

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

18 August, 2016

Gentlemen:

In times of political strife and deep division, our nation turns to sport to salve our wounds and cool our hot tempers. This year is no different. On Labor Day, we'll once again drag out the golf clubs for our annual walk around Hartwell and remind ourselves that no matter how bad politics get, our golf game is worse. Who will win it all this year? Hard to say, but George has been working hard on his handicap. This may be John Massey's year though a consistent stroke has eluded him, well, consistently. Finally, don't count Marty out as a three-peat threat. It's happened before, you know.

The handicap schedule for 2016 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	16 hand	2016 gr	2016 net
Bill Banks	53.7	19	48	29
George Hammerle	59.3	25	56	31
Rick Herbst	72.0	37	70	33
Marty Mitchell	64.3	30	64	34
Mike Gorman	66.7	32	64	32
Brian Horner	71.0	36	67	31
Mike Kabitsch	49.0	14	54	30
William Banks III	54.0	19	53	34
Jon Massey	70.0	35	61	26
Matt Bischoff	46.0	11	—	
Hank Bischoff	34.7	0	—	

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William Banks  
Commissioner

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

15 August, 2014

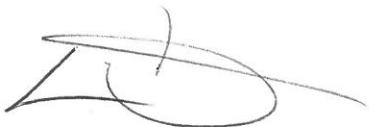
Gentlemen:

Well, here we are in year 26. Some of us playing this year weren't alive when this great contest started, and many of us are feeling every one of those years. None of that matters on Labor Day. The balls have been ordered and the greens keepers have been up nights neglecting the course. Who's got the inside track this year? For a favorite, you have to look to George, who sandbagged big last year. Brian put up a big number last year, which always helps. Marty and Mike both played well last year, though and Rick is still paying for a no-show in 2014. That's going to make it hard. Still, it's anyone's game, and anyone could take home the plaque and jacket – that is if Hank decides to show up and bring those things back. You'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2015 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	15 hand	2015 gr	2015 net
Bill Banks	52.0	14	54	40
George Hammerle	56.3	18	61	43
Rick Herbst	59.3	21	72	51
Marty Mitchell	65.0	27	62	35
Mike Gorman	67.3	29	70	41
Brian Horner	68.7	30	72	42
Mike Kabitsch	57.3	19	—	—
William Banks III	54.3	16	57	41
Jon Massey	69.3	31	73	42
Matt Bischoff	56.7	18	—	—
Hank Bischoff	38.3	0	—	—

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William Banks  
Commissioner

Reminder:  
We give a Gentleman's 10°  
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## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

4 August, 2014

Gentlemen:

Believe it or not, it's been 25 years since four friends went out for a round of golf on the last day of summer. In the intervening years, some of us have come and some gone, but every year on Labor Day, we've come back to honor the tradition. So, this year, there's got to be a special sense of accomplishment for being winner #25. Who will it be? Marty, Brian and Matt all have insane handicaps, so anything is possible. Young William is no longer the youngest winner – does he have something to prove? Has anyone heard from Don or Perry? Will there be a special door prize for those who show up this year? Actually, yes, but you'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2013 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	14 hand	2014 gr	2014 net
Bill Banks	53.0	12	52	40
George Hammerle	52.0	11	64	53
Rick Herbst	56.3	15	73	58
Marty Mitchell	69.0	28	61	33
Mike Gorman	67.7	26	63	37
Brian Horner	69.3	28	72	44
Mike Kabitsch	53.0	12	64	52
William Banks III	54.0	13	56	43
Jon Massey	63.0	22	76	54
Matt Bischoff	72.7	31	—	N/A
Hank Bischoff	41.3	0	—	N/A

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William Banks

Commissioner

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

26 August, 2013

Gentlemen:

Here we are again in late (OK, very late) August. True, I'm more disorganized than usual, but in my defense, I've been trying to follow the twists and turns of Obamacare, and whether we're really going to implement it. The game this year looks to be close and interesting. For the first time ever, we've got one of the next generation setting the standard for the handicap. Hank, that means you're obligated to really shine. Since his dad is getting 26 strokes (!), you have to consider Matt B the early favorite. Will Rick show up? Will Marty ever get a long game? Will young William get back in the groove now that he's a working man? You'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2013 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	13 hand	2013 gr	2013 net
Bill Banks	51.0	8	55	47
George Hammerle	52.3	9	53	44
Rick Herbst	56.7	13	71	58
Marty Mitchell	65.0	22	70	48
Mike Gorman	65.3	22	67	45
Brian Horner	70.3	27	69	42
Mike Kabitsch	55.3	12	49	37
William Banks III	55.3	12	49	37
Jon Massey	62.3	19	61	42
Matt Bischoff	69.7	26	70	44
Hank Bischoff	43.3	0	36	(36)

high gross

low gross

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William Banks

Commissioner

## The Hartwell Open Invitational Classic

Office of the Commissioner

14 August, 2012

Gentlemen:

These are dark and somewhat uncertain times. Will the world economy turn around? What will become of our alma mater? Are Kristen and Rob really breaking up? One thing I know is that when the going gets tough, the tough get going...to the golf course! Come and join us for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Classic. It looks to be a very competitive year. With Brian, Matt and Marty having seriously tanked it last year, it's truly been a race to the bottom of late. The Bischoff boys will both be in the hunt this year, having served their 2 year probationary period with grace and aplomb.

The handicap schedule for 2012 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	'12 hand.	2012 Gr.	2012 Net
Bill Banks	50.3	10	49	39
George Hammerle	53.3	13	52	39
Rick Herbst	67.3	27	—	—
Marty Mitchell	63.7	24	64	40
Mike Gorman	63.3	23	72	49
Greg Pattinson	40.0	0	—	—
Brian Horner	71.7	32	65	33
Mike Kabitsch	51.3	11	59	48
William Banks III	53.3	13	58	45
Jon Massey	58.0	18	71	53
Matt Bischoff	71.5	32	66	34
Hank Bischoff	42.5	3	45	42

So come and join us in that most magical of all places...Hartwell – 9am on Labor Day, just as we always do. Afterwards, food music and dancing at Frisch's on Vine where the coveted jacket and plaque will be passed along. The tales will be tall and the cokes bottomless. I look forward as always to seeing you all.



William Banks

Commissioner

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

19 August, 2011

Gentlemen:

Here we are again in late August. The balls have been ordered and the kids are back in school. That must mean that The Classic is upon us. What will this year's Classic hold? Can Mike defend the title? Can young William get back in championship form? The early betting says that Brian may have the edge this year. You'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2011 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	11 hand	2011 gr	2011 net
Drew Banks	34.0	0	—	—
Bill Banks	47.7	14	55	41
George Hammerle	53.7	20	51	31
Rick Herbst	57.3	23	64	41
Marty Mitchell	61.0	27	73	46
Mike Gorman	65.0	31	64	33
Tim Pattinson	36.7	3	—	—
Greg Pattinson	45.0	11	—	—
Brian Horner	72.0	38	74	36
Mike Kabitsch	52.3	18	51	33
William Banks III	53.7	20	55	35
Steve Oldfield	34.0	0	—	—
Jon Massey	58.5	25	57	32
Matt Bischoff	47.5	14	82	68
Hank Bischoff	38.0	4	43	39

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William Banks

Commissioner

Player 3 yr avg 10 hand 2010 gr 2010 net

Drew Banks	39.7	0	—	
Bill Banks	49.0	9	49	40
George Hammerle	51.7	12	54	42
Rick Herbst	59.3	20	72	52
Marty Mitchell	60.7	21	58	37
Mike Gorman	66.0	26	60	34
Tim Pattinson	40.0	0	—	
Greg Pattinson	52.0	12	—	
Brian Horner	72.0	32	72	40
Mike Kabitsch	50.7	11	56	45
William Banks III	54.7	15	53	38
Steve Oldfield	50.7	11	—	
Jon Massey	42.0	2	59	57

) — Low Net

Matt B

Hank

41      41  
42      42 — Low Gr.

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

23 August, 2010

Gentlemen:

Here we are again in late August. The balls have been ordered and the kids are back in school. That must mean that The Classic is upon us. Those looking for a clear favorite this year will have a hard time. Young William is a three-peat winner, but our handicapping system and his lack of practice will have caught up him this year. Having spent the last 20 years seriously sandbagging, Mike Gorman seems poised to break out. This year also promises a possible absolute first for The Classic. You'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2010 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	10 hand	2010 gr	2010 net
Drew Banks	39.7	0		
Bill Banks	49.0	9		
George Hammerle	51.7	12		
Rick Herbst	59.3	20		
Marty Mitchell	60.7	21		
Mike Gorman	66.0	26		
Tim Pattinson	40.0	0		
Greg Pattinson	52.0	12		
Brian Horner	72.0	32		
Mike Kabitsch	50.7	11		
William Banks III	54.7	15		
Steve Oldfield	50.7	11		
Jon Massey	42.0	2		

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William Banks

Commissioner

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

27 August, 2009

Gentlemen:

Well, as hard as it may be to believe, this will be the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of our Classic. We've been as few as three and as many as twelve, but it is always the Classic. Through hornets, facial injury and driving rain, we always play, and this year is no exception. We have the possibility – indeed, likelihood – of the first three-peat since the 90's; and a possible new legacy player joining us. You'll have to be there to find out.

The handicap schedule for 2009 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	09 hand	2009 gr	2009 net
Drew Banks	43.7	0		
Bill Banks	48.7	5		
George Hammerle	52.7	9		
Rick Herbst	48.7	5		
Marty Mitchell	61.7	18		
Mike Gorman	65.7	22		
Tim Pattinson	45.0	1		
Greg Pattinson	52.3	9		
Brian Horner	60.3	17		
Mike Kabitsch	51.7	8		
William Banks III	59.3	16		
Steve Oldfield	50.7	7		

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Commissioner

## The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

15 August, 2008

Gentlemen:

By the count of the name plates on our plaque, I see that this year will mark the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we meet to mark the end of summer and try once more to recapture the youth that we – let's be honest about it – left behind some time ago. This year, we add one more CLS alumnus to our ranks. William Banks, who wasn't born yet when we set out on this journey, is our defending champion, odds on favorite to take it all again this year and now...CLS graduate. Tim Pattinson looks to repeat his habit of turning in the low gross score, but George is always lurking. We hope Steve Oldfield can join us again, as he had the distinction last year of putting up the highest score since we started keeping records (sorry, Rick).

Given that I haven't heard anything about an actual 25 year reunion, it looks like this just might be it – so get on the phone and invite someone who hasn't played with us yet - calling Dan Romer – or someone who stopped coming more than a decade ago – that's you, Don.

The handicap schedule for 2008 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	08 handicap	2008 gross	2008 net
Drew Banks	45.3	3	—	
Bill Banks	49.0	7	47	40
George Hammerle	51.7	9	52	41
Rick Herbst	61.0	19	—	
Marty Mitchell	58.7	16	65	49
Mike Gorman	64.3	22	69	47
Tim Pattinson	42.3	0	42	42
Greg Pattinson	53.0	11	49	38
Brian Horner	46.7	4	75	71
Mike Kabitsch	51.7	9	54	45
William Banks III	63.3	21	56	35
Steve Oldfield	50.7	8	—	

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William Banks

Commissioner

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# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

15 August, 2007

Gentlemen:

Well, here it is, middle of August, and again, we gird ourselves for battle in that oldest of sports. To paraphrase King Harry: This story shall the good man teach his son; and Labor Day shall ne're go by from this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered - we few, happy few, we band of brothers; for he that tees off with me today shall be my brother; be he ne're so vile, this day shall gentle his condition. And gentlemen in St. Louis now a-bed shall think themselves accursed they were not here, and hold their manhoods cheap whilst any speaks that chipped with us upon Labour Day.

Only by joining us will you know the answer to the questions: Will Rick wake up on time? Brian's got clubs, but has he found a golf bag? Did Mike understand that you're not really supposed to wear that jacket? That looks like a new address for Bill – what's up with that?

The handicap schedule for 2007 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	07 hand	2007 gross	2007 net
Drew Banks	> 39.7	0	51	51
Bill Banks	49.3	10	53	43
George Hammerle	52.7	13	48	35
Rick Herbst	57.3	18	78	60
Marty Mitchell	59.7	20	77	37
Mike Gorman	64.3	25	63	38
Tim Pattinson	43.0	3	44	41
Greg Pattinson	53.3	14	55	41
Brian Horner	47.0	7	72	65
Mike Kabitsch	54.3	15	51	36
William Banks III	67.0	27	56	29
Steve Oldfield			P4	

Come, then all of you and join the fray. Hartwell is the place, 9:00 am on Labor Day, as tradition (and really nothing else) dictates. Our usual luncheon will be held at Frisch's on Vine St. and we'll shower the winner with prizes and accolades. I look forward to seeing you all there.



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Greg Pattinson	53.3	14		
Brian Horner	47.0	7		
Mike Kabitsch	54.3	15		
William Banks III	67.0	27		

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William V Banks

Commissioner

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## Office of the Commissioner

20 August, 2005

Gentlemen:

Hard to believe, isn't it? We've now been at this for 16 years. That's time enough for me to earn two masters degrees, marry and have a son, who is now a sophomore at CLS and will be playing with us this Labor Day. So many things have happened in our lives, so many people come and gone...and Rick still can't find a set of clubs to bring with him to the Classic.

This year the committee has adopted a few new rules. These may seem arbitrary and capricious if your name is Brian or Rick, but entirely reasonable to the rest of us. They are:

1. Each player must bring their own set of clubs to the course. (I have an old set if you need them)
2. We will impose a ten (10) stroke limit on each hole. Watching Rick score 80 in 2003 got me thinking about this one.
3. While we don't normally quibble about the 'rules' of golf, we must insist that any time your club makes contact with the ball that moves the ball, that must count as a stroke. Strokes in which the ball and club do not make contact will not count (you're welcome, Brian).

The handicap situation for 2005 is as follows:

Player	3 yr avg	2005 handicap	2005 net
Drew Banks	38	-	
Bill Banks	53	15	
George Hammerle	50	12	
Rick Herbst	73	34	
Marty Mitchell	62	24	
Mike Gorman	65	27	
Tim Pattinson	46	7	
Greg Pattinson	53	15	
Kyle Pattinson	41	2	
Brian Horner	75	37	
Mike Kabitsch	59	20	

So come one, come all. Phone the neighbors and wake the kids. If you know a CLS alum, bring them to the event. It may be the only chance we get to see them this year. As usual, the game itself is to be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 5th. A luncheon will be held afterward at Frisch's on Vine St. and shower him with the above mentioned accolades. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

William V. Banks  
Commissioner

# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

## Office of the Commissioner

17 August, 2003

Gentlemen:

In this life, we can know very few things with certainty. For example, there are rumors of a twenty year reunion happening later this summer, or perhaps early in the fall, but we really can't be sure of this. And until recently, I was sure I would be young forever. Then I realized I have a son at Latin School, and I knew better. No, the only thing you can really know for sure is that at 9 am on Labor Day, a few brave souls will be standing around the Hartwell course waiting for Rick to show up and wondering whether we should tee off without him. Odds are we'll wait....

We are now well into the grand experiment that is the Classic handicapping system. This has indeed proved to be a great leveling of the playing field. Those who show up every year and make an effort at really dogging it have been rewarded with prizes, lunches and a spot on the coveted plaque. Who will take it all this year? Past winner Drew Banks will be in town, but the handicapping system will be working against him. Now that he has three years under his belt, you'd have to consider Tim Pattinson a real threat. Of course Rick has done an admirable job of absolutely sandbagging the past couple years, so he's in the hunt. Adding last year's scores to those of the previous two years, we get:

	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>NET</u>
Drew Banks	48,34,34	39	0	47	47
Bill Banks	49,48,53	50	11	53	42
George Hammerle	50,49,47	48	9	53	44
Rick Herbst	71,60,71	67	28	80	52
Marty Mitchell	66,61,57	61	22	69	47
Mike Gorman	71,61,71	68	29	62	33
Tim Pattinson	43,46,47	45	6	44	38
Greg Pattinson	57,58,57	57	18	47	29
Brian Horner	34,58,77	56	17	75	58

\* Jim Grote has been dropped, since it seems he really can't be bothered

rick  
kyle

58 + 5  
54 + 5  
59

So come one, come all. Phone the neighbors and wake the kids. If you know a CLS alum, bring them to the event. It may be the only chance we get to see them this year. As usual, the game itself is to be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. A luncheon will be held afterward at Frisch's on Vine St. and shower him with the above mentioned accolades. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,



William V. Banks  
Commissioner

*Notes*  
① Rick + Brian  
no clubs/day  
J.M. 6/9

② water all over + Rain  
③ So slow - bad and not fun + 60%  
60%

# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

20 August, 2002

Gentlemen:

It is time. Summer's going fast, nights growing colder, and it is time. The groundskeepers, media crews and low level interns have all been hard at work making sure that things go just as smoothly this year as they ever have. So get those chores done early, and tell your wife you can't go shopping with her, because this Labor Day, there's golf to be played.

As you'll recall, we are now in the fourth year of a handicapping system designed to level the playing field a bit. Essentially, it puts each player in the position of competing against himself. Last year, Mike had the biggest improvement over his previous scores, so he took home the coveted plaque. We will continue along those lines this year, this time using the two previous years' worth of scores to determine a handicap. This should keep the fairness aspect of the system intact while minimizing the opportunity for certain players to sandbag one year and take a big handicap the next. (Of course, Marty's quest to sandbag every year continues) If a player misses a year, he's assigned the course par (34) as a substitute score (one more year, Tim). Looking at the previous years' scores, here are the results with this year's prospective handicaps:

	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
Drew Banks	43,48,34	42	34 1
Bill Banks	48,49,48	48	53 7 46
George Hammerle	51,50,49	50	47 9 39 ✓
Jim Grote	56,34,34	41	34 0 34
Rick Herbst	58,71,60	63	71 22 49
Marty Mitchell	61,66,61	63	57 22 35
Mike Gorman	73,71,61	68	71 27 44
Tim Pattinson	34,43,46	41	47 0 47
Greg Pattinson	34,57,58	50	57 9 46
Brian Horner	34,34,58	42	77 1 76

Hopefully, this will continue to make for a more evenly matched tournament and a reason for each player to continue to play year after year.

As usual, the game will be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A luncheon will be held immediately following at Frisch's on Vine St. to crown the new champion and shower him with the usual fabulous prizes. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

William V. Banks  
Commissioner

# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

16 August, 2001

Gentlemen:

Well, it looks like the end of summer is coming up fast and the Classic looms large. The groundskeepers, media crews and low level interns have all been hard at work making sure that things go just as smoothly this year as they ever have. So get those chores done early, and tell your wife you can't go shopping with her, because this Labor Day, there's golf to be played.

If you recall, we have implemented a handicapping system in the recent past in an effort to level the playing field a bit. Essentially, it puts each player in the position of competing against himself. Last year, George had the biggest improvement over his previous scores, so he took home the coveted plaque. We will continue along those lines this year, this time using the two previous years' worth of scores to determine a handicap. This should keep the fairness aspect of the system intact while minimizing the opportunity for certain players (Rick) to sandbag one year and take a big handicap the next. If a player misses a year, he'll be assigned the course par (34) as a substitute score. Looking at the previous years' scores, here are the results with this year's prospective handicaps:

	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>WST</u>
Drew Banks	45,43,48	46	—	9
Bill Banks	52,48,49	50	48	13 35
George Hammerle	57,51,50	53	49	16 33
Jim Grote	34,56,34	41	—	4 —
Rick Herbst	66,58,71	65	60	28 32
Marty Mitchell	56,61,66	61	61	24 37
Mike Gorman	66,73,71	70	61	33 28 ←
"Tim"	34,34,43	37	46	0 46
Greg Pattinson	34,34,57	42	58	5 53

Hopefully, this will continue to make for a more evenly matched tournament and a reason for each player to continue to play year after year.

As usual, the game will be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A luncheon will be held immediately following at Frisch's on Vine St. to crown the new champion and shower him with the usual fabulous prizes. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

William V. Banks  
Commissioner

# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

17 August, 2000

Gentlemen:

Well, it looks like the end of summer is coming up fast and the Classic looms large. The groundskeepers, media crews and low level interns have all been hard at work making sure that things go just as smoothly this year as they ever have. So get those chores done early, and tell your wife you can't go shopping with her, because this Labor Day, there's golf to be played.

One update I want to tell you all about is to our scoring system. If you recall, we implemented a handicapping system last year in an effort to level the playing field a bit. Essentially, it puts each player in the position of competing against himself. Last year, Rick had the biggest improvement over his previous score, so he took home the coveted plaque. We will continue along those lines this year, this time using the two previous years' worth of scores to determine a handicap. This should keep the fairness aspect of the system intact while minimizing the opportunity for certain players (Marty, Mike) to sandbag one year and take a big handicap the next. If a player misses a year, he'll be assigned the course par (34) as a substitute score. Looking at the previous years' scores, here are the results with this year's prospective handicaps:

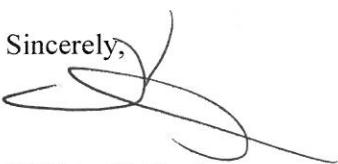
	Scores	Average	Handicap	Raw	Net
Drew Banks	45,43	44	0	48	48
Bill Banks	52,48	50	6	49	43
George Hammerle	57,51	54	10	50	40
Jim Grote	34,56	45	1	—	—
Rick Herbst	66,58	62	18	71	53
Marty Mitchell	56,61	59	15	66	51
Mike Gorman	66,73	70	26	71	45
Greg	32, +, 57	46	2	57	55

\* note: handicaps for players with no scores from the past two years (Greg) will be considered on a case by case basis

Hopefully, this will continue to make for a more evenly matched tournament and a reason for each player to continue to play year after year.

As usual, the game will be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon will be held immediately following at Frisch's on Vine St. to crown the new champion and shower him with the usual fabulous prizes. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,



William V. Banks  
Commissioner

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# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

14 August, 1999

Gentlemen:

I see by my calendar that autumn is upon us, and that can mean only one thing – that the Classic is just around the corner bringing with it all the attendant pageantry, fabulous prizes and bitter rivalries we all look forward to each year. This will be the last Classic of the decade (for you purists, yes, I know it doesn't start until 2001), and I'm hoping for a good turnout. So get those chores done early, and tell your wife you can't go shopping with her, because this Labor Day there's golf to be played.

One change I want to tell you all about is to our scoring system. For some years now, one player has come to dominate this tournament. This can be attributed to the fact that Don never comes any more, and Drew actually plays on a somewhat regular basis. Anyway, since we were all getting sick of seeing Drew wearing the 'green hat' each year, we've decided to move to modified handicapping system this year. Very simply, we will take the winner's score from last year and handicap everyone else against him. If you did not play last year, you get the same handicap as last year's winner, or zero. Looking at last year's scores, here are the results with the year's prospective handicaps:

	<u>Score</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
Drew Banks	45	0
Bill Banks	52	7
Marty Mitchell	56	11
George Hammerle	57	12
Mike Gorman	66 (really!)	21
Rick Herbst	66	21

Hopefully, this will make for a more evenly matched tournament and a reason for each player to continue to play year after year.

As usual, the game will be held at the Hartwell Country Club at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon will be held immediately following at Frisch's on Vine St. to crown the new (we hope) champion and shower him with the aforementioned fabulous prizes. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

William V. Banks  
Commissioner