

19TH HOLE: 'Make a Buddy' In the 11th Annual Rigsby Cup

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Looking for a buddy? Want to be a buddy? Either way, it's that time of year again when buddies are in demand.

The 11th annual Moore Buddies Rigsby Cup Golf Tournament is just around the corner, offering an opportunity for golfers to enjoy themselves in a round of golf on a great course while making a huge difference in the life of a young person.

The captain's choice event, which has raised a major portion of the money to keep the Moore Buddies Program afloat, is scheduled for Aug. 25 at the Pit Golf Links.

Bob Rigsby and Davis Clark are co-chairing the tournament which will feature a double shotgun start in order to handle the large field. The morning segment begins at 8:30 p.m., with the afternoon group going off at 2 p.m. Registration begins an hour before the tee times.

One of the major sponsors is Mac's Food Stores, with Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Lee-Moore Insurance, Nestle, Southern Pines Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac-GMC and Wal-Mart Super Center also providing support.

The partially deductible entry fee is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Golfers may enter as teams or as singles to be paired by the tournament committee. The entry fee includes one mulligan.

Prizes will be awarded to the three low teams as well as for longest drive and closest to the pin on par-3s.

A major prize will reward a hole-in-one on any par-3.

Moore Buddies is a private non-private agency in Moore County working directly with the juvenile court system to provide support for youth in trouble with the law. For information, call 947-6666.

Four levels of sponsorship are available -- Starfish for \$1,000; Patron for \$750; Major Tournament Sponsor \$500; and Hole Sponsor \$100.

"The sponsor donations will go toward achieving the goal of Moore Buddies," Rigsby said. "For each sponsor we will produce a professionally made 24x18 sign that will be displayed on either a tee or a green location. There will also be an acknowledgment in the Moore Buddies Quarterly Newsletter."

Past participants are aware that this event is much more than just a golf tournament. Rigsby and friends go out of their way to make it something special.

Also adding to the occasion will be Rigsby's granddaughter Taylor, who is bringing several of her sorority sisters from N.C. State to serve as volunteers for the tournament.

"They liven things up quite a bit," Rigsby said.

Prizes will be awarded at the clubhouse immediately following play, and names of the many door prize winners will posted at the clubhouse at 2 p.m.

"No one who participates will ever forget it," Rigsby said.

"It's for a great cause for a bunch of kids who need our help. There are a lot of success stories generated by the program and a lot of college graduates who would never have had the opportunity without the help."