

Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament makes its return

Swinging for the green and raising funds for the community

By Katelyn Boulanger

It's that time of year again folks. The Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament is back and better than ever with a slightly modified event to keep everyone feeling safe while also keeping all of the fun events you love thanks to loosening COVID-19 regulations.

The Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament is a Texas Scramble style tournament hosted every year at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club. This year individuals or teams can register to play on Sept. 9.

"Bob's tournament was always a community event. It was very inclusive. It was accessible and had a wide range of people that participated and I think we've tried to keep that spirit alive after Bob passed and it has been named the Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament, and because it is a community event, we didn't want to go another year without having," said Michael Buhr Certified Financial Planner for IG Wealth Management who are hosting the tournament and past chair of the Selkirk & District Community Foundation.

The Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament was founded by Jefferson and then later named in his honour. He was a big believer in community and used this as a way to contribute to the people in our area.

"Bob's commitment to the City of Selkirk and the surrounding districts of St. Andrews and St. Clements is legendary. He was a teacher and principal, I mean, he was a community leader," said Buhr.

Because when they were planning the tournament this year, the Community Foundation and IG Wealth Management didn't know what COVID-19 restrictions might be in place at the time of the event, they modified the event to keep participants safe with the knowledge they had and did their best to make modifications so community members who may not be ready to participate in a large event feel comfortable.

"Typically, you would have a day of golf, there might be activities and some holes where there would be prizes, and then usually there's dinner afterwards, and speeches and awards and all that kind of stuff. Well, we didn't know whether we could have 150 people sitting down at a meal with COVID-19 protocols, so, we're not doing that this year.

"Instead, we're going to have food stations on the course. There'll be three different food stations on the course. Also, it's going to start at noon, which is an hour earlier than in the past, we always used to start at 1 p.m. We're going to start at noon so people will probably be done their golf by around five o'clock, give or take, and there will be a 50/50 draw.

"There might be some prizes to be won but not to the same degree as there was in the past and any winners will be notified afterwards, so there'll be no congregating afterwards, and people will be home for dinner with their families, so it'd be a nice afternoon of golf and community," said Buhr.

Even though the event is being modified funds raised will still go to the Selkirk Community Foundation who regularly distribute needed funds to community groups in and around Selkirk and as usual, residents can sign up through the Selkirk Community Foundation at fin.manager@sdcf.ca or 204-785-9755.

Anyone who wants to participate to learn more about this event should feel free to get their golf swings ready and sign up.

"Because of its commitment to community, a lot of the people who participate have that same sense of community.

"So it's always nice to get together with these people that you know, that all are like-minded and want to see betterment in our community and celebrate our community," said Buhr.



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The Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 9

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The Selkirk Water Tower is still undergoing renovations on Aug. 16.

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