



Tournament Talk



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2011 Tournament Executive Vice Chairman 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 and Shawn Alvey. The walking scorers (chaired by Christina Kovacs, 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 Joanne Valachovic and Marilyn Cochran), 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.

Ernie Pouttu 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 corporate guests who accompany each group of professionals on a daily basis.

I would like to thank all the volunteers on the scoring committees for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. We are prepared for another exciting week of professional golf at Firestone CC. 📧

A Note from the Executive Director Don Padgett III

As we are in the midst of another Bridgestone Invitational, I wanted to take the time to thank all the volunteers that operate the event. The time you spend away from your jobs and families to make this tournament a success is extraordinary and appreciated. The long time volunteers at Firestone are unique to tournament golf and what makes our event outstanding. We have one new volunteer this year named Faith Tanner. Faith is from Michigan and over the years has volunteered with her husband, Larry, at various PGA TOUR events across the country. Sadly, Larry passed away last year.

As a tribute to Larry, Faith is volunteering at every PGA TOUR event this year. The Bridgestone Invitational is Faith's 38th week in a row of volunteering at 38 straight tournaments. This week Faith is helping out in the media center. What an inspiring story. Faith is keeping a diary of her volunteer experiences that is posted at <http://myblog.pgavolunteers.com/>

Thank you for all your efforts this year. Great work! We are close to putting another tournament in the books. 📧

Lunch in the Volunteer Compound

Today's Menu

BBQ Chicken Breasts for Sandwiches
Baby Red Potato Salad
Condiment Tray
Assorted Fresh Baked Bars

Tomorrow's Menu (Sunday)

Meatball Sandwich with Mozzarella Cheese
Caesar Salad
An Assortment of 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. New for this year, your coupons are also valid for a garden salad or sandwich wrap and soft drink or bottled water, but there may be some limited availability Buon Appetito 📧

**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!**



Volunteer Spotlight Jovie Valachovic

Jovie Valachovic is the Co-Chair of Leaderboards and our day's Volunteer Spotlight. Jovie is celebrating her 10th year at the tournament. She lives in Syracuse, New York where she works as a Wine Marketing Assistant at Southern Wine & Spirits.

She started volunteering in 2001 when she was visiting her dear friends Nancy Bird and John Anderson. At the time John was Chair of the Junior Volunteers and Nancy was a volunteer. Jovie and Nancy realized the committee could use some organization, so they jumped in to help and the rest is history.

Her favorite tournament memory, which she could share with us, is last year when she lost her cell phone on the course. She was shuttling a spectator to the gate and the phone bounced out. It was picked up by some spectators, who forgot to turn it in and took it home with them to Hudson. A short trip to Hudson later and she got the phone. When you see her, ask Jovie the stories we couldn't tell us.

When not working or at the tournament, Jovie is an avid baker. Last Christmas she baked over 6600 cookies. How do we get on her Christmas list?

Thank you Jovie for your service. 📞



Mobile Device Policy Guidelines:

- 📱 What is a mobile device?
 - ⌚ A device that can send/receive calls
 - ⌚ A device that can send/receive data
- 📱 Acceptable usage at Bridgestone Invitational
 - ⌚ Device to be on silent at all times
 - ⌚ Calls may be placed or received only in Bridgestone Invitational approved "designated areas"
 - 📍 Designated areas to be defined on Bridgestone Invitational course map
 - 📍 Locations: Concession Stands, Spectator Village, Welcome Pavilion
 - ⌚ No Audio or Video is permitted at any time
 - ⌚ No still photography will be allowed Thursday-Sunday (Wednesday only)
 - ⌚ Data use will be permitted outside of designated areas (as long as spectator is being respectful to players)
 - 📍 But not permitted as players are in position to compete

Just a reminder, that we, as volunteers, must comply with and set the example following our new Mobile Device policy. Spectators hopefully will follow our lead. We also need your help - if you see anyone (Spectators or Volunteers) abusing this policy, please report the incident to our Mobile Device Committee headed up by **Mike Hausch**. The Mobile Device committee can be reached over the radio on the Mobile Device radio channel. 📞



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Saturday Evening Mass is Cancelled

Dave Franklin Award Presentation

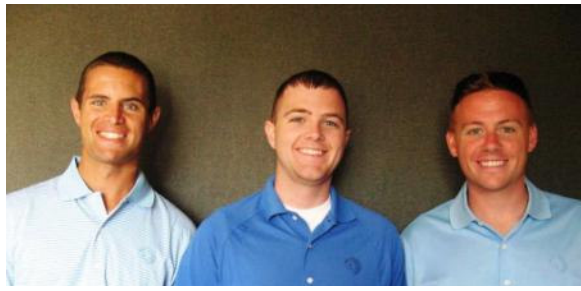
Has been Moved to

Sunday, 9:00a in the

Volunteer Compound

Please join us!

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE INTERNS Per Svensson, Ben Zimmer, and Kevin Morton

From Sweden to Slippery Rock and Beyond – introducing Per Svensson. Per was born Stockholm Sweden and came to the USA as an exchange student at a high school in Jamestown, NY, then came back where he attended Slippery Rock University and graduated with a degree in sports

management. Per now attends the University of Louisville while he is working on his masters in sports administration. He would like to pursue a career in event management organizing major sporting events. His passion is for promoting social change through teaching values with sports. He recently was on a trip to Botswana where he taught values to children in schools and orphanages. Before becoming an intern, Per was a general volunteer in corporate hospitality for three years.

Ben Zimmer is from Canton, where he is a junior at Ohio University majoring in sports management. He would like to work on the PGA TOUR some day. His parents and older sister live in the Canton area. He has enjoyed his experience this summer as he works with the staff and volunteers.

Our third intern this year is Kevin Morton, a native of Washington D.C. who just graduated from Bowling Green State University with a major in communications. His parents and younger sister still live in the D.C. area. He is an avid lacrosse player. He would like to pursue a career in event management and marketing.

Best wishes to you Per, Ben, and Kevin with your career plans. 📧

Correction - In yesterday's newsletter we omitted two areas of volunteer representation: Illinois and Ontario, Canada. Sorry Don and Jim! 📧



Where's Bret???

Bret Benson 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 by 2:00 pm. In the event of multiple correct answers, names will be drawn, prizes will be awarded.

Bret's location yesterday was the clock tower at the clubhouse. Jeff Wallick was our winner yesterday. Good job Jeff! 📧



Golf Trivia

Ready to test your knowledge on the rules of golf? These questions were taken from "Rules on the Decisions of Golf". This year we are giving away tickets to the Akron Racers game on Friday, August 12th, 7:00pm. We have a block of tickets and will be awarding some each day. What a great post tournament get together.

To enter, place your answers in the envelope at the volunteer bulletin board in the compound by 2:00 pm. Most number of correct answers will win. Ties will be determined in a random drawing. Winners will be announced in the newsletter tomorrow. Good luck!

Question #1: Is it permissible for a player to remove dew or frost from the area behind or to the side of his ball?

Question #2: Player A asks Player B to tend the flag stick for him on a very long putt because he knows he will be penalized if his ball hits the pin. Player B declines. What is the ruling?

Question #3: A ball becomes embedded in an orange lying under an orange tree. What is the ruling?

Answers will be in tomorrow's newsletter.

Answers from Yesterday: How did you do?

Question #1 A stone wall runs through the middle of the course. The player removes a stone from the top of the wall because it's in his line of play. Is this permissible? *ANSWER: No because the stonewall would have either been declared an iatrical part of the course or an immovable obstruction.*

Question #2: A player's ball becomes stuck high in a tree. He identifies it by using binoculars, but is unable to get it down. Is this ball considered lost? *ANSWER: It is not lost, it is unplayable.*

Question #3: While waiting to play a shot from the bunker, the player goes to another part of the bunker, takes a firm stance, and simulates his shot without using a club. What is the ruling? *ANSWER: It is a violation of Ruling13-4A, testing the conditions of bunker prior to start.* 📄



Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation

Did you know?

The ambulance golf cart that the Akron Fire Dept. is using at the tournament this year was purchased with proceeds from the 2010 Bridgestone Invitational. Over the years we have funded several requests for equipment to assist the firefighters and paramedics who are always there for us. 📄



What is SHOTLink?

By Mike Adolph

Do you ever wonder what SHOTLink is or why we use it during the tournament? I have compiled some interesting tidbits that you might not know. SHOTLink system is used by over 102 events each year on the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, and Nationwide Tour. It provides valuable data to television broadcasters, players and their caddies, mobile devices, video boards, kiosks and other multi-media devices. Each course is mapped (GPS) prior to the event so distances can be calculated between any two exact locations (i.e. tee box, player's shot and hole location). During the rounds, the walking scorers and laser operators provide exact locations of each player's shot. From these coordinates, the SHOTLink system provides info to the scoreboards that in turn display distance to the pin, lie description, and the shot number a player is hitting for each golfer in the group. It also tracks who is hitting the longest drives or making the longest putts on a given hole. In a given round, the SHOTLink system records and analyses millions of individual bits of data that generate over 500 different statistics, which are used to provide all the information the spectators see on the scoreboards and television broadcasts.

Speaking of scoreboards, each board you see on the course has a viewing area of 153 sq. ft. and contains 221,184 LEDs. The scoreboards are powered by 208 volt 3 phase 60 amp "whisper" generators that use approximately 20 gallons of fuel per day and run ultra quietly. The scoreboards automatically turn on and off at predetermined times (sunrise/sunset) to conserve energy. 📄