

IES Airfield Lighting Committee

Government Contacts Sub-Committee

MISSION:

The Government Contacts Sub-Committee serves as a forum for representatives of the aviation lighting industry to meet with the representatives of various government agencies to discuss the latest programs and policies affecting the industry.

The goal is to foster communications between government and industry relating to aviation lighting.

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The golf term '**birdie**' originated in the United States in 1899.

In H.B. Martin's "**Fifty Years of American Golf**" there is an account of a foursomes match played at the Atlantic City Country Club, in which one of the players, relates,

"My ball came to rest within six inches of the cup. I said, '**That was a bird of a shot**'. I suggest that when one of us plays a hole in one under par he receives double compensation.'

The other two players agreed and we began right away, just as soon as the next one came, to call it a **birdie**"

In 19th century American slang, '**bird**' referred to anyone or anything **excellent** or **wonderful**.