

# 2024 MILITARY CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT



Our 2024 Tournament was held on April 12th and was a roaring success. Altogether, the final tally without adding in the money from our dues payments last fall and winter (99% of which go to the Scholarship Fund), added up to \$32,710. Our goal was \$30,000 in order to provide 12 Scholarships (\$15K), two for each of the six high schools in our two county catchment area (\$1.5K & \$1K) with JROTC units, and \$15K toward the eight local area military charities we support. We made that with extra to spare. Our Board of Directors meet on Tuesday, the 30th of April and we will then determine how the money will be distributed. That information will be in our June newsletter. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have already distributed scholarship letters and the MOAA JROTC Medal and Certificates to four of the schools and will do presentations to the other two schools on the 7th and 8th of May.

Below are a few photos taken on the day of the tournament by our photographer Kevin Harvey and as you can see, the day was a perfect day to hold the tournament. The weather was outstanding and the course was just beautiful.



Pete and Dennis happily collecting \$.



Registration tables ready for action.



Our long ball hitter.



Two of our 28 Hole Sponsor signs.



Our two Major Sponsors: Dr. Curtis and Tim and Annette Balliett



Three of our 42 Remembrance Signs







Each of our Sponsors received a Sign at the Tee Box and a Pin Flag at the green. Check out our Sponsors Page in this edition to see all of our Hole Sponsors.

This year our teams were fairly well split with 11 Women's Teams, 9 Men's Teams, and 7 Mixed Teams. For the first time there were more women registered in the 27 teams in the tournament than men. Since we only had 108 slots for players, the early birds got the slots. Out of the first nine teams to sign up in November and December, there were five women's teams, three mixed teams, and one men's team.

Our Winning Teams were:



**Men's Team**  
**BLACKSTON Sponsor Team**

Bernard Wedding  
 Charles Edwards  
 Mike Pinter  
 Frank Palumbo

Winning Score = 60



### Mixed Team

Mark Cutney  
Lorraine Herouv  
Jackie Downing  
Mike Downing

Winning Score = 60



### Women's Team

Dana Skaggs  
Jacque DiRenzo  
Glenda Ehlinger  
Marisha Wozniak

Winning Score = 63

We had two Women's Closest to the Pin Holes (5 & 13) and two Men's Holes (8 & 16). We had a "no-show" on the Men's 8th Hole and Bob Roemer was closest on 16. Sue Wolfe was closest to the pin on Hole 5 but Glenda Ehlinger was closest to the 13th Pin **and** closest **overall** at **8 1/2 inches**. What a drive! No wonder her team won the Women's Division.



This year's Silent Auction portion of the tournament was a little bit different as we actually put a number of our high value offerings in a real auction conducted by Marc Sherrill who did a fabulous job. We also gave out a number of wine prizes contributed by David and Joseph Suleiman, one of our Hole Sponsors, in addition to cash in our 50-50 drawings. Just a lot of excitement was generated by the drawings and by Auctioneer Marc and the reward was the best return from the Silent Auction portion of our tournament in many years.



Andrea Johnson-Harvey is looking over the Silent Auction items with Karl Buettner in background and it looks like Al Arnold is a surprise 50-50 winner as Don Hansen is reading off the number drawn from the tub held by Ken Szczepanski and Auctioneer Marc Sherrill looking on behind us.





Finally, we have one of our guests confirming from Don that he has a winning Wine ticket with Auctioneer Marc looking on and then obtaining his prize selection of wine from our Sommelier Jim O'Hagan.

Altogether, this year's tournament was the best one we have held in many a year and as I mentioned at the beginning, we were able to raise more than our goal this year. Check out our Newsletter next month for information on who our cadet awardees were and what we were able to donate to the eight charities we support. We definitely have **NEVER STOPPED SERVING!**