**Marvin Raphael Pouliot 1923-2019, the 2019 UPGA Honoree.**

Marvin Pouliot was a dreamer. His dreams for Delta County began more than 70 years ago with the idea: “Give the tourists something to do, a place to come and a focal point to keep them in the area! At the time golf wasn’t what he had in mind, he knew nothing of the game but that would change as time passed. His focus was on tourism for Delta County more than anything without a doubt.

In the late 1960’s, Pouliot began talking about the idea that materializes as the Terrace Bluff Golf Club. He along with other businessmen and bankers went throughout the area spreading the word about what they had in mind. The idea seemed to take. That same group approached landowners and amassed almost 1200 acres of property with private investors. Two corporations were formed: Lake Bluff Country Club (LBCC) and Landholding Corp. The game of golf in Delta County would never be the same. The club ran as a private country club for approximately 5 years before it ran into snags and went into bankruptcy. During this time Marvin was still actively involved in the management of other business ventures eventually retiring in 1975. It was in 1977 that Pouliot became involved with the club after all the legal wrangling was put to rest.

Admittedly, Pouliot said, I didn’t know anything about golf courses, but I knew the principles of business. From that point forward, he said it was both rewarding and challenging in all aspects. He went out and revamped the whole operation. Club house remodeling, golf course irrigation and additions, pool renovation, landscaping, tennis courts, outdoor pavilions, rental carts, maintenance equipment and more, the list would seem to be endless. In the first 5 years, more than $600,000.00 worth of improvements were addressed and implemented, over a million dollars in today’s money. To this day with his insight and ideas, the course continues to annually reevaluate conditions and needs both inside and outside to make the course and club better. Almost 50 years later the development now boasts close to 350 homes with championship golf, swimming, tennis, horseshoes, walking trails and more.

Marvin took up the game when he took control of the course at the age of 55 and he was self-taught. He enjoyed playing 4-5 days a week with a career best 14 hdcp. “Ideas plus hard work equal success” he was quoted as saying: you can follow his business acumen and know it’s true.