

Washtenaw CC celebrates century as golf institution

It was July 11, 1899, when 15 Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area residents formed the Washtenaw Country Club, laying out a three-hole course to enjoy the "wonderful new game of golf being played on the East Coast."

The third-oldest country club in the state, Washtenaw began celebrating its week-long centennial observances on July 11, 1999.

The Detroit Golf Club and the Saginaw Country Club are the first and second oldest clubs in Michigan.

More than half of the Washtenaw Country Club members reside in the HomeTown Communications Network communities of Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Canton, Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Brighton.

Current president of Washtenaw Country Club, Plymouth's Clark Ewing, noted that a membership campaign has been launched to attract feature special events through Saturday, July 17.

The course is widely recognized as a "golfer's test" with rolling fairways and traditional greens.

Tim Johnson of Northville is the course superintendent.

One of the highlights of the observance is the publication of a 120-page hardcover centennial book written by Bill Slinger.

It records the club's history

with emphasis on the achievements of former junior golf program members. The book also contains a number of turn-of-the-century photographs.

One of the historic photos shows sheep on fairways. Sheep were used to keep the fairways both trim and fertile.

For more information about the book, or membership, call the Washtenaw Country Club at (734) 434-2150.

Family Golf Scramble

Team-off for a nine-hole family golf scramble (with a kicker) will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The cost is \$13.25 for adults and \$5.25 for children (must be at least 10). The entry deadline is 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. Entries must be turned in at the Whispering Willows Pro Shop only. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Livonia.)

The tournament chairman will draw a number between 32 and 42 after all the teams have tested off. Each scramble team — threesomes, foursomes and twosomes — will be paired to make a foursome — then select a team handicap before play. The team whose net score (gross score handicap) equals or is closest to the number drawn is the winner.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

North Brothers outing

The 10th annual North Brothers Ford golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 28 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 3600 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Registration is at 9 a.m. followed by a putting contest at 9:45 a.m.

There will be a shotgun start for the four-person scramble at 10:30 a.m. (Contests include closest-to-pin and long drive.)

The cost is \$90 per golfer (includes greens fees, power cart, lunch at the turn, followed by dinner at approximately 4 p.m.). Raffle tickets for prizes will be sold with all proceeds to benefit Westland D.A.R.E. Youth Assistance Program, Wayne County Family Center, Westland Jaycee Park Baseball Field Restoration and the Wayne-Westland YMCA Partners for Youth Campaign.

The registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 5. For more information, call Jackie Marcaccini or Denise Martinez at (734) 421-1300.

Junior golf challenge

Golden Bear Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, will stage a junior golf skills putting and chipping contest from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 17.

For more information, call (734) 420-4653.

GOLF OUTINGS

ROTARY CLUB TOURNEY

The Walled Lake Rotary Club will host the 11th Annual Emory Jacques Jr. Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, July 16, at El Dorado Golf Club.

The cost of \$95 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, drinks and prizes. The event is a four-person, best-ball scramble tournament that begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

There will be a hole-in-one contest with a 1999 Chrysler Sebring convertible as the prize. Non-golfers are invited to join the golfers at dinner for \$30 and to participate in the 50-/50 raffle and silent sports auction.

Individual hole sponsorships are available for \$125. Sponsors and golfers should call (248) 624-4565.

PICO/SPINAL GOLF CHALLENGE

The fifth annual PICO/spinal Victory National Golf Challenge to benefit the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation will be Monday, July 26, at TPC of Michigan, One Nicklaus Drive, Dearborn.

The Foundation was established in 1985 to fund research to find a cure for paralysis for spinal cord injury and brain injury.

Registration and breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Dennis Walters Show, featuring the only person paralyzed below the waist who earns a living as a professional golfer.

Practice and warmup follow at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 10 a.m.

Cocktails and a silent auction

will be a 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5 p.m. The awards ceremony is at 6 p.m.

Corporate sponsorships and player spots remain available. For more information, call (972) 248-7100.

CANTON HOOP GOLF OUTING

The third annual Plymouth Canton baseball golf outing will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at St. John's Golf Course.

The event is sponsored by Canton basketball coach Dan Young, his staff and parents. The outing is open to present and past Canton basketball players, along with friends of the program.

Two-off is at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$70 (includes cart and dinner) or \$340 (includes hole sponsorship, a foursome for 18 holes, plus cart, and dinner afterwards at Plymouth Township Park). Meal only (after 3 p.m.) is \$10 per person.

Registration payment must be received by Tuesday, July 20.

For more information, call Fred Sosen at (734) 453-4901 or Dan Young at (734) 791-7418.

KIM WOODRUFF MEMORIAL

The Kim Woodruff Memorial Classic/Links for the Little Ones '99 will be held Monday, July 26, at Bogie Lake Golf Club in White Lake. This popular event, in its fourth year, is a fund-raiser for the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County. Call (248) 332-7173 for ticket information.

TEE OFF FOR PARKS

Tea Off For Parks, a fundraiser for West Bloomfield Parks and

Recreation and sponsored by PaineWebber, will be held Friday, July 30, at the Links at Pinewood Golf Course and Banquet Facility in Commerce Township.

The tournament costs \$140 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch, beverages, awards dinner, silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Sponsorships fees range from \$250 to \$1,000.

For more information, call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

MEG MALLON GOLF OUTING

The Ninth Annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing will be held Monday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. This event is open to the public and tee sponsorships are available. Activities will include afternoon tea times, refreshments and an evening dinner reception with Meg Mallon. Individual tickets are available for the evening reception. For reservations and sponsorship information, contact the Merry High School Development Office at (248) 478-3922.

SOUTHFIELD GOLF SCRAMBLE

Southfield Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a 9-Hole Night Golf Scramble Saturday, July 14, at Beech Woods Golf Course, 22202 Beech Road. Teams of four golfers will tee off beginning at 9 p.m. Glow-in-the-dark golf balls and flags will be used in this tournament. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Call Beech Woods at (248) 355-4653 to register. Beech Woods is a 2,778-yard, par-34 course.



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