

## National Retired Military Golf Classic Newsletter #1 for 2020 - 37th Anniversary Tournament

Greetings fellow retirees and golf enthusiasts. Hope you all had a great summer and get plenty of golf in this fall. We're spinning up for our 37th Anniversary NRMGC tournament and want to get the conversation going. The prices are \$335 for men and \$290 for women as long as your application is **postmarked by 1 February**. After 1 February the cost goes up to \$345 for men and \$300 for women, so get those applications in early. We're finalizing this year's application and should have them out later this month. Please start recruiting your retired golfing buddies who haven't been to our great tournament, or haven't been in a while.

Your committee leaders have already met with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceana Resorts folks to check out offerings from various golf vendors and discuss this year's tournament. We had a great opportunity to look at some great golf "stuff" for our goodie-bag and prizes. The committee also agreed with the FGI team to bring back a couple of your favorite courses this year: Long Bay and MBN King's North. The men will play Wild Wing, MBN King's North and South Creek, Long Bay, World Tour, and Burning Ridge. The women will also play Wild Wing and Long Bay, and finish on MBN South Creek. Of course we're continuing with morning tee times, and FGI has again agreed that we will keep the maximum players on each course to be about 128 so we can keep the rounds moving. We and FGI in coordination with Robin Pringle, Tournament Director with Oceana Resorts will make the determination early in 2020 on how many and which courses we'll play once an estimate of our numbers can be established. FGI has assured us that they'll accommodate as many retired military golfers as we can recruit, so if we need more courses we'll get em'. Help us advertise our great tournament on our Facebook

page: https://www.facebook.com/retiredmilitarygolf. By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And remember... THERE IS NO WAITING LIST. ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND SPOUSES OF MILITARY RETIREES WILL GET IN IF THEY APPLY.

So regardless of the number of players we will be playing prime courses during prime time without undue delays. All afternoons and evenings will be free for your friends and families to partake in other vacation activities. We know many folks rent homes and condos at the beach which run from Saturday to Saturday. If you choose to stay in one of the beautiful

Oceana Resorts locations, they offer tournament participants significantly reduced prices during the week of the tournament at https://www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc.

Your committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year's tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member. We'll continue our new player orientation this year, new prizes, coupons for every player to have beer/soft drinks afterwards to socialize with fellow players/comrades, conducting competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies and most importantly, continue to offer comradery on some of the best golf courses around. Just as last year, male players over 70 years of age will play from forward tees, and our men and women players over 80 years young will play from the "super senior" tees.

Help us get the word out by passing this newsletter and future newsletters along with your endorsement to all your friends who may be eligible to play, and ask your golf course manager to post our flyer and our newsletters. If you're involved in your Post/Base Retiree council, or know someone who is, ask them to announce our tournament in their publications. If you want to post one of our tournament posters at your course or other gathering spot, let Al Whatley know (alwhatley42@gmail.com) and he'll send some to you. Also please recommend fellow golf buddies who are interested to visit <a href="https://www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc">https://www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc</a> and our Facebook page for more information concerning our great event. It is your event... let's make it grow!

DON'T FORGET: Tell your golf buddies who are signing up for the first time to place your name on the application as the referral and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate from PGA Tour Superstore, for each referee. We'll pay the 2021 tournament application fee for our 2020 player with the most referrals!

OK enough for now. We'll be providing more information and updates throughout the year leading up to the great event. Remember to register as soon as you can for next year's tournament. Thanks for participating in our tournament and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely the NRMGC Committee: MG(R) Abraham Turner, Chairman COL(R) Al Whatley, Director