

Golfers,

We have completed plans for the Travel'N'Golf tournament on the island of Oahu for 9 September through 12 September. We have lined up three quality courses (we will play one course twice) at really reasonable rates. The rate will depend on if you are military or a military retiree, DoD or a DoD retiree, or just a plain ole civilian like me. These rates are provided along with the courses we will be playing on the attached entry form. Please complete the entry form and return it along with your check to me as soon as possible. My address is on the bottom of the entry form. It is important to get this to me early. Based on the survey I conducted, we decided to reserve 10 tee times for this tournament. This will cover everyone that expressed an interest in playing in this event plus several more. Once these 40 slots are filled, we can ask for more tee times but there is no guarantee that we can get them. So, the earlier that everyone wants to go to this tournament gets their entry in, the earlier we can ask for additional tee times if we get more than the 40 golfers we are planning for. I will hold the checks until just before I leave for Hawaii, if you enter then something comes up and you have to cancel, I will be able to return your check to you.

This year, we are asking all Travel'N'Golf participants to join BEGA and pay the \$25 membership fee. If you have not yet joined BEGA, please go to the BEGA website and return the BEGA membership and membership fee to Steve Ellzey. The membership form is at <http://www.boeinggolf.org/2013/BEGA%20SIGN-UP%20SHEET-2013.pdf>. Your tournament entry will not be accepted until you have completed your BEGA membership. The membership fee is the only source of revenue we have to provide the service we provide to you and we have been spending more than we take in the last few years. This has been OK because we had built up a nice reserve, but our reserves are now declining to just about the minimum we need to keep the association going. Thank you for your understanding and compliance with this change in policy. I hope you feel, as I do, that \$25 annually is a small price to pay for the quality of service that is provided for your golfing enjoyment.

Cheryl and I are planning to go to Hawaii several days before the tournament and return home several days after the tournament, as many others have told me they are doing. I have also been told by many that they have individual situations for lodging they want to take advantage of, so I did not get a hotel for all of us to stay at as Bob has done in the past. You will need to take care of your own lodging this trip. There are several good deals for our time in Hawaii, I encourage you to make your reservations as early as possible. The courses we are playing are in the center and east part of the island, so a place around Waikiki or the center of Oahu will work out well for you. You will also need to take care of your flight to Hawaii and local travel on the island. Regarding local travel, we will need to work out some logistics on getting on some of the military courses because access to the base will be required. Once I have a final list of entrants, I will provide an update on the local travel logistics.

Tournament format will be both best ball and individual, just like we have always done in the Travel'N'Golf tournaments. In the past we have had a ladies flight for the individual competition, and we will continue to do so in this tournament if we have enough entrants from the ladies to justify a separate flight. Since there is only one ladies flight, there is a wide range of handicaps that typically play in our tournaments. For this tournament, ladies can elect to play in a mens flight. If a lady selects this option, she will be placed in a flight appropriate to her handicap as the men are flighted. For men, we will have senior and regular flights if we get enough entrants to have enough in each flight. In any case, we will have a lot of fun along with having some good natured competition. I'm already ready to hear the complaining about a lady beating the men in one of the individual flights.

One last item. We have had some issues with our distribution lists that we have fixed if we know about the issue. If you know of anyone that should be getting this message and did not receive it, please forward it to them and cc Rick Rush and myself on the e-mail. We will use that information to get our distribution lists updated. Also, if you do not want these notices from us, let us know that as well and we will remove you from the distribution list.

Thanks. Look forward to seeing you in Hawaii in September and Perdido Key in November. Info on Perdido Key will be coming out shortly.

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