



Attention Sports Editors – For Immediate Release

2014 Ottawa Sun Scramble now open for registration, celebrating 10-years of competition

11 city championships at nine courses from Rockland to Renfrew for golfers of all skill levels

February 3, 2014 – Ottawa, Ontario. Players who made the cut in 2013 are invited to pre-register now since general registration opens March 1st, and spots are expected to fill up quickly.

“This tournament continues to grow each year,” said Jamie Ryan, tournament director and president of Executive Golf, the organizing body. “We started with 140 players in two divisions in 2005 and are shooting for 1,000 golfers in 11 divisions this year.”

The Ottawa Sun Scramble is a two-person scramble format where both players make a shot and choose the better of the two, from tee to green. This format allows golfers to post much lower scores than they could on their own, and the best score in 2013 was twenty-under par, set by Flagstick Open division champions Chris McCuaig and Ben Bell who beat Joe Dubinski and James Paterson in a playoff. The lowest two-round score ever posted in the tournament’s history was twenty-six under in 2011 when Curtis Dancy and Robert Mustard ended a six-year reign for Allen McGee and Kyle Koski.

“It’s great to see this region wide championship reach its tenth anniversary,” said Scott MacLeod, editorial director for Flagstick Golf Magazine. “The tournament has filled a need for a team championship in the National Capital Region and I’ve enjoyed playing in it several times. Executive Golf has done a great job building and growing the tournament into a fixture on the local golf calendar. It seems more people want to play in it every year.”

While the Flagstick Open, Ladies Open, Senior Open and Junior Open divisions are for the region’s top players, including professionals, the tournament is set up to welcome all calibers of golfers, including those who struggle to break 100, as with the Flashpoint D division.

This year’s event begins with the east-end qualifier at Hammond Golf Club on August 7, followed by the central qualifier at Falcon Ridge as part of Royal Oak Kick-Off Day on August 8 where local media personalities compete for the Régimbal Cup. Members of the public are invited to attend kick-off day to participate in various golf activities, including the Michelob Ultra \$1,000,000 Ace, where 10 lucky people will have a chance to shoot for the loot.

Royal Oak Kick-Off Day is the official launch of the Ottawa Sun Scramble and features manufacturer equipment demos, the Make-A-Wish \$5,000 putt, a long drive contest, a Slammer Tour match-play event and complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the clubhouse.

"I can't believe it's been 10 years already," said event organizer and PGA of Canada professional Andy Rajhathy. "Our mission at Executive Golf is to grow the game across all age groups and skill-levels and we're absolutely certain that this scramble format is key to that success. Not only do the less experienced players get to post low scores for their caliber, but as we've seen, the top golfers get to go super low, and this provides an environment for all types of golfers to compete with comfort."

According to six-time champion, Allen McGee, his favourite success to date was making the cut in 2013 with his 13-year old son, Hunter. "Owning the field for a few years with Kyle Koski was certainly memorable, but just making the cut last year was a feat we'll never forget, especially considering we competed with the likes of Kevin Haime, Joe Dubinski, Julian James, Bill Minkhorst and other pros."

"We want to change the belief that competition is only for great players," said Rajhathy. "We want ladies, juniors and higher-handicappers to give it a try and to experience the thrill of playing in a real tournament. If they mess up a shot, the partner has a chance to save the team. It really is a ton of fun."

2014 Sun Scramble Divisions & Schedule

- Aug. 7 - East-End Qualifier, Hammond
- Aug. 8 - Central Qualifier, Falcon Ridge
- Aug. 8 - Royal Oak Kick-Off Day, Falcon Ridge
- Aug. 8 - Régimbal Media Challenge, Falcon Ridge (by invitation)
- Aug. 8 - Michelob Ultra Million Dollar Ace, Falcon Ridge
- Aug. 9 - West-End Qualifier, Course TBA
- Aug. 11 - Champions Dinner, il Primo Ristorante
- Aug. 18 - Flashpoint Photobooth D Division, Pine View
- Aug. 19 - Absolute Comedy C, Dragonfly
- Aug. 20 - Promomedia B, Le Sorcier
- Aug. 21 - Ladies Open, eQuinelle
- Aug. 21 - Ladies B, eQuinelle
- Aug. 21 - Ladies C, eQuinelle
- Aug. 21 - Junior Open, eQuinelle
- Aug. 22 - Senior Open, Talon
- Aug. 22 - GolfWorks A, Talon
- Aug. 22 - Flagstick Open, Talon
- Aug. 23 - Championship Saturday, Outaouais
- Aug. 24 - Championship Sunday, Eagle Creek

All divisions are two-round events with a cut after the first round (excluding the Media Challenge) and teams that make the cut play for their respective city title on either Championship Saturday at Club de Golf Outaouais (Promomedia B, Absolute Comedy C, Flashpoint D and Ladies C) or Championship Sunday at Eagle Creek Golf Club (Flagstick Open, Ladies, Ladies B, Senior Open, Junior Open and the GolfWorks A).

Executive Golf provides over \$50,000 in memberships (any competitor who makes the cut receives a \$299 membership to Executive Golf), along with more than \$30,000 in sponsor prizing for the top finishers and contest winners. There are also cash prizes for the top professionals.

All events are open to the public, as competitors and/or spectators, and people are encouraged to drop by the golf courses to show their support and to watch some great golf.

The tournament organizers would like to thank supporting courses Dragonfly, Eagle Creek, eQuinelle, Falcon Ridge, Hammond, Outaouais, Pine View, Le Sorcier, Talon at GreyHawk, and we look forward to another great week of competition.

For a complete schedule of events, qualifying information and other details, please visit the tournament website at **ottawasunscramble.com**.

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