

NRMGC 2021 Newsletter # 1 National Retired Military Golf Classic Newsletter #1 2021 38th Anniversary Tournament

Greetings fellow military retiree golfers! We hope and pray that this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits after a REALLY tough 2020. We had a great Veteran's Day tournament in November 2020 even though many of you weren't able to attend. As you, the committee is cautiously optimistic that we'll be able to have a COVID free tournament in June, but we'll have to continue monitoring the situation for a while longer. At this time we fully intend to have the NRMGC 1-5 June as scheduled (Icebreaker is tentative), but we may have to make some adjustments to the venue if COVID 19 issues remain...like we did in November 2020. We'll keep you all posted on those developments as we move closer to tournament time and deal with those circumstances/decisions.

38th NRMGC APPLICATIONS: If you haven't mailed your application in already, PLEASE DO IT NOW. Our rates remain the same as last year: \$345 for men and \$300 for women. Many of your fellow players have already signed up- well over 300 so far. If you don't have an application, <u>Click Here</u> to print the application. For more information on this year's Classic visit <u>www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc</u>.

Our committee has already met twice since November with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceana Resorts teams to ensure we provide you a great package for this year's tournament. We have determined the initial courses for play, picked out the shirts and other stuff for the goodie bag and we think you'll really like the courses and the goodies. As always, we'll also have some special drawing prizes along with the normal drawings, registration day raffle, and closest to the pin prizes.

2021 COURSES: At this time, we have Myrtle Beach National South and West, Myrtlewood Pine Hills, Burning Ridge, Long Bay, and Wild Wing scheduled for play based on our estimated participation. As before, FGI has agreed to give us as many courses as we need to accommodate our number of players, so that list of courses could grow if we have higher numbers sign up...so please continue to recruit your retired golf buddies to join or return! OF NOTE: We'll continue with 0800 start times for men, but WOMEN'S START TIMES WILL BE 0830 TO ALLOW FOR COUPLES TO BOTH GET TO COURSES ON TIME.

DAILY CHALLENGE: For those of you who couldn't make it in November, we added our DAILY CHALLENGE to the venue. The players really liked the addition. On each day the team with the best score on each course won a prize which was provided on the following morning on the next course in the rotation. DAILY CHALLENGE this year will be Wed, Thur, and Fri rounds for men; Wed and Thurs for women.

FIRST TIME PLAYERS: If you have the lowest score of the other first time players in your flight after all tournament rounds are complete, you'll win the new player prize.

We're going to continue our highly successful new member orientation this year, new winner prizes, beer/soft drink coupons per round per player for post round socializing with fellow players/comrades, competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies, and of course continued camaraderie on some of the best golf courses around. And for our more experienced players don't forget that in addition to allowing players over 70 years of age to play from forward tees, we'll have a "super senior mentors" tee for our players over 80 years young. ONE BIG CHANGE THIS YEAR: NO MULLIGANS. We implemented the no mulligan change in November and it was well received. Most players agreed that mulligans were not really needed and eliminating it sped up play.

So far the numbers are looking good this year, but we still need your help to get the word out and BRING YOUR FELLOW RETIRED MILITARY GOLFING BUDDIES WITH YOU! By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And please let your eligible golf buddies know that THERE IS NO WAITING LIST. ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES WILL GET IN IF THEY APPLY. Spouses of retired "non-golfing" military retirees are also welcome to play. Recruiters will be rewarded a \$20 PGA Tour Superstore gift card for the number of his/her new recruits. The top recruiter gets their 2021 application fee paid. Just make sure your recruits put your name on their application. If they forget, they can get with a committee member and get you the credit you deserve.

Your Committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore, Brown and Associates, Kearney and Company, USfalcon, Sun Mountain, Seiko, IGA and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year's tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member.

OK enough for now. We'll provide another update or two before the tournament and are always available to answer your questions. Thanks so much for serving our nation and participating in our tournament. May God continue to bless you all and your wonderful families.

Sincerely, The NRMGC Committee