

Join us for
The Golfing Grads of USMA
26th Annual Reunion & Golf Tournament
Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club
Palm Harbor, Florida
April 24- 27, 2014

What could be more fun than playing golf with your buddies? That was the rationale for the first Golfing Grads held at Hilton Head Island, SC in 1989. Tyler Willson '60 invited 3 classmates and a friend and brother Dan Willson '63 invited one of his classmates and his son and the class competition began.



**The Golfing Grads of USMA
Hilton Head, SC (April 1989)**

**LtoR: Tim Grogan '63, Bucky Keating '60, Tyler Willson '60, Dan Eudy (friend of Pete Hastings), Pete Hastings '60, Micky McManus '60, Dan Willson '63
(photo by Dan Willson Jr.)**

Graduates in other classes asked if they could participate and before long, we had six classes and seventy participants. The numbers have been growing every year since then, reaching 160+ players from a dozen or so different classes.

Following the first tournament Dan Willson '63 took the helm and planned, organized, and managed the tournaments from that point forward until he passed away before the 2013 tournament. We continue in his footsteps and consider future tournaments a tribute to his dedication and leadership.

Over the years, the tournament has been held at a number of great venues. Following the '89 inaugural, the tournament moved to Greenlefe, FL and continued there for nine years. Dan and the class captains decided that it would be more fun to try other venues and decided to move to a different location every few years. Two years at Callaway Gardens, GA; two at Palm Coast, FL; four at World Golf Village, FL; one at Amelia Island, FL; three at the Robert Trent Jones course at Capitol Hill, AL; two at the Robert Trent Jones course at Opelika, AL; and finally on to Innisbrook, FL for the 2013 gathering.

These are all great golf courses, but this tournament is all about fun and camaraderie. It is a chance to see and visit with classmates and comrades from other classes. Many extended family members also come adding to the diversity of the group. There is ample opportunity to relax and visit. Players at every level participate in the event. Golf expertise is not a requirement for having fun and in fact may be the exception for those that attend. Having a good time is a requirement.

So let's talk about the 26th Annual Golfing Grads Reunion and Golf Tournament.

The Venue



For the 2014 tournament we return again to the Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort, Palm Harbor, FL. Comfort, convenience and familiarity – these elements reflect the simple yet elegant values of Innisbrook's southern way of living. Home to four award-winning golf courses and PGA Tour events, the newly-renovated Tampa Bay golf resort is one of Florida's best spots to tee off. The resort, owned and operated by Salamander Hotels & Resorts, also features a spa; an array of dining concepts; wedding, meeting and event facilities; and a variety of on-site activities, making Innisbrook the perfect hub for a Florida vacation.

The Courses

The newly renovated Innisbrook is simply one of America's most celebrated Florida golf resorts. Not only does it consistently receive top accolades – including Golf Magazine's "Top 100 You Can Play," and Golf Digest's "Top 75 Golf Resorts in America" – the Clearwater golf resort is also home to the annual PGA Tour Valspar Championship Presented by BB&T and the LPGA's ISPS Handa Legends Tour Open Championship.

The Tampa golf resort is home to four outstanding layouts – all designed by the innovative and imaginative architect Lawrence Packard – including the top-rated Copperhead course, which welcomes the world’s finest players each March when the PGA TOUR visits Innisbrook for the Valspar Championship.

As an Innisbrook guest, not only can you play where the world’s finest professionals love to play, you can also take advantage of three other championship layouts featuring up to 70 feet of elevation change, and scenery more reminiscent of the Carolina sand hills and Georgia foothills than the typical Florida terrain.

For Golfing Grads we will be using three of the courses: Copperhead Course, Island Course, and North Course. The fourth course, the South Course, is available for those that would like an optional additional round of golf.

- ***Copperhead Course - Par 71 • 7,340 yards***

A favorite among PGA TOUR professionals, the Copperhead Course is the most recognizable of Innisbrook’s four Tampa, Florida courses. After all, it plays host to the world’s greatest golfers during the PGA TOUR’s annual visit to the resort for the Valspar Championship Presented by BB&T. Tree-lined fairways and rolling terrain define the course – a lengthy challenge for even the longest hitters at more than 7,300 yards. Striking in beauty and challenge, the surrounding lakes and ponds are home to abundant wildlife, including fox squirrels, bald eagles, alligators, blue herons, and many other types of water fowl. With the fairways and greens mostly free of residences, Copperhead provides the opportunity to enjoy golf the way nature intended.

- ***Island Course - Par 72 • 7,310 yards***

With tight fairways, intimidating water hazards, abundant bunkers, and extraordinary elevation changes, the newly renovated and lengthened Island Course is considered by many to be as equally demanding as Copperhead. The extraordinarily picturesque Island has played host to numerous U.S. Open qualifiers and NCAA Championships, and has also been ranked among the country’s top 50 resort courses by Golf Digest. The LPGA selected the course as the site of the ISPS Handa Legends Tour Open Championship, proving that ladies appreciate Innisbrook’s golfing experience as much as men.

The Island’s first six holes are bordered by beautiful Lake Innisbrook and lateral water hazards that require pinpoint accuracy on tee shots and approaches. The middle six holes feature rolling hills dominated by cypress and pine trees. The final third of this course boasts a mixture of holes designed to reward the bold and penalize the errant golf shot. Your round ends at a finishing hole that’s withstood the test of the world’s most skilled players and is one of the most photographed in Florida.

- ***North Course - Par 70 • 6,325 yards***

The North Course at Innisbrook is similar in terrain to the Copperhead Course. At about 6,300 yards, it remains one of the most challenging courses. Known for its daunting par 3s, North features tight fairways, an abundance of trees and well-bunkered greens, placing a premium on accuracy from tee to green.

Eleven holes at North present water hazards, making club selection a critical decision when trying to break par. Recent course enhancements include additional yardage to selected par 4s and 5s, along with strategically placed bunkers and “waste bunkers.”

• **South Course - Par 71 • 6,620 yards**

At over 6,600 yards, South is reminiscent of a links-style design, both in terms of rolling terrain and numerous fairway bunkering. Ample waste bunkers, a total of 10 water hazards, undulating terrain, and the Gulf of Mexico breezes all combine to make South another great Innisbrook challenge that’s become a favorite of the returning guests and event planners.

The Formats

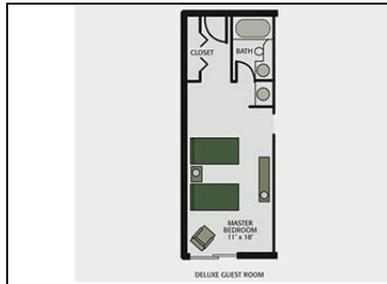
We will use the three popular formats that have become traditional for the tournaments.

Day 1 Thursday	Day 2 Friday	Day 3 Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copperhead Course • Four-man Teams by class • Team Captains make up the teams • Scramble • Shotgun start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Island Course • Two-man Teams by class • Team Captains make up the teams • Scramble – Front nine • Best Ball – Back nine • Shotgun start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Course • Individual play • Team Captains make up the foursomes • Flights by handicap • Foursomes by class • Shotgun start

The Accommodations

Comfort, convenience and familiarity – these elements reflect the simple yet elegant values of Innisbrook’s southern way of living. Thoughtfully arranged in small clusters that blend into the natural setting, the low-rise lodges take full advantage of this Tampa resort’s 900 wooded acres. Inside each suite, you’ll find a home away from home – full kitchen, oversized living and dining areas, a private patio or balcony, and luxurious bedding. And for those who need to stay “connected” to the outside world, Innisbrook makes it simple with complimentary, high-speed Internet access, as well as flat-panel TVs and iPod players. Each lodge is equipped with complimentary laundry facilities; and professional same-day laundry or dry cleaning services are also available.

We offer two room choices for your accommodations: the Deluxe Guest Bedroom and the Two Bedroom Suite.



• **Deluxe Guest Bedroom**

Located throughout this resort, the graciously appointed and comfortable Deluxe Guestroom feature two queen beds, a desk and seating area with both golf course and resort views.



• **Two Bedroom Suite**

A spacious living room, built-in bar, full kitchen and patio or balcony, make up the two-bathroom, two-bedroom Tampa Bay hotel suite, which can comfortably accommodate up to four persons. The Master Bedroom is available with one queen or two twin beds, some with their own separate entrance affording maximum privacy. (1,400 sq. ft.)

• **Accommodation Amenities**

Features of All Rooms	Deluxe Guest Suite Extra Amenities	Two Bedroom Suite Extra Amenities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wifi & High Speed Internet Access • Flat Screen TV's • Pay per view video games and movies • Complimentary toiletries • iHome Radio Alarms • Iron/Ironing Board • Hair Dryer • Wake-up call service • Air conditioning with individual climate controls • Writing desk • Hypo-allergenic bedding available • Laundry and valet same day service • In-room dining • Non-smoking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 queen beds • 300 square feet • Golf course or lawn view • Writing desk • 1 multi-line telephone, data port, voicemail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 private bedrooms • Master bedroom with either 1 or 2 queen beds • Secondary bedroom with 2 twin beds • 1,400 square feet • Golf course or garden view • Balcony or patio • 2 bathrooms with complimentary toiletries • 4 multi-line telephones, data port, voicemail • Full living room with pull-out sofa bed • Fully equipped kitchen • Coffee maker • Microwave • Dishwasher • Breakfast bar • Dining room

Wednesday 23 April For Early Arrivals		
Time	Activity	Location
0800-1800	Optional Golf	Course TBD
1600-2400	Arrival and Check-In	Main Lobby – Front Desk
1600-2400	Informal Social	GG Hospitality Room*

* GG Hospitality Room is in the Augusta Bldg

Thursday 24 April		
Time	Activity	Location
0600-0800	Breakfast (For Early Arrivals)	Copperhead Clubhouse
0800-1300	Four Man Team Scramble – Group 1	Copperhead Course
0900-2400	Open Time	GG Hospitality Room*
1300-1800	Four Man Team Scramble – Group 2	Copperhead Course
1600-2400	Arrival & Check-In	Main Lobby – Front Desk
1830-1930	Cocktail Hour – Attitude Adjustment	Edinburgh East – Dining Room
1930-2100	Welcome Reception & Buffet Dinner	Edinburgh East – Dining Room

Friday 25 April		
Time	Activity	Location
0600-0800	Breakfast	Island Clubhouse
0800-1300	Two Man Team Competition – Group 1	Island Course
0900-2400	Open Time	GG Hospitality Room*
1300-1800	Two Man Team Competition – Group 2	Island Course
TBA	Class Dinners	TBA

Saturday 26 April		
Time	Activity	Location
0600-0800	Breakfast	Osprey Clubhouse
0800-1300	Individual Competition – Flights 1 & 2	North Course
0900-2400	Open Time	GG Hospitality Room*
1300-1800	Individual Competition – Flights 3 & 4	North Course
1830-1930	Cocktail Hour – Attitude Adjustment	Hotel Meeting Room
1930-2100	Closing Dinner & Award Presentations	Edinburgh East – Dining Room

Sunday 27 April		
Time	Activity	Location
0600-0800	Breakfast	Osprey Clubhouse
ODT-1200	Check out	Main Lobby – Front Desk

	Request Late Check Out from Front Desk – No Guarantee	
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The Standard Tournament Packages

The standard tournament packages all cover three nights lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), three rounds of golf, three breakfasts, two banquet dinners, resort service fees, and all taxes with payment made to the Resort. Prizes, goody bag, and other admin costs are made by a separate payment made to Golfing Grads, which we will cover later. You should be aware of a few things about the standard tournament packages:

- The packages are “all-or-nothing” packages, i.e., you must pay for all items included in the standard package whether you use them or not. The resort will not refund any amount for any items or events you did not use or participate in. For example, if you choose not to go to breakfast, the resort will not refund any of the registration fee. If you miss a round of golf, same answer. However, if for some reason you have to miss a dinner or round of golf, a substitute can take your place. If you are substituting for golf, you must advise your team captain and committee of the substitution ahead of time so appropriate adjustments can be made.
- A deposit of \$169.00 must be paid to the resort for any of the packages you choose. We will explain how to do this below. The payment must be received by the resort NLT 24 March 2014. If the resort does not receive the payment by that time, reservations can only be made on an individual, space available basis with no guarantee that accommodations can be made with the Golfing Grads group.
- You can cancel your reservation at any time up to 72 hours ahead of your check-in time with no penalty. If you cancel after that deadline you will forfeit your deposit. NOTE – cancelling your reservation will likely affect the cost for your roommate and suitemates if you are in a two bedroom suite. You should consider this if you have to cancel. For example, if you are in a room with a roommate, you must find a replacement or your roommate’s cost will go up.

Alright, let’s look at the Standard Packages you have to choose from.

Package	Cost
Single Occupancy - 1 golfer per Deluxe room	\$932.06 Total
Double Occupancy - 2 golfers per Deluxe room	\$730.46 Per Person
Double Occupancy - 1 golfer & 1 non-golfer per Deluxe room	\$1199.18 Total
Quad Occupancy - 4 golfers in Two-bedroom Suite	\$730.46 Per Person
Triple Occupancy - 3 golfers in Two-bedroom Suite	\$831.26 Per Person

The Options

You have the option to stay at the resort an additional night or nights, either before or after the tournament, and you have the option to play additional rounds of golf.

Let's look at the extra room options first. Each of these options includes, one night accommodation, buffet breakfast(s), resort service fees, and all taxes. NOTE – Golf is not included in these options. These options are available for the nights of **22, 23, 27 or 28 April.**

Package	Cost Per Person Per Night
Single Occupancy - 1 per Deluxe room	\$187.71
Double Occupancy - 2 per Deluxe room	\$107.07
Triple Occupancy - 3 per Two-bedroom Suite	\$128.35
Quad Occupancy - 4 per Two-bedroom Suite	\$102.87

Now let's look at the extra rounds of golf options. You can, on your own, book tee times on any of the courses by contacting the pro shop at 1-727-942-5220. Identify your group as "Golfing Grads of USMA." Tee times are subject to availability and none are blocked out for Golfing Grads. You can play on the option days of **22, 23, 27 or 28 April.** You can also opt for a "second round" on the tournament days. The costs for 18 holes for the different courses are shown in the following table.

Course	Extra Round Costs
Copperhead	\$85.00 + 7 % Tax
Island	\$85.00 + 7 % Tax
North	\$65.00 + 7% Tax
South	\$65.00 + 7% Tax

What You Need to Do

As one often hears when calling for support, "Listen closely as our menu options have changed." This caution definitely does apply to your registration process for the 2014 Golfing Grads Tournament. We have streamlined the process to make it easier for you and all other parties. We are using an Internet-based registration and data management system that will facilitate registering, making reservations at the resort, disseminating information, integrating inputs, forming teams, organizing events, monitoring payments, etc, etc, etc. In the internet-based survey we will collect the data previously collected thru paper submits, telephone, fax, and email.

There are five things you need to do.

1. Complete the Survey

- a. The first thing for you to do is complete the survey using the link at the end of this document.
 - i. The link will take you to an internet-based survey that you will use to submit your registration information.
- b. This survey replaces the paper questionnaires previously used and also allows a wider range of topics to be included.
- c. The survey contains multiple choice questions, short answer questions, and longer answer questions.
- d. You simply go thru the survey and answer all the questions that are applicable.
- e. Once you finish you hit the “Submit” button and your response is immediately recorded into the on-line database.

2. Make Your Tournament Registration Payment

- a. The Tournament Registration covers prizes, goody bags, and other tournament admin costs
- b. After you submit the survey, send a check for \$85.00 made payable to John Rocco, c/o
 - i. John Rocco
 - ii. 1602 Scenic Shore Drive
 - iii. Kingwood, Texas 77345

3. Standby for Hotel Reservation Confirmation

- a. The GG Hotel Reservation Czar will make all the hotel reservations, ensuring that roommates are together and classes in same lodge
- b. When hotel confirms that the reservations are made and accurate we will notify you that your hotel reservation is confirmed
- c. When you get that notification, proceed to the next step.

4. Make Your Deposit Payment to Innisbrook

- a. When you receive confirmation from us that Innisbrook has your reservation you should pay your \$169.00 deposit directly to the hotel.
- b. This must be done prior to 24 March 2014 to complete your reservation.
- c. Two ways you can do this
 - i. By Credit Card – Phone the Innisbrook Reservation Department at 1-800-492-6899.
 - ii. By Check – Mail to Innisbrook with your name, Golfing Grads of USMA group name, and check-in date
 1. Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club
 2. 36750 U.S. Highway 19 N
 3. Palm Harbor, FL 34684

5. Standby for Further Info From Your Class Captains

- a. That is all we need for the moment.
- b. You should now standby for guidance from your team captain.

OK, that is the Skinny

**Now all you have to do to register is follow the link below, answer the survey questions, and submit.
Next send your registration payment to John Rocco.
Then stand by for notification that your hotel reservation is confirmed.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1i3fO8LNuIzXyJ-sM6ND6qBjrr5kKxs30ep3CdERLMhg/viewform>

If you have any questions or comments contact us at

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