

# The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

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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