



Tournament Talk

Published for the volunteers and friends of the Bridgestone Invitational.

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Executive Vice Chair Wisdom

Mike Adolph – Scoring

Do you ever wonder how the announcers on television know exactly how far a drive goes or how many inches a ball is from the hole? The answer to this question among many others is generated by the scoring committees under the direction of **Pat Schaffer**.



The walking scorers (chaired by **Shawn Alvey**, **Sue Werntz** and **Paula Adam**) accompany each group of professionals around the course recording every shot while the laser operators (chaired by **Kathy Arthur** and **Pat Demas**) measure each shot and relay the information to the ShotLink network for use by the television networks and scoreboards on the course.

The scoreboard committee (chaired by **Jovie Valachovic** and **Randy Meidl**), have volunteers working inside those large manual boards on the 17th and 18th holes who actually post each lead change to keep the spectators informed.

Besides adults, we also have junior volunteers (chaired by **Nancy Bird** and **Todd Krochta**) who carry the standards for each group, assist with the scoreboards, help with corporate hospitality and bus tables in the volunteer compound during the week.

Jim Rollins and **Tony Comedi** (Caddies) and their team are hosting the Pros' caddies in the Caddie tent to make sure they have plenty of food and beverages before they go out on the course each day. **Gini Paige** (Honorary Observers) and her team are responsible for coordinating the special guests who accompany each group of professionals on a daily basis. ☞

Lunch in the Volunteer Compound

Today's Menu

BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwiches
Baby Red Potato Salad
Assorted Condiments
Assorted Fresh Baked Dessert Bars

Tomorrow's Menu (Sunday)

Meatball Sub Sandwiches
w/Mozzarella Cheese
Caesar Salad
Assorted Desserts

Lunch will be served daily from **11:00am to 2:00pm** in the Volunteer Compound. Your vouchers are also redeemable for a cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, or hot dog, bag of chips, whole fruit bar or candy bar, and soft drink or bottled water at concession stands on the course. ☞

The Volunteer Lunch Shuttle runs daily from 11:30 – 1:30. Pick up is located behind the Tournament Office on Champions Way. Just look for the sign!

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3rd Round of Competition

TOURNAMENT TRIVIA

We are continuing our theme of using questions from the *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* from the USGA. Good luck!

Question #1: A live insect is stationary or crawling on a player's ball which is lying through the green. May the player remove the insect with his fingers or blow the insect off the ball?

Question #2: A player drops a ball where the applicable rule requires. It lodges in a bush without striking the ground. What is the ruling?

Question #3: The caddie of a player who is preparing to play a chip shot from off the putting green touches the green with a club to indicate the line of play. What is the ruling?

Answers will be in tomorrow's newsletter.

Friday's Answers:

Question #1: A player spat on the face of his club and did not wipe the saliva off before playing his next stroke. Is this permissible?

Answer: If the purpose of doing this was to influence the movement of the ball, the player was in breach of rule 4-3 as saliva is "foreign material."

Question #2: A player playing in the rain holds an umbrella over his head with one hand while holing a very short putt, gripping the putter with the other hand. Is this permissible?

Answer: Yes. Rule 14-2 prohibits a player, while making a stroke, from accepting protection from the elements from someone other than himself. However, it does not prohibit him from protecting himself.

Question #3: A player starts his downswing and the clubhead separates from the shaft. The player continues his swing but no contact is made with the ball. Did the player make a stroke?

Answer: Yes

A Note from the Executive Director

Don Padgett III

The excitement of the weekend is here! I have always looked forward to this time during the tournament since I was a kid. (I know many of you have the same sentiments.) The Bridgestone Invitational is a community effort. Thank you for the role you have played to make this year's event a success. We look forward to adding to the \$19 million total that has been distributed to Northeast Ohio charities. Your help is appreciated. 🙏

Volunteer Spotlight

Karen Coombs

Karen is an 18 year veteran, 15 of which have been in walking scorers. She lives in Warren, PA now, but started her volunteering when she lived in the area working at Cuyahoga Falls General. After she moved to Warren she wanted to continue volunteering because it's been such a great opportunity to be involved with such a wonderful event. Her favorite part is getting to walk with the pros, help out with the tournament, and help the various charities. The notion of helping the charities is what got her started with volunteering at the tournament and keeps her coming back each year. 🙏

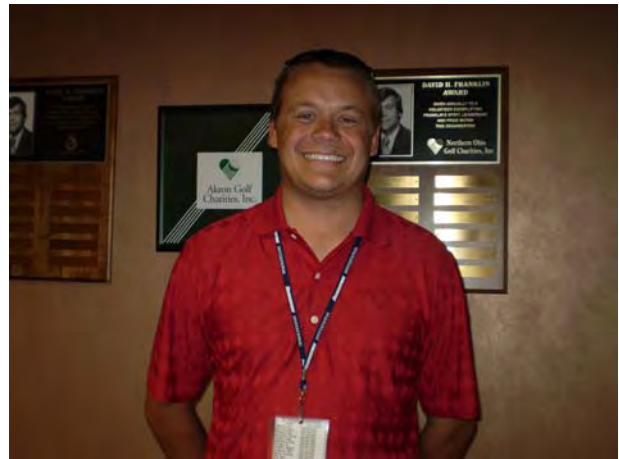


Meet the New Guy! Patrick Lindsey

All of you may not know, but we have someone new working with us in a key role, from the PGA TOUR at our tournament this year. He is Patrick Lindsey, Operations Manager. This is the second tournament that Patrick has overseen this year, the first being the WCG-CA at Doral. The key difference Patrick has seen with our tournament than any others he has seen is the strong base of volunteers that we have here. Other tournaments struggle to get volunteers. In fact, one of his biggest surprises was how outgoing and willing the volunteers were to take on some of the construction projects he had. They took on the projects and ran with them.

Originally from North Carolina, Patrick now lives in Westin, FL with his wife Kristyn and their English Bulldog, Aston. Patrick missed being with his wife on their first wedding anniversary as he was here at the tournament.

Patrick was hired by the TOUR in 2007 after serving two internships in operations and sales/marketing. He holds an MBA in Sports Management from St .Thomas College in Miami.



Patrick Lindsey



WHERE'S DON???

Don Pucak is somewhere on the grounds and YOU need to guess where he is! Answers may be turned in at the Volunteer Compound at the information board. In the event of multiple correct answers, names will be drawn!



*Don's Friday Location was the quick interview area behind the scoring trailer. The winner was **Barb Davis** from Transportation. Congratulations Barb.*

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DID YOU KNOW?
Credentialed Volunteers
Receive a 30% Discount in
the Merchandise Tent?
Let's Go Shopping!



SPOTLIGHT ON THE INTERNS

Courtney Harris and Mike Ruffing

Courtney Harris is a second year intern with the tournament. She is graduated this year from Kent State University with a degree in sports administration. She is starting a graduate assistantship in the Athletic Dept. of Kent State University next week where she will begin pursuing her masters degree in Sports and Recreation management. Having grown up in the tournament, Courtney has always wanted to have an internship here. Her career goal is get a job with the PGA TOUR. She is from Wadsworth. Courtney said she really learned how much communication it takes from all aspects of the tournament to make everything come together.

Mike Ruffing is a first year intern with us. He is counting down the days, (two weeks) until he graduates from Slippery Rock University with his masters in Sports Management. His career goals in the short term are to become an event planner with a long term goal of becoming an executive director of a tournament. Mike also grew up attending the tournament and always wondered what it would be like to be behind the scenes. He said everyone has been very supportive to both of them as interns. Mike said that he was surprised at what an international presence this tournament has. He didn't realize that there was such a focus on Akron during the event. Mike is from Hudson.

Both have them have done a great job. Good luck with your careers. 🙌

