

## 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.



Organizers would like to thank all the donors, sponsors, players, and tournament volunteers for supporting the Ida Ballard Simon Memorial Scholarship Fund. The tournament honors the late Ida Ballard Simon, former graduate, and Vice President for Advancement at Lincoln University – a historically black college in Jefferson City, MO.

Interested parties can go to [www.ballardfamilysite.org](http://www.ballardfamilysite.org) 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 Karlton Bynum
	3rd Place	Yates Team 2 (Clyde & Linda Peete)	59*	Tom Harvey Scott Cokeing	Eric Brown Marcus Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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)