

The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

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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:

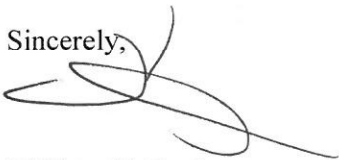
	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Raw</u>	<u>Net</u>
Drew Banks	45,43	44	0	48	48
Bill Banks	52,48	50	6	49	43
George Hammerle	57,51	54	10	50	40
Jim Grote	34,56	45	1	—	—
Rick Herbst	66,58	62	18	71	53
Marty Mitchell	56,61	59	15	66	51
Mike Gorman	66,73	70	26	71	45
Greg	34, 57	46	2	57	55

* 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 4th. 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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