

Ayoob, Leidich, Russo, Kaufman are Top Golfers

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It's a four-peat for Cathy Ayoob.

The assistant division chief in the Administrative and Management Systems Division (AMSD) won the Census Golf Club's women's club championship once again. She has finished first or second every year since 2001.

"Although I am proud to have won the women's club championship for the fourth straight year, that is not what motivates me to play," said Ayoob, who defeated Marian Gowans for this year's title. "Over the years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships made and the camaraderie that is shared at each Census Golf Club event and outing. At the end of the day, whether the scores are good or bad, I am always happy to have spent an enjoyable day on the course with great people."

The golf club has been part of the Census Bureau's Welfare and Recreation Association (CBWRA) for more than 50 years. Club members compete in weekly league matches, attend various golf outings, take overnight trips and play in bracketed tournaments.

More than 120 current and retired Census Bureau employees, contractors and eligible CBWRA members participated in 2008 events. The golf club also provides guidance and mentoring to golf novices throughout the bureau and shares information on local golf charity events and related volunteer opportunities.

Jack Leidich continued his domination on the men's side by defending his men's club championship. He beat Roy

Jack Vignali, Jack Leidich, Sue Keehan, Cathy Ayoob, Hy Chansky, Jeff Seibert, Evan Davey and Roy Borgstede pause at Willbrook Plantation Golf Club in Pawleys Island, S.C.



Photo by Don Danbury



Photo by Jack Leidich

The Census Golf Club, which consists of more than 120 current and retired Census Bureau employees and contractors, pauses for a group photo at Upland Golf Club in Denton, Md.

Borgstede at Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, Va. Leidich, the Information Systems Support and Review Office's assistant division chief for IT corporate initiatives, has finished first or second 11 times in the past 14 years.

Bill Russo, another retiree, became director's cup champion by beating Jeff Seibert, chief of AMSD's Administrative Management Systems Branch. Russo won the match-play tournament with a 4-and-2 victory at Twin Shields Golf Club in Dunkirk, Md.

Norm Johnson and Chuck Edwards became the club's four-ball champions for the first time by beating Howie Kaufmann and Moe Levin. Dan Todd and Prasanna Kota, both from the Geography Division, took the weekly league championship.

Johnson, a branch chief in the Data Integration Division, said his teaming with Edwards produced a good overall result by each of them performing well at different times.

"As partners, Chuck and I had great fun in winning the championship, which is all about 'ham-and-egging-it.'"

Kaufmann, a retiree, earned the title of Golfer of the Year for the first time.

The Census Golf Club's 2008 year ended with an Oct. 6 tournament, lunch and announcement of the year's winners at Upland Golf Club in Denton, Md.

Other outing locations throughout the year included Cameron Hills in King George, Va., where the club enjoyed a postround barbecue; Swan Point in Issue, Md.; Forest Greens in Triangle, Va.; and Waverly Woods in Marriottsville, Md. The club also organized a weekend trip for golf and fun to the Atlantic City, N.J., area.

The club will be planning its 2009 golf year soon. The Census Golf Committee is looking for assistance in a variety of tasks associated with supporting the club. More information on the Census Golf Club can be found at <<http://cww2.census.gov/cbwra/golf/cgc.html>>.