The Hartwell Invitational Open Classic

Office of the Commissioner

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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:

	Scores	Average	Handicap	2003	Net
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	5 Z
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				5-8	63
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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 1st. 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. No Clubs/by Ish beg

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Sincerely,

William V. Banks Commissioner