

A Hole in One that Keeps on Giving

The morning offered brisk winds and patches of gray clouds from the evening rain. However, the weather would not stop the eighty golfers and volunteers from giving of their time and support to the 9th annual Donald L. Hollowell golf classic. The golf classic was held at Orchard Hills Golf Club. The clubhouse reminds you of a southern colonial mansion with its' gated entrance and massive front porch sitting high on acres of beautiful landscape. The porch provides the perfect setting to share a story with a friend about that one great shot during their round!

Everywhere you looked there was a golfer going through his pre game ritual from checking equipment, reviewing the course layout, strategizing with team members, and practicing on the range. Why so much detail.... one would ask? It was the 9th annual Donald Hollowell Golf Classic and every golfer wants to win this tournament. This annual event serves as a major fundraising initiative for the Donald L. Hollowell Foundation that focuses on issuing grants to organizations that meet the needs of the community as well as those who serve as a resource for the needy, elderly, youth and disadvantaged.

Orchard Hill Golf Club was the perfect challenge! The course is designed like a links course from the old country of Scotland. There are hills throughout course with pin placements located on the hole so tough that even the best PGA and LPGA player would have a hard time reading the break. As each golfer stood at the tee box on the 12th hole, the fairway and green looked like St. Andrews. The beauty, elegance and views of this hole were simply breathtaking!

The picnic pavilion was the gathering spot for the 19th Hole Reception and Awards Presentation. When you infiltrated from the clubhouse you heard all of the noise from each team bragging about their fantastic round and how they would be crowned champions this year. At the picnic pavilion, everyone enjoyed a fabulous catered reception offering a wide selection of food from fruit and cheese displays, smoked salmon, BBQ chicken and ribs to gourmet desserts.

It was highly impossible for the event to be a success without the corporate partners: African American Golf Digest, Aflac, Bronner Bros. Angela Dula-West Dance Studio, Bonner Brothers, Chick-fil-A, Dove Mailing, Inc., D. L. Hollowell Men's Fellowship, George's Motorcoach Company, Jarvis Hayes Foundation, J.H. Hollis & Company, Innovative Marketing Group, Integral Municipal Services, Ms. Dara Broadus, National Concession Management, Pro Golf Shop at Camp Creek, Publix Supermarkets and Charities, R.D. Woods & Associates Insurance Agency, Star Athletics, and William Brothers' BBQ .

As each board member of the foundation stood to introduced themselves and personally "Thank everyone" for their participation. Mr. Les Johnson, tournament director, stated " Every since Mr. Hollowell has past on to glory...each year the golf classic starts out with clouds and slight showers. But the sun eventually shines and we always have a beautiful rainbow to closeout our event. It must be Mr. Hollowell smiling at all of us for carrying on his legacy and striding to meet the needs of the community through this great event!"

About The Donald Hollowell Foundation

The Donald L. Hollowell Foundation was established in 2000 as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our primary mission is to uphold the values and principles of Mr. Hollowell and his legacy by fulfilling the needs of the greater community. For more information regarding our programs or to make a contribution, please contact our office at 678.485.3714 or log on to www.donaldhollowell.com.

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