



Monday, August 31, 2015

On Friday, October 16, 2015, the Gloucester Rowing Team is holding a golf tournament in order to raise much needed funds for our student-athletes. In the past few years, as a direct result of participation in our great sport, graduating seniors have received upwards of \$420,000 in college scholarships, which is more than any other athletic team at our school. We hold this tournament each year to help offset the increasing costs for our athletes brought about by a Virginia High School League (VHSL) decision in 2013.

The aforementioned decision by the VHSL was to remove Crew (Rowing) from its list of varsity approved athletic teams. This removal was brought about by various factors:

- 1) The VHSL did not maintain the playoff system. Rowing is a bit unique in that there are two organizations that sponsor the racing and the regional and state playoffs, neither of which was the VHSL. The sport is governed by US Rowing, on a large-scale, and by Virginia Scholastic Rowing and Eastern Virginia Scholastic Rowing on a local level.
- 2) The sport did not meet the 50% participation rule in Virginia High Schools. This rule means that if not more than 50% of governed schools offer a sport, it does not have to be maintained as a Varsity athletic team. There are too many land-locked schools in Virginia that do not offer Crew.

Because of this decision, the Gloucester Rowing Team has made several changes, among them an increased need in fundraising for equipment, but additionally; just to cover expenses that the team now has versus the school having. These fundraisers now include a wreath sale, the Guinea Dipping (a polar plunge event), and this golf tournament.

We are asking for your help in the form of, a generous donation, a hole sponsorship or raffle prizes. During this fundraising event we plan to raffle off various items, including rounds of golf, merchandise, etc. We are hoping that you are able to support our young people and our tournament. This will help us raise money to continue to allow our young people the chance to compete and earn potential scholarships.

Best Regards,

Jack Moore
President
Gloucester Rowing Association



Tournament Information

Piankitank River Golf Club
Middlesex, VA

Players check-in 11:00 through 11:45am
Shotgun start at 12:00 pm

\$100 per player/\$400 per team

(4 man teams only)
Maximum 22 teams

Captain's Choice/Scramble Format

Prizes for Long Drive (Men & Women)
Closest to the Pin on all par 3's
Putting Contest for a chance at a \$5000 prize

Sponsorship Information:

Platinum Sponsorship - \$1000+

Gold Sponsorship - \$500

Silver Sponsorship - \$250

4 person team play - \$400 (\$100 per person)

Hole Sponsor - \$100

As a registered 501(c)3, we are able to provide you with any documentation that you would need to make your donation tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support of our team and this tournament.



GLOUCESTER ROWING ASSOCIATION

Application & Sponsorship Information

Captain _____ Phone _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Team Play Total \$ 400 _____

Sponsorship Level: ___ Platinum \$1000+ ___ Gold \$500 ___ Sliver \$250 ___ Hole Sponsor \$100

Donation item(s): _____

Business Name _____

Make checks payable to "GRA". Mail to Gloucester Rowing Association, P.O. Box 523, Gloucester, VA 23061. The proceeds go towards the maintenance of Gloucester's High School Rowing Team.

No Rain Date – Play Rain or Shine