

Golfers,

It is that time again, preparations have been completed for the 2017 Perdido Key Golf Classic. This year we have a great lineup of courses, will have our tournament banquet on Thursday night where we will have some great entertainment and raise money for Warriors for Freedom, and will have the hospitality room open from Monday thru Saturday afternoons after golf for socializing with those that we only see one or two times a year. This all promises to be a lot of fun for all involved.

First, the golf. We will play six of the same courses we played last year, and the four day, 72 hole tournament will be the same four courses (Cypress Bend, Rock Creek, Cotton Creek, and Lost Key). We play Peninsula on Wednesday this year and Perdido Bay on Tuesday.

The big change, and this is a treat, is that we will play the Country Club of Brewton on Monday.

Many of you do not play on Monday, I hope I can convince more of you to play Monday this year. Country Club of Brewton is one of the best courses I have played. It is about 1 1/2 hour drive from Perdido Key, but the time invested driving is worth it to get to play this gem. In 2015, Golf Advisor ranked the Country Club of Brewton #3 in Alabama and in 2016 Golf Advisor ranked it #5 in the USA for courses under \$50. People that have been to the Masters and played Country Club of Brewton have commented about how similar the two courses are (now this is not saying that Brewton is on par with Augusta, but I will agree that the two courses have similar characteristics). The Country Club of Brewton is providing a buffet lunch with the tournament entry and they can give us a deal with the Indian casino in Atmore for lodging Sunday night. Let me know if you are driving down on Sunday and would be interested in staying at the casino.

Last year, we raised \$2000 for Warriors for Freedom (a record) between our sponsors and the raffle. We will be doing this again at the tournament banquet at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. We also

introduced entertainment last year, and we will have a special entertainer this year. I am not ready to announce details on this yet, look for a notice soon. The golf entry fee gets the golfer into the banquet. Guests are welcome, cost is \$20 if paid in advance and \$25 at the door.

Valerie at Perdido Realty is giving us discounts on lodging again this year. Her contact info is on the entry form, make sure you tell her you are with BEGA.

On a personal note, I will be moving in early September. Please get your entries back to me by the end of August. I can still handle entries later, but it will be much more work on my part and the risk of the entries getting lost in the mail increases. Getting entries in early also allows Steve and I to be better prepared and able to maximize your enjoyment.

Looking forward to another great week on Perdido Key,

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