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1st EVENT JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The first event of 2017 is fast approaching and members are starting to register for this event and others throughout the summer. To date, the following members have registered for the St Clair Parkway event near Sarnia, Ontario on **Sunday May 21**:

Carl Abel, Michael Hunter, Brent Davies, Charlie Henry, Jerry Hyslop, Tim Hallwood, and Grant Gulych, the Tournament Director of this event. Entry deadline is 1 week prior---May 14th.

Three of the four MOGTT tournament sites and dates are as promised, close to the Michigan/Ontario border.

Sun May 21	St. Clair Parkway GC	Mooretown, Ontario---near Sarnia
Sun June 11	Solitude Links GC (was Fore Lakes)	Kimball, Mich---near Port Huron
Sat July 8	<i>The Bluffs (Skins Game)</i>	<i>Port Stanley, Ontario---near London</i>
Sun July 9	Tarandowah Golfers Club	Springfield, Ontario---near London
Sat Aug 5	Lake Forest GC (MOGTT Event)	Ann Arbor, Mich
Sun/Mon Aug 6/7	Lake Forest GC (USGTF Central Championship)	Ann Arbor, Mich
Sun/Mon Sep 10/11	Solitude Links GC (Kelly Cup)	Kimball, Mich---near Port Huron

So mark your calendars now and register for as many events as possible at the MOGTT website: www.mogtt.com

Just click on the **“Register”** tab at the top. You can always withdraw from an event if done at least one week prior to the event.

If you’ve never been a member or it’s been a number of years, click on the **“Join the Tour”** tab at the website.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the tour----Derek Beaulieu, Windsor, Ontario

And Welcome back to the tour----John Lollo, Brownstown Township, Michigan

2 for 1 BUDDY PLAN APPROVED FOR 2017

If you have a buddy, who is or was a golf teacher, coach, professional, or in the golf business, invite him or her to join the tour. Not only can you share travel expenses, but their Annual Tour Fee is free!! Or your buddy can pay and yours is free....or you can split the fee.

“TEE IT FORWARD” -- BIRTHDAYS

In keeping with the USGA's "Tee it Forward" initiative announced in 2015, the MOGTT has been way ahead of the movement. Since the tour's early days in 1999, we have used more forward tees for older players in an attempt to level the playing field among competitors.

This year we have a number of birthdays that will help level the field for players reaching their 60th & 70th birthdays. Congratulations to all.

Age 60 birthdays: Ted Williams (6/20/56) ; Rick Wilson (12/22/56) ; Jim Helmke (11/20/57)

Age 70 birthdays: Mason Richardson (11/24/46); Phil Lawrence (1/24/47); Martin Deipert (1/28/47) ; Dennis Babcock (2/9/47) ; Jerry Hyslop (6/4/47) ; Bob Buckley (6/14/47); John Lollo (8/8/47); Tyrone Fletcher (9/25/47) ; Paul Chappel (10/17/47)

Under MOGTT rules, players may opt to move forward after they have reached their 60th or 70th birthdays.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Senior tees (men age 60 and over) are to be set on average, 22 yards ahead of the Open Tees. Target length for Senior Tees is 6,000-6,400 yards.
- Super Senior tees (men age 70 and over) are to be set on average, 22 yards ahead of the Senior Tees and 44 yds ahead of the Open Tees. Target length for Super Seniors is 5,700-6,000 yards.
- A player cannot win in both the scratch and net categories. The player must take the highest payout possible. i.e. 3rd place gross has a smaller payout than 4th place net.

SUGGESTION BOX

We are interested in your feedback. If you've been a member but haven't played in a few years, what can we do or change to get you back? Is it the cost? Payouts? Tee assignments? If you've never played on our tour, what's holding you back? We'd truly like to hear from you. Feel free to contact any of us listed below.

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