

Summer is here. I can feel it. And TUG's 19th Golf Classic—right on June 21st—was the perfect transition between a great TUG season and this sunny, hot season.

Looking at the past agenda, we could say that the 2006/007 TUG season really had two annual golf tournaments: September 14th, 2006 and June 21st, 2007. But, we should also say that (technically) the previous season had no golf tournament. Check out the notes and pictures from our latest outing, later in this magazine.

As I predicted in my September 2006 column, TUG's 22nd season was fantastic from the beginning to the end. We had five great Meetings of Members with ten remarkable speakers and topics. And, who hasn't heard about our fantastic 14th annual conference—TEC'007 (Education: Shaken Not Stirred)? With 70 sessions presented by 40 speakers—what a conference it was! And don't forget about the full day at the IBM Toronto Lab, making the conference a three-day event. Thanks to IBM for supplying more than 20 speakers and hosting the lab day. Hats off especially to IBM's **George Farr**, **Linda Cole**, **David Muir**, and their respective teams.

We also went "Back to School" with our all-day event at the Seneca College lab last October, where many of you had great fun going through the exercises setup by the Seneca College teachers.

Speaking of Seneca College, this past season will also be remembered for the consolidation of TUG's relationship with the college. In January 2006, **André Berns** gave **Wende Boddy** and me a tour of the Seneca campus at York University. We were impressed! During a subsequent visit, I met **Russell Pangborn** (another teacher at the college) and eventually met **Evan Weaver**, Chair of the School of Computer Studies. If you read my March 2007 column, you will see the reasons behind our mutual interests.

This issue of the TUG Magazine is again dedicated to Seneca College and the recipients on the newly created TUG/Seneca College Student Achievement Award. Later in this magazine, **Tom Bartsiokas** writes about the award created from the TUG/Seneca College relationship. This award is presented at the end of each term to the student who obtained the best overall achievements in his/her iSeries Business Application Developer certification. Great reading—don't miss it!

You never know—your next employee could be a Seneca College graduate. Why not? If your company is interested in hiring co-op students, that could also be discussed.

## Next Season

As usual, even during the summer, your TUG team is still hard at work, planning the upcoming season. Those of you who read **Kathy Gregson's** June edition of the IBM *iSay newsletter* noted that **Dr. Frank Soltis** is coming to Canada during the first two weeks of October. Kathy and IBM have contacted all the Local Users Groups in Canada and offered collaborative sessions for that occasion. So, at this point in time, TUG is planning a special session of the 2007/08 season on Wednesday October 3rd, and the next issue of this magazine will have all the information about Frank's Canadian Tour.

If you would like to receive Kathy's regular *iSay newsletter* just send her a note at [kathyt@ca.ibm.com](mailto:kathyt@ca.ibm.com). She will be happy to put you on her mailing list. (Then make sure that your e-mail server does not reject mail coming from Kathy as "spam".)

At our last Meeting of Members, on May 30th, we hosted **Jackie Jansen** and **Randall Munson**. (For more details, see the May MoM review, later in this magazine.) Incidentally, I asked people to include the location they came from to attend that meeting, on their "meeting evaluation" sheets. The results of that quick survey should help in selecting the location for our next meetings. But, even though it was our most attended meeting in many years, not every TUG member had the opportunity to participate in that survey. So, when you receive this magazine, TUG will be conducting a survey on its Web site to find out from its members (and others), what would be their location of choice. Be sure to take part in that survey at [www.tug.ca/survey](http://www.tug.ca/survey).

See you at our next meeting, and have a great summer vacation!



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