

# 2011 Golf Tournament Results



This year, the Ida Ballard Memorial Scholarship Foundation awarded its first 4-year scholarship to Brittney Clark of Memphis' Frayser High School. The scholarship announcement was the highlight of the 2011 Golf Tournament Fundraiser held at the Wedgewood Golfers' Course in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Miss Clark will be attending Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri this fall as an Education major. From this year's proceeds, the 2011 Ida Ballard Simon Golf Tournament will increase its endowed scholarship account with Lincoln University by \$7 thousand.

Tournament organizers were blessed once again. Memphis and surrounding areas experienced a week of torrential rainfall, high winds, downed trees and power lines and the beginning of what would prove to be record flooding. However, the sun shone brightly on Saturday and the golfers teed off on schedule – 8 a.m., April 30.

While the golfers were out, organizers prepared for the luncheon and award ceremony underneath the club's large, shaded pavilion. This year, the golfers were served country-fried catfish with creamy, southern-style cole slaw, fries and plenty of hot sauce.

After 18 holes of play, teams began to return from the course. The first team returned some time close to 1 o'clock. Before sitting down for lunch, golfers selected items from the gift table. Then, raffle winners were announced with the big prize going to Chris Sparks who kissed the announcer, 6 year-old Earolyn Landers, upon receiving his Odyssey putter. The 2011 Ida Ballard Simon Golf Tournament Championship trophy was awarded to the Woodruff Team with a winning score of 58.

Saving the best for last, organizers announced the winner of the 2011 Scholarship award. Brittney Clark was handed a token wooden golf cart that sported an engraved plaque which read "Full Ride" to represent the full 4-year scholarship she received. The crowd cheered as Brittney clutched the little wooden golf cart, holding back tears and smiling wide. She thanked the scholarship foundation and everyone present. "I'm so happy," Brittney said as she wiped her eyes. Her display of unadulterated joy also jerked a few tears from the watching eyes attending the ceremony.

The tournament honors the late Ida Ballard Simon, former graduate and Vice President for Advancement at Lincoln University – the oldest Historically Black College and University (HBCU) west of the Mississippi and the only institution in America founded by African American Civil War veterans.

Those who wish to support the scholarship fund can go to [www.ballardfamilysite.org](http://www.ballardfamilysite.org) at any time to make a donation.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS (4 person scramble):

TROPHIES	TEAM NAMES	SCORE	PLAYERS
Championship	Woodruff's Team	58	William Woodruff, Greg Odem, Robert Crawford, Cap Butler
Presidents	Charles and Jackie's Team	63	Ken Hill, Scearcy Smith, Bob Myers, Taylor Sunbeam
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	W. G.'s Team	63	Nick Allen, Clarence Scott, Lionel Lowe, Ronald Pinkston
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	LU Foundation Team	64	Freddie Kloss, Larry Johnson, Michael Gary, Rod Rainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Yates and Company	64	Dwight Dishman, James Wesby, Nick Cewe, Geoffrey Foughnor
	Sharonda's Team/ Sparks 'n' Sparkle	65	Brian Bowler, Mr. Bowler, Chris Sparks, Dave Smith
	The Telein Group, Inc.	65	Myron Miles, Dave Griffin, Jerry Erspamer, Cornelius Yates
	Original South Memphis	67	Lee Miller, Ed Gaskin, James Clark
	The Stokes Group	67	Paul Stokes, Terrence Minion, Kenny Kuhn, Chris Kelly
	Ladies Enjoying Golf	69	Tangia Cowan, Brenda Cox, Belinda Watkins, Nancy Adams
	Allstate- Toebar's Team	71	Gerard Harts, Russell Rogers
	MetLife – Stanley's Team	72	Richard Williams, Earl Young, William Butler, Billye Larsha
	Shelby Packaging Company	77	Fred Johnson, Malcolm Sykes, Alvin Bell, Alvin Clark

### Individual Trophies

	Longest Drive	Closest To Pin
1st	Ed Gaskin	Greg Odom
2nd	Cap Butler	Gerard Harts
3rd	Chris Sparks	

### "Premium" Raffle Winners

Odyssey Putter	Chris Sparks
Bag Boy Push Cart	Larry Johnson
Bushnell Pro Rangefinder	Gerard Harts
Golfers Home Practice Range	Hughrey Tippet
Wheeled Travel Cover for Clubs	Greg Odem, Jr.
Trunk – Golf Gear Case	Cap Butler