

SIR Frank Tischer



To all who knew him, SIR Frank Tischer was a special person. Through his actions and spirit he created a sense of camaraderie within our Golf Club. He was well-known, well-liked and well-appreciated. Whenever there was a need, he would volunteer to help with a smile. The SIR Branch #102 annual Frank Tischer Award is dedicated to the special spirit he brought to our Golf Club.

Born in 1920, Frank came from a modest background. In 1938 he found himself “building levees and digging canals” in Arkansas for the princely sum of 50 cents an hour. He later returned to Birmingham to become an apprentice in the jewelry business.

After Pearl Harbor Frank became a US Army Air Force Cadet. He received his commission in 1943 and flew P-38's (the Lightning), P-39's (twin-hulled Aero Cobras) and P-61's (King Cobras.) He completed 300 combat hours and received the *Distinguished Flying Cross* as well as a full (5) *Oak Leaf Cluster Air Medal*.

After the war, he and his wife, Viola, came to Sacramento where Frank became an expert jeweler. Upon retiring from Grebitius and Sons in 1983 he joined SIR Branch #102 and participated enthusiastically in its golf program.

He had a motor home (*with a Dixie rebel flag prominently displayed on its dashboard*) which was used to drive SIR #102 golfers to various weekly area golf courses. Upon arrival at the course those riding with him (often as many as 12 individuals) would enjoy a “Frank-made” sandwich. In addition, everyone playing that day was welcome for a “\$1 adult beverage” in the motor home afterwards. If you ask any of our long-time club members who knew Frank, they will have great memories to share with you.



Dear Golf Club

Just got back from a long vacation in Mpls. Didn't mean to stay so long but a cousin was quite sick + I stayed to help care for her - she's much better now.

Sorry I didn't let you know before I left, how much we all thought the award was wonderful you did a great job!

The award itself is very good looking - Frank would be very proud.

Thanks again for all you did.
Take care! "Vi"