2023 Tournament Results

April 29, 2023 marks another successful fundraising event for the Ida Ballard-Simon Golf Tournament. The tournament, held at the Mirimichi Golf Course in Millington, TN, celebrated its 13th event for its scholarship endowment fund.

This year's event was threatened by heavy, early-morning rain. It remained cloudy but the rain stopped as 23 teams showed up ready to play golf! After a continental breakfast, golfers headed for their carts to make ready for the 8 a.m. tee-off. The wet grounds slowed play significantly, but it didn't stop the fun. Players enjoyed complementary drinks, snacks, and sandwiches as they made their rounds.

After playing 18 holes of golf, it was around 4 o'clock when the last teams

made it back to the clubhouse. They were all welcomed with a southern fried catfish meal and an appreciation gift from the sponsors. Now it was time to reveal the raffle winners, and this year, it was a real show!

Golfers were delighted to win the great prizes organizers provided for this event. Fittingly, the luckiest golfer, bought the most tickets. Smile, please.



There were so many prizes, organizers had to take a break from the raffle fun to announce the tournament results. Trophies were handed out for the best teams of four flights. Congratulations to the 2023 Championship Team – Mallard Pointe Golf Course (Mark Miller, David Smith, Rick Lange and Chris Sparks) with a

winning score of 56!



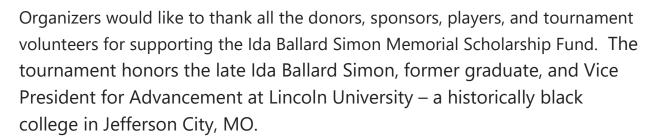


The tournament also hosted a silent auction for a golfer's retreat to Mallard Pointe Golf Course (MPGC) – Sardis, Mississippi. Many thanks to Chris Sparks, Owner of MPGC for donating this prize. Jeremy Jefferson, Owner of JJ Graphics was the lucky winner.

2023 Palladium Scholarship Awardee:

This year's scholarship recipient is Israel Tate of Germantown High School.

- Member of the student government association
- Teachers and staff selected him to be a member of the Germantown High School Hall of Fame
- On the Germantown High Football Team
- Has a twin brother, Isaiah
- Awarded and accepted a partial scholarship to attend Lincoln University – Jefferson City, Missouri on a Football Scholarship Application
- The IBS Scholarship Fund will supplement Israel's Partial Football Scholarship with our 1st Palladium Scholarship
 - As a recurring award, the Palladium Scholarship will be awarded each semester for a total of 4 years.



Interested parties can go to <u>www.ballardfamilysite.org</u> to learn more about the fund or make a donation.



2023 Tournament Champions:

| * Scorecard Playoff | | TEAM NAME | SCORE | PLAYERS | |
|------------------------|-----------|--|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Championship Flight | 1st Place | Mallard Pointe | 56 | Mark Miller Rick Lange | David Smith Chris Sparks |
| | 2nd Place | Players Club | 59* | Richard Campbell William Goodsen | Roderick Tharp Karlon Bynum |
| | 3rd Place | Yates Team 2 (Clyde & Linda Peete) | 59* | Tom Harvey Scott Cokeing | Eric Brown Marcus Brown |
| 1 st Flight | 1st Place | Yates Team 2 (Ella Ballard's Team) | 62 | Cornelius Yates Ken Beech | Randy Bowen Carl Hill |
| | 2nd Place | Team Hunt | 64* | Malcolm Hunt Willie Gregory | Marvell Mitchell Willie Martin |
| | 3rd Place | Chancellor Jefferson's Team | 64* | Jeremy Jefferson Ed Harris | Mark Thornton Ricky Harris |
| 2 nd Flight | 1st Place | Justin Jerry's Team | 67* | Justin Jerry Thompson Albert Chavez | Carlton Benjamin Cobb |
| | 2nd Place | Wakkunda Forever | 67* | Tyrone Blanks Cal Holman | Michael McGhee |
| | 3rd Place | Miracle Temple | 67* | Lawrence Kelly Chuck Barnes | Charles Barnes Reggie Davis |
| 3rd Flight | 1st Place | Drew's Crew (Sharonda Peete's Team) | 70 | Drew Jeffries Rex Bintz | Gary Blaylock Mark Bintz |
| | 2nd Place | Jackie Ballard's Team 2 | 71 | Fred Houston Chase Houston | Robert Houston Grant Cornelle |
| | 3rd Place | Pine Hill Lady Golfers Team 2 | 72 | Margaret Jackson Calvetta Mathis | Val Jordan |

Competitive Game Results:

Closest to the Pin

Winner #1 – Gary Blaylock (Prize: Rangefinder)
Winner #2 – Mark Miller (Prize: Putter Pool Golf)

Longest Drive

Winner #1 – Scott Cokeing (Prize: Cleveland Golf Club Wedge)

Winner #2 – Utica Cunningham (Prize: Puma Duffle Bag)