



# ANG WESTERN STATES GOLF INVITATIONAL CLUBHOUSE CHAT

June 2017

## CLUBHOUSE CHAT

It's June 2017 and the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual ANG Western States Golf Invitational is right around the corner.

There are some changes to this year's tournament based on your survey feedback from last year's tournament. Please read this newsletter so you are up to dates on the changes. Our goal is a full field of 144 players this year so help us spread the word.

SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS

## 2017 TOURNAMENT

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual ANG Golf Tournament is just under 2 months away. This year's tournament will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July with a practice round on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July at Angel Park Golf Course in Las Vegas, NV. If you are just hearing about this tournament we encourage you to visit the tournaments website at <http://www.angwesterninvitational.com> for more details.

## TOURNAMENT HOTEL

The host hotel for the tournament is the Sun Coast Hotel. If you have stayed there before you know the quality of the rooms and rates they provide for us. The hotel has recently notified us that this year the hotel will be completely FULL during the time frame of our tournament. They will be hosting a large basketball camp during the same time frame as we are there. There is a clause in our tournament contract that states if it does not look like we are filling the rooms we have set aside for the tournament they can REDUCE the number of rooms to our tournament. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!!! The last day to reserve a room is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that date, there will be no rooms available, as they will use the rooms for the basketball folks. We have been notified that rooms are already filling up fast so again GET YOUR RESERVATION MADE.

## TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

There is still time to register for this year's golf tournament. Visit the tournament website listed above and follow the instructions for registration. The field is limited to 144 players and you do not require a handicap to play in the tournament. The tournament is open to all members, family and friends of the Air National Guard to bring family and friends to Las Vegas for golf and fun. If you have any questions about the tournament, please contact any committee member listed on the website or in this newsletter. The last day to register is June 30<sup>th</sup> but be aware the last day to register for a room at the host hotel is 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



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## TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

This year's tournament check-in process has **CHANGED** from the previous 3 years. Based on the tournament surveys, we have shortened the check in process to allow more time to enjoy Las Vegas. Tournament check-in for this year's tournament will be one night only. Tournament check-in will take place at the Sun Coast Hotel on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July from 4:00- 8:00pm. Check-in will be located in a suite provided by the hotel. When arriving at the hotel, check with the hotel registration desk to find out the room number for tournament check-in and follow signs that will be provided.

## TOURNAMENT SOCIAL

This year we will be combining the tournament check-in with our tournament social. After you check in you will find finger foods and beverages provided for all to meet, greet, and socialize.

## TOURNAMENT PLAY

The tournament is a 2-day event (28/29 July) with an optional one-day Team Shamble Tournament (27 July) offered as a practice round the day prior to the tournament. A shamble format consists of 4-person teams where each player will tee off on each hole. The team will select the best drive and from that point all members of the team will play their own ball through the hole. The team will then select the best three scores in the group for its team score. All teams will be established by the board and will be based on handicap to provide evenly matched teams. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams. It will be a ton of fun and you will get to meet other guard members from other states. The tournament proper will still be an individual stroke play event. We hope you start spreading the word about the tournament throughout the ANG, as we would like to see the number of golfers grow to 144 players in this year's tournament.

## TOURNAMENT COURSE ROTATION

This year's golf course rotation will start with the team shamble event on Angel Park's Mountain Course. The first day of the tournament proper will be played on the Palm Course with the final day played on the Mountain Course. All start times for the tournament will be at **7:15**, which is 15 minutes EARLIER than last year. All players need to be at their carts at 0700 for announcements.

## TOURNAMENT FOOD AND BANQUET

Last year we received player input on issues with food and beverage service at Angel Park. We have talked with the staff and they are committed to avoiding such comments this year. To that end they suggested that you could help by stocking up your carts with beverages prior to teeing off. We would suggest you arrive at Angel Park early enough to get breakfast, beverages, etc. prior to the 0700 call to carts.

Based on your input from last year we will have our tournament banquet IMMEDIATELY following last round of play on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be a buffet lunch provided followed by tournament raffle, trophy presentations, and traveling trophy presentation. This will allow players one last night to enjoy Las Vegas.

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*“Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy, overweight Protestants, today it's open to anybody who owns hideous clothing.” -*

*Dave Barry*

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## TOURNAMENT CHAIR COMMENTS

Our goal as a tournament board is to continually improve this golf tournament so your time spent with us in Las Vegas is spent catching up with old friends and making new friends from around the Air National Guard. We hope you enjoy the golfing, competing for your wing to win the traveling trophy, and enjoying some down time in Las Vegas. We measure our success by your comments in the survey you fill out and by the increase in numbers of guard members attending the tournament. We have listened to you and have continued to make changes to the tournament each year and despite a couple of deployments we have grown in participants each year since coming to Las Vegas. We are close to filling the field at 144 players which will present a good problem for us to manage. Please get your entries in early to ensure your spot in this year's tournament.

REMEMBER you do not need to be a handicap golfer or great golfer to come and enjoy this tournament. We had a number of first time players, non-handicap golfers, come and play in our Calloway flight last year so there is room for all. We will be providing updates as we go forward and I seek your help by printing copies of this newsletter and spread them around the wing. Get the word out to other ANG members, families and friends and come on out to Las Vegas. We have a fun tournament that has been going on for over fifty years. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any board member and we will be happy to help you. Hope to see you in Vegas.

Blue Skies  
Alan Williams  
Tournament Director

## JOKE OF THE QUARTER

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course."

To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time.

When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green.

After several minutes pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started.

"Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

