

## Elite Field Of Golfers Gather For Weekend Jaycee Invitational

Steve Harwell thumbed through the list of two-man teams lined up to compete in this weekend's Mooreville Jaycee Invitational Golf Tournament.

"There's a scratch player," pointed out Harwell, a member of the Jaycees who is using his profound knowledge of the game as the Saturday and Sunday attraction's director. "And there's another."

"Scratch, scratch, scratch, scratch," indicated Harwell, singling out selected members here and there from the jam-packed field of 80 twosomes — comprising a total of 120 players — who on their own ball usually tour a course in or under par.

On some occasions, two scratch golfers appear as teammates.

On others, just one of them fits the bill. But even then, it's a safe bet that a golfer that good isn't going to be teamed up with a more than, say, a four handicapper.

It's that type of elite field that fills the roster of this weekend's 36-hole tournament, making it one of the strongest to compete in a local amateur event.

"It's a pretty tough field," agreed Harwell, a scratch golfer himself who also plans to don the hat of a player to help boost its status. "I'm expecting some low scores and good competition in the championship flight."

Harwell could well have said championship flights.

Because of the field's strength, he has already admitted out loud that there will probably be two divisions of championship flight play alone, all with two-man best ball scores at well under par.

"Scores in the low 60s and 60s will probably make up the first division," he insisted, "others in the 80s will make up the first division. With the kind of players we've got coming in, that's kind of expected."

Play will begin in the early hours Saturday and opening round tee times spaced at eight minute increments will continue through the early afternoon hours.

The tournament maximum of 80 teams was half filled more than a month ago, and teams wishing to make reservations as long as two weeks ago found themselves just coming in under the line.

The tournament a regular on the local tour, will be making its

first appearance on the Mallard Head Country Club course. In the past, the attraction has been held at the Mooreville Municipal Course.

A host of local players, as well as a number of players from throughout the state, are signed up to participate in the two-day event.

Play will take the form of a best-ball affair. Under this format, the lowest score registered by either team member on each hole counts as the team's score.

Competition will be fought after Saturday's opening round. Winning team totals will be based on best ball scores.

In addition to the team competition, several other contests will be held. There will be a long-driving contest on selected holes each day, and closest-to-the-pin contests will be held on several par-three greens throughout the tournament.

## Fri.'s Shot In The Dark, Golf With Different View

The game of golf has been played in many ways, including with a single club and with the help of a caddy.

But only Mooreville's now third annual Shot in the Dark Tournament provides a completely different view.

One that can hardly be seen. That's because the entire nine-hole affair takes place in near total darkness, hence the name.

Mooreville's third Shot in the Dark, again being sponsored by the South Iredell Chapter of the American Cancer Society, is set to take place after sundown Friday.

The place is once again Mooreville's Municipal Golf Course.

The attraction, unique in these parts, will again consist of playing the front nine at Mooreville. Play won't begin until darkness settles in around 8 p.m. Friday.

A full boat of players, and then some, has been lined up to comprise this year's field, perhaps the largest in the three-year history of the event.

A total of 18, four-player teams will head off into the night Friday to tackle the front nine in a few strokes possible.

Playing format will again consist of a captain's choice procedure.

Under this format, all four players on each team will hit each shot from the best results of the previous four shots.

This helps reduce time of play, as well as allows all four players on a team to contribute.

Under normal circumstances, lower scores are also the rule. But this affair is not played under normal circumstances.

Team tee-times, featuring four-somes, have been released for the weekend-round play Saturday.

Teams won't know their tee times for Sunday's second and final round until after first-round play.

As with most tournaments, on Sunday, teams in the same flight will be paired together, starting with the highest flights first and working down through the lower, more competitive flights.

While all flight winners and runners-up will be rewarded, teams in the championship flight will be considered in the running for overall tournament title honors.

Below are listed the Saturday first-round tee times for all teams:

7:58 am — Younce — Grout / Horton — Kingsmore; 8:06 am — Scherich — Blanton / Campbell; 8:14 am — Liddam — Hammer / Miller; 8:22 am — Kiser — Jones — Schmidt; 8:30 am — Pickard — Burgess — Miller — Miller; 8:38 —

Beaver — Helli / Brady — Summy; 8:46 am — Russell — Partner / Young — Young; 8:54 am — Ciofalo — Brawley / Querry — Partner; 9:02 am — Preenell — Lawson / Box / Horton; 9:10 am — Doster — Carmuth / Broome — Eklund; 9:18 am — Little — Moffett /

Avette — Judy; 9:26 am — Donlin — Bryant / Garrett — Combs; 9:34 am — Davis — Chambliss — Meadows — Shewell; 9:42 am — Brown — Beaver / Gentry — Gregory; 9:50 am —

Wilson — Culbertson / Shook — Ferguson; 9:58 am — Stepp — Bondurant / Overcash — Helle; 10:06 am — Balk — Slaven / Thomas — Kerley; 10:14 am — Hunt — Hunt / Harwell — Partner; 10:22 am — Tenue — Brawley / Rinehardt — Laesler; 10:30 am — Garble — Collins / Sullivan — Hobbs; 10:38 am — Moore — Towell — Meadows — Shewell; 10:46 am — Mangum — Raser / Brawley — McCarter; 1:02

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Team tee-times for the second round will be available at the host Mooreville course by Friday afternoon.

Proceeds realized from the one-day, 18-hole fling will go to help fund the BPW scholarships available to deserving seniors at Mooreville and South Iredell high schools.

Each school year, the Mooreville BPW presents one scholarship each to a deserving senior at both Mooreville and South Iredell.

In just its second year, the golf tournament has already developed into one of the BPW Club's most successful fundraisers.

The cost of playing in the attraction is \$30 per player.

Individuals may sign up to play separately and be placed on a four-member team, or entire four-

somes may register as a team already intact.

The tournament will once again be conducted under the captain's choice format.

Under this playing procedure, all four members of a team hit each shot from the best results of each previous shot. The bottom line is faster play, contribution from all team members, and lower scores.

The tournament will feature both men and women players, at times with members of both genders competing on the same teams.

Each team, approved by the above committee, consists of an A, B, C and D handicapped player, or an equivalent combination.

Play will take place from the red tee markers on the local municipal course's front nine. The nine holes play to a par of 36 and measure just under 2,500 yards from the red tees.

For the most part, every team in the field in being sponsored by an area corporation of business. The cost of sponsoring a team was \$135.

For that reason, teams will be played for a traveling trophy, one that for the next year will be in place at the first place finishing team sponsor's place of business.

The entry fee covers the cost of playing, as well as for a dinner that will precede play.

Also, refreshments will be available after play. The fee also covers the cost of night equipment, such as the glow-in-the-dark golf balls.

Prior to play, players and sponsors will gather beginning around 7 p.m. for the pre-tournament dinner. Several door prizes will also be rewarded at this time.

Once darkness settles in, play will begin with a shotgun start, with two teams starting play at each of the nine holes.

Once play ends, with anticipated finishing time predicted around 11 p.m., teams will report their results.

The team firing the lowest nine hole score will be recognized as this year's winner.

In case of rain, tournament officials will move the attraction back a week.

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