



National Veterans TEE Tournament

# TEE TIMES

Training—Exposure—Experience

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

## What's in your bag???

Yesterday, we sent our crack public affairs officer Peter Tillman from Durham, North Carolina, to go out to the course and ask the question of the week... "What's in your bag?" Here's what he found:



**Richard Bolack, Army Veteran, Black Team:**

"I have an I Ching coin—it represents guidance and is from the book of Tao."

**Franklin Martin, Army Veteran, Blue Team:** "The 2011 National Blind Veterans Association coin, got it about two weeks ago."



**Octavia Mitchell, Army Veteran, Blue Team:** "Trust, I trust my Instructor (Jerry Schutter) because he wants me to succeed and come out on top."



**Kurt Kosmatka, Army Veteran, Black Team:** "A 1999 Dick Goetz money clip, given to me by the PGA Tour Pro at the Hope for Warriors tournament in 2009."



**Richard Dummer, Air Force Veteran, Black Team:** "A Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHC) coin that was given to me by Mike Lynch, CEO of HHV, that I have been using since last year."

# Three Cheers for Volunteers!



Imagine night without day, chocolate without vanilla, or Iowa without corn! The same could be said of the TEE Tournament without volunteers. The truth is there would be **no** TEE Tournament if not for our amazing volunteers.

This year, some 400 volunteers are helping on the golf course, assisting with meals, dog sitting, providing transportation, being golf buddies, counting the chips and dealing hands on Casino Night, providing medical assistance, and doing just about anything else that needs doing.



The volunteer coordinating committee from Iowa City VA Medical Center, headed up by Sarah Steen, have been working since January to pull together this enormous part of the event. With her fellow committee members, Jodi Sweeney and Kim Grimm, their goal is to make sure every Veteran has at least one volunteer assigned to them.

For many of the volunteers, this is not their first time participating. One Veteran, Walt Carlin, was a volunteer for 10 years. But when the event opened up for Veterans with other disabilities, he became a participant. Now competing in his second year, he has the advantage of seeing the event from both sides.

Our volunteers are a crucial part of the TEE Tournament and help make it a success for everyone. So when you see a volunteer this week, give them a big smile or a pat on the back and thank them for their hard work and dedication!

## Women Rock the Club(s)



Gina Fraley is totally into her golf experience in Riverside, Iowa this week at the National Veterans TEE Tournament. The easy smile belies the determination below; she's a serious golfer and competitor. Using an adaptive motorized chair, she uses a powerful swing to get in the right position and drive the ball down the middle of the fairway.

Gina attributes much of her elation at the Tournament to Jerry Schutter, Director of the Blind Rehab Center at the Hines, Illinois VA Medical Center. Schutter is coaching Fraley, a spinal cord injury patient this week. "He (Schutter) and everyone are so positive and helpful, it's just great", she said.

She and her playing partner Octavia Mitchell, also an Army Veteran and medal winner from the recent National VA Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh, PA want to be ambassadors for other women Veterans. As role models, they hope to inspire other woman Veterans to participate in other special events put on by the VA such as the TEE Games, Wheelchair Games, Creative Arts and others.

Fraley is not new to competition; the Army Veteran was in Pittsburgh, PA a few weeks ago at the National VA Wheelchair Games where she came away with five medals, four gold (bowling, archer, slalom & motorized rally) and a silver medal in air rifles as a novice wheelchair athlete.

"This is my first time playing in the Tee Tournament", said Fraley. "But it won't be my last".

After sinking their putts on their last hole of the day, Fraley and Mitchell headed back to the resort for some well-earned rest and the evening's banquet.

*Story by Charlie Quesenberry, VA Public Affairs Officer, Wilmington, Delaware*

## GOLF History & Trivia



The modern game of golf is generally considered to be a Scottish invention. The first documented mention of golf in Scotland appears in a 1457 Act of the Scottish Parliament, an edict issued by king James II of Scotland prohibiting the playing of the games of *gowf* and football as these were a distraction from archery practice for military purposes.

Bans were again imposed in 1471 and 1491 with golf being described as "an unprofitable sport". Mary, Queen of Scots, was accused by political enemies of playing golf after her second husband was murdered in 1567. It was written that she was playing "sports that were clearly unsuitable to women".

Golf was banned again under king James VI of Scotland, but golf clubs and balls were bought for him in 1502 when he was visiting Perth, and elsewhere. One account says he played golf at Musselburgh Links in 1672, proving that The Old Links, Musselburgh, is the oldest playing golf course in the world.

**Golf Clubs:** Golf clubs have evolved from wooden shaft clubs to today's sets of woods and irons with durability and weight distribution. The evolution of clubs went hand in hand with the evolution of golf balls that were able to withstand harder whacks.

**Golf Tees:** The term "tee" originated as the name for the area where a golfer played. In 1889, the first documented portable golf tee was patented by Scottish golfers William Bloxson and Arthur Douglas. This golf tee was made from rubber and had three vertical rubber prongs that held the ball in place. However, it lay on the ground and didn't peg into the ground like our modern golf tees.



**Carrying & Caddies:** During the 1880s, golf bags first came into use. "The beast of burden" is an old nickname for the caddie who carried golfers' equipment for them. The first powered golf cart appeared around 1962.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- The medical team reminds you that there are medical staff in **RED** t-shirts at each event.
- When outside, water, sunscreen and bug spray are your best friends.
- Call the hotel room by dialing 7140 should you need medical assistance after hours. The medical room hours are from 7 a.m.—5 p.m. daily.



## Transportation Station

- Angie reminds everyone to go to the transportation desk and give them your ). This is so transportation can make bus arrangements so you don't miss your flight home!



## LOST & FOUND

For lost or found items, please go to the Transportation/ Information table. 📄

## TEE Tournament 2011 Fast Facts

- 218 Veterans participants, a new record!
- Veterans travelled from over 30 states
- 15 Women participants
- Oldest participant is 94 years old
- Youngest participants is 22 years old

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# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

## **PARTICIPANTS** Wednesday, September 14

- 6—7:30 a.m.      **Breakfast Buffet**—RCGR, Robert's Buffet  
Event Center Atrium
- 7:30—8 a.m.      **Load Buses**—In front of RCGR
- 8 a.m.—11 a.m.   **Golf or Golf Instruction**—Blue Top, Quail Creek, Lake  
MacBride—(morning only)
- 8—3:30 p.m.      **Bag Toss**—Blue Top
- 8—3:30 p.m.      **Kayaking**—Blue Top Lake (The UI Women's rowing team  
will be a special guest)
- 8—3:30 p.m.      **Heroes & Horses**—Blue Top Lake
- 8—11:00 a.m.     **Bowling**—Colonial Lanes (morning only)
- 11—12:30 p.m.   **Lunch**—Participants eat lunch at the venue they are at. If  
at Riverside, lunch will be served at the Clock Tower  
Pavillion at the golf course.
- 4:30 p.m.          **Load bus** for trip to dinner (use any bus)
- 4:45 p.m.          **Load bus** for trip to dinner (use any bus)
- 5:00 p.m.          **Load bus** for trip to dinner (use any bus)
- 5—6:30 p.m.      **Dinner** at Lone Tree American Legion
- 7—9:00 p.m.      **Casino Night**—Participants will be given \$400 in chips to  
play Black Jack, Craps and Roulette. Winnings can be  
used to purchase great prizes, many donated by the V A  
National Canteen Service.



*HHV 2011 Craft Kit TEE  
belt buckle*

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE, continued

### COMPANIONS Wednesday, September 14

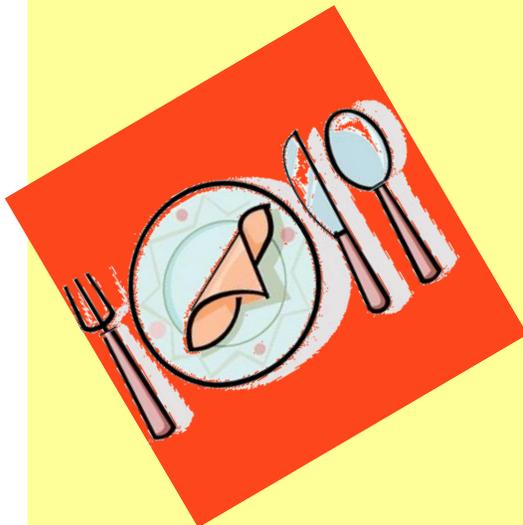
- 8—9:30 a.m. **Load bus for Isabel Bloom Studio**—(736 Federal St., Davenport, IA)
- 9:30—11 a.m. **Isabel Bloom Studio Production Tour**
- 11:30 a.m.—  
1:30 p.m. **Celebration Belle River Cruise**
- 1:30—3:00 p.m. **Load bus** for trip back to Riverside Casino

## Let's Eat! Today's Menu



Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet at Robert's Buffet



11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch

Golf Course Designated Areas

Ham & Swiss or Turkey & Cheddar  
On Croissant with Lettuce & Tomato  
Condiments

Chips and Fresh Fruit

Cookies

Water & Assorted Soft Drinks

5:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

Lone Tree American Legion