



National Veterans TEE Tournament

# TEE TIMES

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ADVANCE NEWSLETTER 2011

## Welcome to Iowa!



*We're so glad you're here!*

The staff and volunteers of the VA Iowa City Health Care System have been working hard all year to provide you a week of fun and challenges. We are expecting almost 240 veterans and many family members. Enjoy your week and don't hesitate to ask any of our 375 staff and volunteers if you need anything.

## *Riverside Casino and Golf Resort*

The folks here at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort are thrilled to be hosting the TEE Tournament for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. They are so glad that you are back. You are one of their favorite groups!

Opened on August 31, 2006, after voters passed a referendum to allow a gaming operation and approval by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, the Resort continues to give back to the communities of Washington County through grants.

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The Riverside Casino and Golf Resort is known for its great food —make sure to start your day at the breakfast buffet.

The resort also features the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course, an 18 hole course created by championship designer, Rees Jones. It’s one of the five area golf courses being used this week for our event. Spanning more than 7,500 yards, it offers breathtaking views overlooking two rivers as well as man-made lakes that will be the home to kayaking this week.

Luxury rooms and other amenities including the spa, fitness center, indoor/ outdoor pool, hot tub, two boutiques, restaurants and of course, the casino. Enjoy your stay! (WIFI is available for a fee – see the front desk for more information.)

*Transportation*

Our Transportation Team, lead by Angie McDowell, will be here to escort you to and from the different venues during the week. You are welcome to drive yourself to these sites, but be sure you arrive on time. Addresses of all the venues are included in this newsletter on page 3. Maps are also available at the Media Center.

These same volunteers will be escorting you back to the Airport on Friday (for those leaving Friday). If you have changes in your travel plans or need to contact the transportation team, they will be a staffed table located in the hotel hallway across from the elevators from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also contact Angela at (319) 471-7639.

*Alternative Activities Day: Wednesday, Sept. 14*

Shoulder hurting, feet tired? Take a break on Alternative Day, Wednesday. You can participate in one of several activities including bowling, kayaking, horseback riding or bag toss. And of course... golf. Additional golf instruction will be available to those who want to prepare for Thursday’s tournament.



## Featured Golf Courses

### **RIVERSIDE CASINO AND RESORT BLUE TOP RIDGE**

3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327

Opened in 2007, this course is the newest in the Iowa City area. This world-class course was designed with an old, classic look, but was built for the modern game of golf. It has a distinctive terrain that accommodates the skill sets for both beginners and pro golfers. Bryan Haas, PGA Golf professional and director of golf at the course, will make sure your golfing experience is one you won't soon forget. The course offers a full-service clubhouse, a pro shop, and a practice facility all that will make any golfer feel like a champion.

### **LAKE MACBRIDE GOLF COURSE**

3891 Pro Road NE, Solon, IA 52333

This scenic nine-hole golf course was built in 1972 and offers a peaceful, country setting for players. Nestled next to Lake MacBride, this course is located between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. It was designed by Midwest Irrigation with many hills and trees and spans 3,133 yards to make it a par 36 course. Golfers should be aware that water hazards come into play on several holes and the 125 slope rate makes this course slightly harder than the average of 113 slope, adding interest for all golfers. Enjoy the new clubhouse.



### **QUAIL CREEK GOLF COURSE**

Club House Road, North Liberty, IA 52317

This par 36 golf course offers a championship layout that spans 3,523 yards with sweeping greens. Opened in 1970, this nine-hole course was designed by Robert Johnstone and includes six water hazards but no sand bunkers and has been rated as one of the top 50 courses in the country by the National Golf Foundation. The smooth landscape and 124 slope rating provide a fairly easy course to walk, with an even playing field that all golfers can enjoy.

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**WEST LIBERTY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, IA 52776

With elevated greens and narrow fairways, this nine-hole golf course was built in 1959 and has one of the toughest par 3s in Iowa. This is a regulation length course at 3,057 yards and a par 36, but has a short layout with a terrain covered in ponds and creeks coming into play several times. Good shots on this course are rewarded and a fun outing is in store for all players golfing here.



**ELKS COUNTRY CLUB**

637 Foster Road, Iowa City, IA 52245

Built in 1900, this private nine-hole golf course boasts to be the oldest in eastern Iowa. With a hilly terrain and narrow, tree lined fairways, this course features 2,688 yards with a slope rate of 108, and is ideal for a short game for straight drives and solid wedge shots. Normally, only members and their guest have the opportunity to golf this course, but this week the Elks open it up for the Veterans of the TEE Tournament.

***Riverside, Iowa... Where the 'Trek' Begins***

Riverside, Iowa is a growing community of 928 people situated near the intersection of Highway 218 “Avenue of the Saints,” and Highway 22 in the English River Valley. Close to Iowa City, Riverside still possesses a friendly, small town atmosphere.

Riverside is also the self-proclaimed future birthplace of fictional character Captain James T. Kirk of USS Enterprise of *Star Trek* fame. The captain was portrayed by William Shatner in the original *Star Trek* television series and several *Star Trek* movies.

## *Dinner & Opening Ceremonies*

Dinner will be served tonight from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the Riverside Convention Center.

Opening Ceremonies will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies is your personal opportunity to meet some of our sponsors and tell them thanks for helping make this week of dreams come true.



## *New Pro-Am Golf Tournament Kicks-Off Week*

This year some visiting celebrities will be participating at the Pro-Am on Monday at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course. The five-person best ball format is raising money to support this week's event. After closing ceremonies, golfers Gary Lewis (of Gary Lewis and the Playboys), Country Music Artist and Star of Animal Planet's *Last Chance Highway* Lucas Hoge, Former Denver Broncos player Rich Dodson, and singer/songwriter B.J. Thomas will be happy to say hello and sign autographs at the table outside after the Ceremonies.

Other celebrities playing include Dan Gable, (UI wrestling coach and former U.S. Olympian), Marve Cook (former NFL player), Bobby Hansen (former NBA player), Andy Peterson (WMT radio host), Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek, Jim Dickerson (PGA G.I.V.E. Foundation), Dan and Bobby Kehl (Riverside Resort & Casino owners), Tom Davis (former UI basketball coach) and Bruce Aune (Anchor, KCRG, Channel 9).