

**Hello All:**

**I hope this letter will provide you with all the information you need regarding the Dennis McCulloch Memorial Match Play Championships scheduled for this July. Please feel free to call me with any questions you might have at: (home 330-336-8654 or cell 330-419-1710). Please note that this schedule of events is tentative. Once the details are finalized, all participants will be notified of the final arrangements.**

**Accommodations**

**The tournament will provide lodging for 3 nights, Friday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express in Wadsworth. Rooms will be reserved in your names so you need not call to make reservations. Should you choose to come in early or stay an additional night, I would suggest calling the Holiday Inn Express (the same hotel we have utilized the past 4 years) at 330-334-7666. The Holiday Inn will honor a reduced rate for the tournament, which is \$89 plus tax. Please do not call and book extra nights lodging until you have been notified that you are formally entered into the tournament.**

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Check in will be available after 2:00 at the Wadsworth Holiday Inn Express for those who plan to arrive a day early. The Tournament Committee is trying to obtain additional sponsorship to provide and additional nights lodging but for now, Thursday night would be at your own expense. Dinner is on your own, but most players and coaches will most likely congregate at the Galaxy Sports Bar across from the hotel.

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Practice Rounds**

**Tee off times for the practice rounds are tentatively reserved from 11:00 until 2:00 at Rawiga Country Club. Please “buddy up” with another golfer and tee off when the tee is open. It is ready golf... The practice facility will be available to us throughout the weekend.**

### ***Reception & General Meeting***

**At 7:00 pm following the practice rounds there will be a BBQ dinner and general meeting in the Clubhouse at Rawiga Country Club. All tournament information and scoring will be covered at that time.**

### **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**First round of competition with tee offs starting at 11:00 am. For the first round, we will utilize a Modified Stableford scoring system. We will review the format during the Welcome Reception on Friday evening. Lunch and dinner is on your own.**

### **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Final round of competition with tee offs starting at 10:30 am. The top two players in each sight category will play for the match play title. The remaining 12 players will compete for a Stableford Title utilizing 75% of their handicaps**

### ***Awards Ceremony***

**The Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday evening in the dining room upstairs at Rawiga Country Club. Attire is smart casual and we ask that all players and coaches wear the golf shirts provided to you by the Rittman Lions. They will be in your “goody bag” when you check in at the Holiday Inn. A cash bar will be available starting at 6:00 pm with the dinner and ceremony starting at 7:00 pm. Once again, Joe Tait the radio voice of the Cleveland Cavaliers will speak at the dinner.**

### **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Scramble Outing & BBQ**

**There will be a scramble with area Lions and supporters of the event starting at 9:00 am. We will play at Ridge Top Golf Course, the same course we have played the event the past several years. Please let me know if you are planning to leave early and will not be playing in the scramble.**

**Bits & Pieces**

**Transportation**

I will be contacting those of you flying to the tournament to review transportation needs. I am hoping some player/coaches consider renting a car to help out with transportation. It is not necessary, as the Rittman Lions will provide transportation. It simply lessens my responsibilities for the weekend. Thanks for your help in this regard...

**Breakfast**

A continental breakfast is included with your room at the Holiday Inn. Bob Evans and a variety of fast food restaurants are also located within walking distance of the hotel.

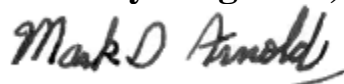
I will send out a mailing sometime in late June with directions, maps, local store and restaurant information, scorecards, etc... In the meantime, feel free to occasionally check out the tournament website at:

[www.OhioBlindGolf.com](http://www.OhioBlindGolf.com)

I am way behind in updating the site and may not have it up to snuff until around the Easter holiday.

Thank you for your interest in the tournament. Michael and I guarantee that it will be the best tournament we can possibly provide you and your coach. Deadline for entry is April 1<sup>st</sup> and you will be notified shortly there after to confirm your acceptance into the event. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Fairways & greens,



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**2009 Dennis McCulloch Memorial Match Play Championships  
Of Blind & Visually Impaired Golf**



**Tournament Application**



**NOTE: Entry Deadline is April 1, 2009**

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size:    S                    M                    L                    XL                    XXL

Hotel Room:    \_\_\_1 Bed    \_\_\_2 Beds

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size:    S                    M                    L                    XL                    XXL

### Transportation

**If you are flying to the tournament, will you need transportation to and from the airport?**                    Yes                    No

If you need transportation, please contact me with the flight information once you have made your reservations. The Rittman Lions Club and volunteers will make arrangements for your transportation to and from the Airport. **Note: Wadsworth is near both the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the Akron/Canton Airport.**