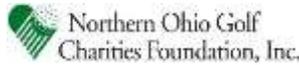


Tournament Talk



Published for the volunteers and friends of the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS



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Coming Up Next...

Board of Trustee Meeting

Tue., Dec. 11, 6:00pm

Registration Opens

Soon – stay tuned!

Volunteer Spotlight

Max Bowers

“Thank you for your service.” All during the weeks before and after Veteran’s Day you hear this phrase. As I sit here writing this article, I am listening to the election results in the background. Without the brave men and women, we thank this Veteran’s Day, we might not be able to exercise our cherished right to vote.

This month we recognize and thank Max Bowers for his service to both the tournament here at Firestone Country Club and to our country. Mr. Bowers is a Korean War veteran and president of the 138th Korean War Veterans Association. Max serves in an honor guard for funerals of fellow Korean Conflict veterans and notes with sadness that fewer and fewer of them remain every year. Max felt very honored when he was called upon to serve in the honor guard during the military ceremony at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational this past August.

It is fitting Max was asked to serve in the honor guard since he was in Korea and fought in the biggest battle of 1952; the Battle for Triangle Ridge. During this battle Max’s Army unit was being overrun and had to retreat. As his comrades made their way back down the hill, Mr. Bowers and two others remained and provided cover fire as the rest of the unit withdrew. When it was time for Max to go down the hill, he carried a wounded soldier on his back to safety. For his gallantry Max Bowers was awarded a Silver Star.



Max is not comfortable talking about his time in Korea. He grew close to many of the young men he shared a foxhole and slept on the bare ground with. Max left many of his friends behind, never to return when he came home to Ohio.

Next summer, stop by the Veteran’s Outpost on your walk back to the barn. Thank Max and the other veterans there for protecting the rights we enjoy as Americans. On this Veteran’s Day we say Thank you for your service, Max Bowers and to the rest of your countrymen who served in our armed forces. 🇺🇸

We are Thankful!

This is the season where we take time to count our blessings. We are blessed with having such a wonderful group of volunteers that come out each year to make our tournament happen.

Here’s hoping you and your family have a wonderful holiday season! 🇺🇸





Charity Spotlight Akron Symphony Orchestra

Akron is lucky to have a great symphony orchestra in a wonderful venue at EJ Thomas Hall. They perform a full schedule of shows throughout the year and support two Youth orchestras; the Akron Youth Symphony and Akron Youth Philharmonic. The ASO is a non-profit organization and is fully funded through ticket sales and private contributions and grants. It was founded in 1949.

Our NOGCF grant last year allowed the ASO to acquire a 15 x 20-foot projection screen and an LCD projector.

Paul Jarrett, Executive Director of the Akron Symphony Orchestra says, "The Akron Symphony Orchestra is grateful to NOGCF for our new interactive concert technology which will allow for new, highly-immersive educational components to be added to our community performances."

Please check out this wonderful ensemble at the upcoming concert, "Verdi and Valkyries" on November 16th or at the annual holiday concert on December 7th. The youth Orchestra presents their winter concert on January 27th at Tallmadge High School.

Learn more [here](#). 📄



2018 Volunteer Tournament Chairman Bob Zwislir receiving his signed caricature.



Care Packages for Vets

Last year Jr. Volunteer Carter Derrig raised over \$1,800 to deliver 42 care packages to deployed soldiers serving overseas in 5 different countries!

He is collecting again this year. \$25 fills a box with much needed items and a taste of home this Christmas.

If you would like to donate by check please make it out to Amber Derrig and mail to 2191 Canterbury Cir. Akron, OH 44319. You can also use [paypal.me/AmberDerrig](https://www.paypal.com/AmberDerrig)

Any questions can be answered by calling Mark Derrig 330-801-3369. Help Carter help those serving our country this Christmas. 📄



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Jerry McFadden



In Memoriam

Since the tournament, we have lost several volunteers. We extend our sympathy to their families; they will all be missed.

Pete Battista, longtime volunteer and husband of former volunteer Tobi passed away in August.

Jerry McFadden, our longest serving volunteer with 59 years of service passed away on August 29th. Jerry was the chairman at the first professional golf tournament at Firestone, the Rubber City Open. Jerry was an active volunteer at our latest tournament. He was remembered on the PGA Tour website [here](#).

If you know of any volunteers that have passed away recently that are not on this list, please notify Nancy in the tournament office. 📧

Registration Opening Soon

Registration for 2019 will be open in the next month. We want to make sure all the materials are ready before making registration available to everyone. Thank you for your patience. 📧

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Dates for next year's tournament are July 11 – 14, 2019