

PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Area volunteers to again assist Classic

Tournament is now accepting applications

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Mooreville area forces were among those helping form the field among the host of volunteers donating their time and services to aid The Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn stop on the Professional Golf Association's Champions Tour schedule.

They are expected to once again perform the same duties this year as well.

The event is now well underway in its accepting process for securing the services of volunteers for this year's affair, tabled to take place Sept. 25-Oct. 1 once again at Rock Barn Golf & Spa.

Applications from veteran volunteers are among those being the most coveted, according to tournament officials, because those are the ones most familiar with the routines required of those assisting in the process.

The 900 available volunteer positions are being filled quickly, but many committees still have open spots, including Standard Bearers, Hospitality, Hole Marshals and Laser Operators. Golf experience is not needed for certain committees.

Volunteer support is both critical to the success of the tournament and gives the volunteers an exclusive and memorable behind-the-scenes experience. To cover the cost of

the volunteer uniform package, the fee is \$60.

For that fee, those filling the roles receive the following benefits: Volunteer golf shirt with logo; volunteer full-zip wind vest with logo; volunteer hat or visor with logo; a pair of Moretz PowerSocks; volunteer badge for admission and parking all week; volunteer breakfast/lunch with voucher provided for each working shift; invitation for volunteer and a guest to the volunteer appreciation party; one golf voucher valid for a round of golf at Rock Barn on one day; Rock Barn Spa pass with a minimum of three shifts; tickets to the Aug. 22 Hickory Crawdads baseball game; and one Ultimate PGA Tour Book of Trivia.

All volunteers are asked to work for a minimum of three shifts. Each shift is approximately four hours long, depending on committee.

To download an application and view a description of each committee, all interested can visit www.greaterhickoryclassic.com, or, for more details, contact Sara Waugh, tournament assistant, at 828-459-400.

The GHC at Rock Barn features a week's worth of special events and attractions, including exhibitions, pro-ams and three days of Champions Tour competition with golf's greatest legends.

SISA REGISTRATION

Instructional League joins crowd

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Already strongly dedicated to the area's youth, even younger youngsters will be served beginning this season by the South Iredell Soccer Association.

The SISA announced earlier this month that it will be reaching out to potential players younger than ever before when getting cranking on an Instructional Soccer League available to participants as young as four years of age.

Due to what it cites as an overwhelming demand, the SISA will be providing a place to play and learn the basic fundamentals about the sport of soccer to any and all interested youth born between Aug. 1, 2001 and Oct. 16, 2002.

Registration is now underway and will continue to be accepted through Sept. 1. All interested can contact Jane Laney at 704-664-1630.

SISA will accept the sign-ups through the remainder

of August. Applications for participation can be downloaded from the SISA's official online website, www.sisasoccer.com.

Late registration for all other age groups within the SISA program has also been extended until Sept. 1. SISA offers boys and girls recreational soccer all the way up to the under-18 division for high school-level players. Any child born between Aug. 1, 1988 and Oct. 16, 2002 is now eligible to participate in the youth soccer program.

Practices for U-8 through U-16 players will get underway later this month, with matches to follow beginning in early September.

The SISA has been serving the Mooreville, South Iredell and Lake Norman area for more than 25 years. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that was formed to provide recreational soccer to the community's youth. Presently, it has over 700 participants registered to compete on coed boys and girls teams ranging in age from

four to 18. Teams practice and play matches in the spring and fall.

The registration fees charged by the SISA are kept at a minimum in order to make recreational soccer affordable to all income levels. SISA only receives a small portion of the sign-up fees, with the remainder paid to the Iredell County Recreation Department to cover North Carolina Youth Soccer Association fees as well as insurance and uniform expenses.

All excess funds are reserved to pay for a number of community projects. The SISA also offers a number of scholarships to those wishing to play but cannot afford to do so. Every dollar the SISA receives is put back into the community. Throughout the year, the money is spent to fertilize, seed and mow community church and school fields, purchase goals and nets, and provide development and training for players and coaches.

For the past three years,

the SISA has developed a working relationship with Davidson College to offer player development and skills training for players. Matt Spear, the head men's soccer coach at Davidson, has arranged for college players to instruct the youth and develop soccer skills. Steve Stith, the head varsity boys and girls soccer coach at Mooreville High School, has also been actively involved with coaching development. He conducts clinics for volunteer coaches for the SISA recreational teams.

The SISA continues to seek out playing facilities for its more than 60 coed, boys and girls teams to play and practice. Plans are underway to develop fields on land that was recently donated for SISA's use off Brawley School Road. Additional funds have also been set aside for future projects to include athletic fields for new middle and elementary schools as well as continued maintenance of existing school and community facilities.

TENNIS

Court once again in session for annual event

The sport of tennis will once again receive the royal treatment this weekend, doing so courtesy of the fourth annual Jill Lake Pro-Am Tournament at River Run Country Club in Davidson.

Some of the Southeast's premier tennis professionals will be in attendance and teams with representatives from River Run to put tennis in the spotlight Friday through Sunday.

Following a night of introductions helping kick off the event, action heats up Saturday with round robin play between teams of professionals and amateurs that get underway from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The division finals for pro-am play will then be held Sunday.

Returning to the program again this year is the crowd favorite Pro-Pro Shootout, during which the attending

professionals draw among themselves to form teams and fight it out for big money in order to determine the overall winners in the pro division.

Jill Lake, with Keller Williams Realty, is a real estate pro with 15 years of experience serving the Davidson and surrounding area. This will mark her fourth year serving as the title sponsor of the gala affair.

"I welcome the opportunity," revealed Lake, "to give back to the community that has trusted me with their business for so many years."

River Run Director of Tennis, George Husk, will be serving as the event's director, once again promising a weekend "of friendly competition that is always fun for participants and fans alike."

SCHOLARSHIP: Kicks off Fri.

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Graded School District Board of Education, and made sure the program was in good standing with the regular part of the game routine for the Blue Devils.

Students can apply for the opportunity to be selected by obtaining forms from the high school's guidance office. Entries can also be obtained by contacting Morse directly, at 704-696-2050.

With the exception of the opening game of the season, the selected applications from interested students will be received well in advance of each game in order to notify them of their selection and make sure they are in attendance at the specified game. For the first game alone, the process for selecting the initial participants will be in a much more speed-up mode.

"We don't have a lot of time to select the ones that will be kicking Friday night," cautioned Morse, a parent of three children all students in the Mooreville system including one just entering high school. "I'm pretty confident that we will have plenty to choose from, but you just never know."

In order to give all interested participants adequate opportunity to fill out an entry form, applications will be available in all classrooms during the first official day of school Friday. Forms will also be available at the main gate during Friday night's home and regular season opener. It is imperative, according to Morse, than any and all students wishing to fill out an application in hopes of being selected for the opening appearance secure an entry form and do so as soon as possible.

This week alone, applicants

will be selected and notified during the course of the game. The ones selected will be announced during the half-time, allowing for ample time for them to report to the designated competition area during the break between the third and fourth periods.

Presently, according to Morse, the spot of the field goal tries will take place from the 10-yard line, requiring a 20-yard kick. That distance, however, is subject to change, depending on the success ratio of the placekick efforts.

The two students picked to take part will kick separately. If both are successful, both will have their names put into the pot for the grand prize attempt. All students selected will also receive official program T-shirts that they may also wear when attempting the kicks.

"We'll select the kickers," revealed Morse, "get them on the field, allow them to kick and get them back off the field as quick as we can. We don't want to take any more time than we need to get this done."

Morse is hopeful that game officials will volunteer to be the ones signaling whether or not the respective kicks are successful. If not, he may be the one doing the judging as well while standing underneath the crossbars.

The names of all those making good on the kicks will be compiled. Then, during the final home game, one participant from that group will be selected to take another kick. If that boot also finds its mark, the \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Morse indicated that he might also be working on a similar program to take place during the school's basketball season. Plans for that project will be announced at a later time.

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