

# The Bugle

Summer 2009

## Taking Five

by Dave Oyler, Director of Special Projects



**R**ichard lined up the cue ball and took his shot. He shot a little too hard and the cue ball went flying off the pool table. "Five minutes!" could be heard from several members in the Games Room.

We have a rule at The Club for Boys, if you knock a ball off the table, you lose the game and must sit down for five minutes in the time out area.

Richard was not happy one bit about being in time out. I happened to be walking by the time out area as he said, "I hate time out. Five minutes lasts forever!"

I sat down with him and told him why we had the five minute rule for knocking balls off the table. I then told him, "Let's talk about something else."

I asked him about school, (he loves math and recess), about his family, (no dad, just mom and a little sister), and then about what he liked doing.

We talked about basketball and his favorite athlete, (Kevin Garnett), and then we talked about fishing.

He told me that before his grandpa got sick, they would go fishing quite a bit. And that his grandpa did not care if he did not want to fish, but throw rocks in the lake instead, or catch crawdads.

He mentioned that he went on one of the night fishing trips with The Club for Boys last summer and he caught the biggest fish of the night. He wanted to hear some of my fish stories and I told him a couple. He then asked if I had any more. I told him I did, but his five minutes were up. In fact, fifteen minutes had gone by.

When I told him that he said, "Wow that went by so fast, I can't believe it." He still wanted to hear some more stories and when I finished and

he got up to leave the time out area, he turned to me and said, "The next time I get five minutes, Dave, I am not going to hate it. I am just going to think about fishing!"

Having adults who are willing to take the time to listen to boys like Richard is very important to our members. It is essential that all boys have an adult they can trust and who is willing to listen to them.



## Hop on Your Hog for a Good Cause



**H**op on your hog for a good cause...or two. The Club for Boys is partnering with the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota Building Chapter for their 6th Annual Charity Poker Run on Saturday, June 20. This event is a great opportunity to meet new people, network, have a great time, and most importantly support two great causes. All proceeds from this year's Poker Run

benefit the AGC Scholarship Fund and The Club for Boys.

Registration by June 1 guarantees you admission to the poker run, coffee and doughnuts at registration, a poker Run T-Shirt, food and beverages at finish, and entry for door prizes. Don't own a motorcycle? Don't worry. Classic and sports cars are welcome.

For additional information or to register email Ken at: [wrage@rushmore.com](mailto:wrage@rushmore.com) or visit [www.sdbuildingchapter.org](http://www.sdbuildingchapter.org).

# Remembering John T. Loucks, Jr.

**J**ohn T. Loucks, Jr. passed away at the age of 90 on April 4, 2009. His history with The Club for Boys is lengthy. In the late 1950's, he was a member of the Morning Optimist Club, the group that developed the idea of establishing the Boys Club in Rapid City. In 1963, John was on the first board of directors for The Club for Boys. He held several offices on the board and served as president in the early 1970s. Completing a total of 39 years on the board, he was a key figure in the growth and development of the Club.

Born on May 19, 1918 in Froid, Mont., John graduated from Froid High School and the University of Montana. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. In 1948, he married Bernita Snyder and they have a son and daughter. Their son, Kevin, lives in Fort Collins, Colo. with his wife, Diana, and their three children. Their daughter, Karmen, and her husband, Jeff Miller, live in Austin, Tex. John and Bernita had been married for 60 years at the time of his death.

For 20 years, John worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Soil Conservation Service. He was also director of development for three rural electrics in the Black Hills, executive director of the Old West Regional Commission and worked in public relations for FMG Engineering in Rapid City.

During his career, John received numerous awards and recognition from National Soil Conservation



Society of America, National Water Resources Association, the Upper Missouri Water Users, SD School of Mines and Technology, Optimists International and Keep South Dakota Green. Governor Mike Rounds declared November 19, 2008 as John Loucks Day. Posthumously, John will be named to the South Dakota Hall of Fame in September 2009.

Dave Oyler, special projects director at the Club, knew John Loucks for many, many years. Dave remarked, "John was a dear, wonderful, sweet man who volunteered his time, money and talents to make our Club a special place. He put his heart in everything he did at the Club and he once told me he was not just marking time on the board, but trying to really make a difference at the Club."

Make a difference? Yes, you did, John Loucks. And all of us at The Club for Boys will sorely miss your kindness, enthusiasm and intelligence.

John Loucks was a cherished member of the Club's board of directors and his legacy will live on in our memories of him and through his generosity to The Club for Boys Foundation.

## Thank you!

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**Keith Ham (left), from the Rasmussen Trust board of trustees, presents Dave Oyler (right), Club for Boys director of special projects, with a check.**



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May 25  
May 29

Club Closed for Memorial Day  
Last Day of School Year Program

## June

June 1-5  
June 8

Club Closed for Staff In-Service  
First Day of Summer Program  
Summer Hours 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

June 19  
June 20

Hawaiian Luau  
AGC Poker Run

## July

July 3  
July 24

Club Closed for Independence Day  
Summer Jam Talent Show

## August

August 3  
August 28

Club Closed for Staff In-Service  
Last Day of Summer Program

