



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2024 MEMORIAL Golf Tournament

Golfer's Guide

Saturday June 8th, 2024

4-person scramble

Blossom Trails Golf Course

1565 E. Britain Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Welcome to the 2024 Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 1120 in Benton Harbor, MI. We have been working with Blossom Trails Golf Course ownership for 13 years hosting this annual event and pleased to be back again this year. Blossom Trails Golf Club is family owned and operated by Tim and Joann Smith. Proceeds from this charity event benefit the Readiness Center in Benton Harbor.

OUR SPONSORS

The major sponsors for this event include:

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CHARITY

The proceeds of this charity event go directly to the Readiness Center in Benton Harbor. The center provides pre-school programs for area children, after-school programs, teen mentoring and parenting programs. The Center is located at 347 Catalpa Ave, Benton Harbor Michigan and lead by Martha Thieneman. Call (269) 926-4084 for more information about the Readiness Center or visit them online at www.readinesscenterinc.org or by email at marthat@readinesscenterinc.org. Thank-you for your participation!

PLAY

This golf event is a 4-person scramble. We will follow USGA rules. Please do not let faster players play through as is often the custom, just be patient. This is an 18-hole event and we ask all golfers to play at an acceptable pace. We expect play to take 4 – 4.5hrs. Please replace divots, repair ball marks and rake sand traps. The event starts at 8:00am EST on Saturday June 8th, 2024. All players/teams will depart from the clubhouse after our opening prayer at 7:45am to position themselves at the designated starting holes. At 8am, all teams may begin play. All men are expected to hit from the WHITE tees, the women from the RED tees.

PLEASE remember to keep the team ahead of you in your sights. If you lost sight of them, you need to pick-up the pace of play and not be looking for lost balls. We need everyone to finish as close together as possible. Awards begin promptly at 1:00pm, team captains must submit their scores no later than 12:45pm to qualify.

PAIRINGS

Golfers will be paired up into Teams of 4 players. Each team will have a designated Team Captain responsible for turning a signed score card into the Tournament Director immediately at the end of play. Teams will be assigned a # which corresponds to their Cart # and Starting Hole#. We line up golf teams starting at hole number 1 and work backwards (e.g. Team #1, Team #18, Team #17, etc....). This is done to allow BTGC to send out other public playing golfers on the front nine as soon as our last team finishes Hole #1. Teams are grouped into Divisions. This includes: Men's, Women's, and Couples. We require a minimum of two teams in a group to have a division. This year we only have a Men's Division. The Division winners will receive a cash prize. The latest pairing sheet will be posted to our web site the night before play, but all captains are expected to report to the registration desk on Sat. morning for check-in.

REGISTRATION

Each player is required to check in at the registration desk inside the clubhouse between 7:00-7:30am. Team Captains will receive a copy of the pairings sheet. Every golfer will receive a goodie bag. This bag contains some balls, tees, snack, and water for each golfer along with a RED poker chip (meal token) and GREEN Raffle ticket. ***Do not lose these two items!*** You need these to secure your steak dinner and collect any raffle prize you may win.

There will be coffee and doughnuts/breakfast items in the clubhouse for golfers between 7:00am and 7:45am

All golfers are to be outside next to their carts at 7:45am for opening prayer and final instructions. Remember your **Cart# is your Team# and your starting Hole#.**

The course will provide all golfers a token to acquire a small bucket of golf balls for use on the range for warm-up between 7:00am-7:45am. Golfers can collect this at the counter in the pro shop.

There may be teenage volunteers on hand to assist golfers with directions and getting their clubs into the correct golf carts between 7:00am-7:45am. We are working on rounding up youth volunteers.

CONTESTS

HOLE IN ONE'S

There is one MAJOR Hole-In-One Prize Contest this year:

Hole in One Hole #5 - **\$10,000 CASH** (The Campbell Family sponsor)

This hole requires a witness located at the green for verification. All golfers get one shot at this prize from the WHITE Tee. This is marked at 150 yards. Be sure to signal to the witness when you are ready to begin your shot. Other team members are encouraged to get their cell phones out and video record the shot as evidence should someone hit a hole-in-one. Women may take their shot from a yardage of 135 yards. No practice or mulligan shots are permitted on the tee shot.

There are 3 other AUXILLARY Hole-In-One Prize Contests:

- Hole in One Hole #3 (Par 3) - \$500 Master Card gift card
- Hole in One Hole #8 (Par 3) – Set of Callaway golf clubs
- Hole in One Hole #12 (Par 3) – 1 year of free Omaha Steaks

These holes do not require a witness, but require at least two minimum playing partners to evidence the hole in one. Shots must be taken from the WHITE tee at 150 yards out. Women may take their shot from a yardage of 135 yards. No practice or mulligan shots are permitted on the tee shot.

LONGEST DRIVE “In the Fairway”

On **hole # 7 (Par 5) for Men, hole #4 (Par 5) for Women** we will conduct a longest drive contest. The team starting his hole will place the marker after tee off. The final team on this hole will pick up the marker and return it to the clubhouse to the Tournament Director. Women may use the red tees. Reminder: the tee shot must land in the fairway to qualify.

CLOSEST TO PIN

On **hole # 3 (Par 3) for Men, hole #12 (Par 3) for Women** we will conduct a closest to pin contest. The team starting his hole will place the marker after tee off. The final team on this hole will pick up the marker and return it to the clubhouse to the Tournament Director. Women may use the red tees.

SCORING

At the end of 18 holes of play, the team captain is to turn in a signed scorecard to the Tournament Director (**no later than 12:45pm to qualify**). To accommodate for different levels of skill among the golfers, we use a Blind Bogey score to determine the winning team in each division. This involves tossing out 6 randomly selected holes and the team with the best 12 remaining holes is the winner. In the event of a tie, the best score for the back 9 holes (regardless of starting hole), then the last 6, last 3 and last 1 will be used.

MULLIGENS

Each golfer is permitted and encouraged to purchase mulligans at a cost of \$5 each. You may purchase as many as you wish (we are running a charity 😊). A mulligan is used as an extra stroke (except as a tee shot on prize holes) to help improve your scramble score. **Players may not share their mulligans with other team members - you can only use those mulligans that you buy.** The use of mulligans is on the honor system. If you have any questions as to how they are to be used, please ask.

SKINS GAME

Each team is permitted and encouraged to buy into the SKINS game for \$20. The pot will be split between the winner and the Knights of Columbus at the end of play. If no SKINS are awarded, the pot goes to the Knights of Columbus charity.

MISCELLANEOUS

50/50 RAFFLE

There will be a 50/50 raffle held during the event. The pot will be split and paid out during the awards ceremony. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 gets you 10 tickets (\$.50ea) and \$10 gets you 25 tickets (\$.40ea). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the event. The 50/50 raffle drawing will be the final prize of the day. The winner must be present to win.

HOSPITALITY

We will provide water, coffee, and pop in the clubhouse for golfers. In addition, there will be two beer stations (kegs) on the course to keep golfers refreshed at no extra cost. One located at hole #5 green and one located near the hole 12 tee box. If golfers wish other beverages (or snacks), they can purchase them in the clubhouse directly from the course.

TEAM PICTURES

On Hole #5, the \$10,000 CASH prize hole, we will be taking team photos of each group that plays through. The digital pictures will be posted to our web site: www.kofc1120.org after the event for people to download and view at no additional charge. Remember to SMILE for the camera! 😊

MEAL

After play, golfers should go directly to the outdoor food tent to pick-up their dinner. You will be provided with a steak dinner and fixings. Turn in your MEAL token (poker chip) to receive your dinner. Once you have your plate of food, go inside, and sit in the clubhouse. We expect the golf to finish no later than 12:45pm. Any remaining beer from the event will be returned to the clubhouse and made available to golfers at no charge.

AWARDS

The awards/prizes will begin promptly at 1:00pm and should take approximately 30 minutes. The event should conclude at 1:30pm.

CONTACT

Joe Campbell, Tournament Director cell# 269-208-6015. Call or text anytime during the event if you need something and we will do our best to assist you.

IN MEMORY OF

This is a MEMORIAL golf tournament and charity event. Each year, the Knights of Columbus post **In Memory Of** signs in remembrance of the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and their family members and friends around the clubhouse and golf course. This year we have new signs for three people that passed away this last year. Please keep them in your prayers. They are gone but not forgotten.

SK William A. Yore, Jr.

SK Deacon Mike Gallagher

Tim Foley

Our current list of In-Memory-Of (IMO) deceased members, family, and friends we pray for include:

George Sparke	4/30/1930 – 5/8/2009
SK Doug Stutz	9/1/1969 – 11/23/2014
Fred Sansone	7/29/1936 – 4/3/2015
SK Napoleon Lopez	10/31/1929 – 5/20/2015
Craig Campbell	2/3/1993 – 7/14/2015
Bob VanArkel	4/18/1929 – 9/9/2015
SK Joseph Strzyzkowski	11/18/1923 – 1/28/2016
Alfonso Davino	2/19/1926 – 5/1/2017
SK Bill Grover	12/16/1942 – 3/5/2019
Jim Charleston	9/23/1943 – 5/8/2019
SK Joe Scrima	7/15/1935 – 6/26/2020
SK Bob Williams	5/5/1949 – 12/8/2020
SK Ron Seeley	10/30/1947 – 1/4/2021
Roland Bowman	4/29/1939 – 1/11/2021
SK Arden Pridgeon	4/5/1924 – 3/16/2021
Dr. Allen Zencka	1/26/1939 – 4/14/2021
SK Portus Webster	6/26/1949 – 4/23/2021
Kathern Piraino	3/25/1947 – 10/1/2021
SK Tom Mielke	6/18/1934 – 2/19/2022
SK Ron McGath	10/10/1938 – 5/26/2022
SK Gordon Rochefort	5/14/1940 - 11/27/2022
SK John Conrad	9/8/1925 - 12/28/2022
SK William A Yore, Jr	3/29/1955 – 2/15/2024
SK Deacon Mike Gallagher	8/29/1946 – 5/14/2024
Tim Foley	9/11/1958 – 4/21/2024

Contact the Tournament Director if there are updates or additions needed.
(SK = 'Sir Knight', the designation of the KofC 4th degree)

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