own time, please contact Lt. Sue Kelly at the 016th District (742-4537) and leave your name and phone number and area that would be convenient for you to visit. The 016th District has a citywide, volunteer program to let those who came before us know they are not forgotten.*

The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sgts. Michael Stather (North Side Rep.) & Jerry Saternus (South Side Rep.)



Greetings to all our retirees, we hope you are all enjoying your well-deserved retirement.

By the time you read this, we will have been to our 41st. Golf outing, and hopefully some of you will have won one of the great raffle prizes we've rounded up this year.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who sent in your raffle tickets. As always our retirees really support this effort in a big way.

We are still following the various bills, law changes etc. that will have an effect on us as retirees, the most popular being the "Right to carry firearms" issue, and the "Social Security windfall provision act" For information on these issues, contact our national organization,

N.A.P.O. on line at WWW.NAPO.ORG This is a very well done and very informative website, which they keep current, and it will probably have the answers to your many questions within the various articles.

We hope you are all enjoying our warm, but wet summer, and as always we wish you the best of good health. Take care.



SPECIAL THANKS!!!

Some of you may not know that the proceeds that we make from our Annual Golf Outing are deposited into a special account. This account provides a death benefit to the families of active members who die either on or off duty. 🏠



Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number?



Name _____ Star # _____ Unit _____

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (new) _____

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit _____ New Unit _____

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number _____ New Star Number _____

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