

2022 Keeper of The Spirit 8th annual Gutty Golf Challenge

Keeper of the Spirit Award will be presented in honor of Mike Just

July 14-16, 2022 Eagle Springs Golf Resort Eagle, Wisconsin

This unique *Pre-1900* gutty challenge will be contested at the Eagle Springs Golf Resort in Eagle, Wisconsin. The course opened for play in 1893. As the course grew to 18 holes, it is believed that Tom Bendelow, who worked for the AG Spalding Golf Company in Chicago, was the course architect. After the depression in 1929 the golf course was cut to 9-holes. Today, approximately 90% of the historic layout remains intact.

Schedule of events:

Thursday, July 14: Registration. Practice rounds, call golf shop 262-594-2462. Pay the course directly. Need to be off the course by 5pm. As in past years, this is the time to play your alternate-shot grudge matches.

Friday, July 15: Morning tee times, Lunch at the course after play. Complimentary trade tables available for buying, selling, bartering or bragging. Shotgun start if feasible.

Saturday, July 16: Morning shotgun start. Lunch at the course followed by awards presentation.

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Please check the division you wish to play in:	
Championship Senior (60 +) _	Legends (70 +) Ladies
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Additional Guest(s) (per person) for all Social Activit	ties: \$40 X = \$
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Make a copy of this form for your records and mail original with CHECK PAYABLE TO: GREG SMITH, 532 Hanks Hollow Trail, DeForest, WI 53532 If you have any questions, contact Greg: <u>hickorysmith500@gmail.com</u> or call (608) 444-9638

> Event is limited to 36 players. Registration closes when 36 have registered or, if fewer, June 5, 2022. Thank you!



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PRACTICALITIES

CENTRAL LOCATION

Eagle Springs Golf Resort is conveniently located. Chicago O'Hare is a 2 hour drive; Fox Valley the same; Milwaukee's Billy Mitchell Field, 45 minutes; West Milwaukee suburbs, 30-40; Lake Geneva,30; Whitewater, 25; East Troy, 20. Madison, Racine and Kenosha, an hour.

ACCOMODATIONS

Although booking a group hotel is not feasible, we research annually for reasonably priced clean, two and three star hotels.

This year, it was readily apparent that hotel rates have increased substantially. As an example, the closest hotel to the course is in Mukwonago, a ten minute drive. Last year, the average room rate of the Baymont was \$95. This year, nearly double.

Throughout the region, hotels average \$150 and skyward. If this is your first visit, expect a drive of 30-45 minutes to the course. Highways are double lane but have speed limits for residential areas, 45mph. As a result, a hotel 17 miles away requires a drive of 30-35 minutes.

You might consider the newly opened AVID Hotel, part of the InterContinental Hotel family. AVID is 17 miles north of the course, which translates to a 30 minute drive.

It's a recently opened hotel rated two star, with 95 rooms, all with blackout window shades. Rooms are minimalist, featuring 55inch flat screens, but no microwaves or mini refrigerators. Continental breakfast is included. There are numerous fast food restaurants as well as popular locally owned restaurants/pubs nearby.

We suggest to book directly with the hotel because fees are refundable up until a few days prior.

We've also noted that third-party online services tend to publish its lowest rate which is non refundable. Refundable rates are an additional \$10-\$15 per night.

GROUP MEALS

Your registration fee includes lunch at the course on Friday and Saturday. Each day will feature a popular food truck. Refreshments on your own.

DINNERS: Dinners are not included. You are free to enjoy dinner wherever you choose. However, we typically arrange a get acquainted dinner Thursday evening and when feasible, Friday. Pay the restaurant directly.

In recent years, Brookfield's Bullwinkles, Mukwonago's Fork in The Road and a gathering in a private home have been well received.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Kettle Moraine State Forest and Old World Wisconsin have been popular, especially for families. Of course there is a plethora of shops and restaurants stretching from the western suburbs to Milwaukee as well as seasonal activities.