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"... but the greatest of these is love." 1Cor 13:13 How am I doing?

(Editor's note: Some time back national director Jim Arnemann sent me an e-mail telling me about some of his thoughts during his quiet time one morning. He found himself in 1 Cor. 13 where Paul talks about love and what love is. So we will pick it up from there and let's see just where we stand on this matter of LOVE! Thanks Jim.)

In 1 Cor. 13 Paul was trying to unite the people by telling them that each person is a part of the body of Christ. So it is with every church; so it is with each of us and with the Christian Golfers' Association (CGA). Each of you is a part of CGA. Each of you *IS* CGA!

God has appointed apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, etc. Not all are prophets or teachers, or any one of the jobs listed. But each of us has a gift. But whatever our gift is, or if we have more than one, if we do not have love, we have nothing. Paul tells us in chapter 13 that he will show us a better way, an excellent way. He tells us that ". . *. if we have everything but have not love, we have nothing.*" He explains: ". . *. love is patient (long suffering, does not hold a grudge), love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails!" (Taken from the NIV Study Bible).*

So, think about love - how do we rate ourselves? How do we check out? Rate yourself in the boxes below.

Only you and God will know.

MY LOVE IS:

		GOOD	Maybe Pretty Good	Needs Improving
	\mathbb{V}	 PATIENT KIND 		
		 Not ENVIOUS Not BOASTFUL Not BOASTFUL 		
		 Not PROUD Not RUDE Not SELF SEEKING 		
		 Not SELF SEEKING Not easily ANGERED Holds no GRUDGES 		
	E	 Does not rejoice in EVIL Does rejoice in TRUTH 		
		 Always PROTECTS Always TRUSTS 		
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". . .but the greatest of these is love." 1Cor 13:13 How am I doing? continued from page 1 MY LOVE:

NEVER FAILS

Fails SOMETIMES

I Really Need to Work on MY LOVE

OK. HOW DID WE DO? I'm not going to tell you how I did. Don't want to know how you did either. But, if you're like me, it will give you plenty of food for thought -- and PRAYER! "But now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face." 1 Cor 13:12

"And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13

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Please keep us posted of address, telephone, and e-mail address changes. We have had a lot of mail returned because of changes in address. This is a real waste! Just send us an email christiangolf@ftc-i.net. and give us your new address. Thanks.

LowCountry (SC) and Sumter (SC) CGA Chapters Hold Joint Outing

It was a great day on the course and a great joint outing of the LowCountry Chapter from Charleston, SC, and the Sumter, SC CGA Chapters. The two chapters got together recently for a round of golf and good Christian fellowship on God's green acres at the Santee National GC. Some of both chapters are pictured in the photo at right, the others had already headed out to the local bar-b-que restaurant.