

# Dressed for success

Local outfit honors Stewart,  
has fun on KnickNac Tour

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Payne Stewart won three major championships during his professional golfing career.

In 1999, Stewart won the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. Three months later, he was part of the J.S. Ryder Cup team that rallied to victory in Brookline, Mass.

A month after that, Stewart was head along with five others in a plane crash.

Stewart, 42 when he died, was one of the most popular players in the PGA Tour. Not only was he a great player and sportsman, he was also reputed to own the biggest wardrobe on tour. Stewart's ivy caps and patterned pants, a cross between plus fours and knickerbockers, were a throwback to the once-commonplace golf 'uniform.'

At the 1999 PGA Tour Championship, Stuart Appleby organized a tribute to his friend, wearing one of his signature outfits for the final round. Most of the rest of the field also wore "short pants," that day.

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Last fall, 10 years after Stewart's death, an idea came to Corky Shawn. The Eastern Shore sales representative for Duke's Golf in Annapolis, Shawn was looking through catalogs for a customer who was in search of some traditional golf outfits.

Ultimately, Shawn's research led him to discover the website for The Knicker National Argyle Champions Tour. Known as the KnickNac Tour, the national organization was begun in Ohio in 2005 as a tribute to Stewart. At tour events, participants are required to dress up in traditional golf clothing. Some even feature bagpipers to escort golfers from the driving range to the clubhouse.

This all sounded pretty cool to Shawn, himself an avid golfer and an admirer of Stewart. So he organized the Maryland chapter of The KnickNac Tour and named it Duke's Laddies and Lassies. The chapter currently has 24 members — male and female — and Shawn is hoping that number grows to 40



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**Members of Duke's Laddies and Lassies of The KnickNAC Tour during a recent tournament at Queenstown Harbor, from left, Bill Rude, Harwood; Steve Woodard, Bowie; John Arsenault, Churchton; and Jai Smith, Annapolis.**

at some point.

"It honors the true tradition of the game," Shawn said. "We enjoy the game together. We have fun and we look great at the same time!"

The Maryland chapter held an outing recently at Queenstown Harbor. Next year, Shawn's group

will host two tournaments in which members of other chapters are invited.

The membership fee is \$10. Proceeds from the tour go to the Payne Stewart Foundation.

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