

Golfers,

I have finally got everything in place for the spring 2016 Travel'n'Golf event. We will be holding this one at home for many of us, in Huntsville. Our out of town members have asked to have an event in Huntsville and to play the Robert Trent Jones courses we have here in Alabama. I think we have met their request and will play the RTJ courses in Huntsville at at The Shoals, in addition to Burningtree Country Club, Gunters Landing, and Cherokee Ridge Country Club. It should be a great week of golf for all of us.

Rather than having a four day, 72 hole tournament to close out the week, we will have two 36 hole tournaments at this event. This way, if someone can't commit to all four days you can play in one of the two day tournaments and skip the other. This event will be a cafeteria style event, you can pick and choose the events you want to play if you don't want to play all seven days. All tournaments are shotgun starts starting at 8:00 am with the exception of Monday where we will start at 1:00 with a shotgun.

We will start the week off at Burningtree Country Club in Decatur, AL with a four man team, use three best ball format. This tournament starts at 1:00. We will have the computer set teams to give us to opportunity to play and meet with some new people.

On Tuesday we will go to Gunters Landing Golf Club in Guntersville, AL. This will be a little bit of a drive, but well worth it. Bob Kruse used to say about Gunters Landing that it is one course you might rather take your camera to than your clubs. Mid-April in North Alabama is a prime time for the flowers to be blooming also, so it should be well worth the trouble of getting up early to play Gunters Landing. We will play a two man best ball format on Tuesday, with the computer picking the teams again.

Wednesday takes us to Cherokee Ridge Country Club in Union Grove,

AL. Cherokee Ridge is another course set in the hills in a beautiful setting. Once again, mid-April is a perfect time to visit and play Cherokee Ridge. We will play an individual format on Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday we will visit The Shoals RTJ courses in Florence, AL. The Shoals is a very popular golf resort and hosts several college tournaments throughout the year. We will play both courses at the Shoals, Schoolmaster and Fighting Joe. Both courses are fun and challenging. We will play both an individual and two man best ball format at The Shoals. You can pick your partner, or we will provide one for you if you don't have one.

Saturday and Sunday we will play at the Hampton Cove RTJ facility in Huntsville. We will play both courses at Hampton Cove, River and Highlands. Format will be both individual and two man best ball, once again you will be able to pick your partner if desired for this tournament.

These are amongst the best courses in the Huntsville area, most of the locals have played them and I think those will agree that these are outstanding courses.

We expect a large group of out of town members to play in this event. I think it would be fun for people that live in the local area to show our southern hospitality and host out of town members at our houses. If anyone is interested in doing so, please note it on your entry form.

We will not have a hospitality room for this event, but I do expect that we will congregate in the grill at the course for some refreshments and socializing.

I do have to give some of these courses a final number of players prior to the tournament. Please get your tournament entry to me by April 1. Entries will not be closed then, but I will have to "beg" the courses for

me to allow additional players if I get entries after this date. The maximum number of players we can have on any given day is 120, and there have been indications that we could reach this number of players. The first 120 to enter will be accepted, so the earlier you get your entry in the better.

Remember, this event is for BEGA members and guests. If you are an existing member, have not joined for 2016 yet, and all your personal info is the same, all you have to do this year is to send your check for \$25 made payable to BEGA to Steve Ellzey, 2500 Millwood Circle, Huntsville, AL 35803. If you are a new member or your personal info has changed, you need to go to our website ([www.boeinggolf.org](http://www.boeinggolf.org)), fill out a BEGA application, and send it with your \$25 to Steve. If you want to play in this event as a guest, please fill out the BEGA application, note on it that you are applying to be a BEGA guest for the Huntsville Travel'n'Golf Event, and send it with the \$15 guest fee to Steve.

Thanks for the opportunity to lead another Travel'n'Golf event. I hope everyone has a great time.

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