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“2015 ‘Big Daddy’ Junior Golf Fundraiser at Old Fort Golf Club”

City Golf Department Invites Golfers to ‘Swing Big’ for Junior Golf, June 26

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The City of Murfreesboro Golf Department is proud to announce the 2015 “Big Daddy” Junior Golf Fundraiser, Friday, June 26, 2015 at Old Fort Golf Club. Starting at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start, the fundraising event is a 4-person, 18-hole Select Drive Two Low Ball with flights determined by entries. Proceeds will help fund Junior Golf Programs, “The Big Daddy” Junior Golf Invitational Tournament, Bloomfield Linksters and the Old Fort Junior Golf Association.

“The ‘Big Daddy’ fundraiser is named after retired golf pro Gene Dixon who served as Head Professional at Stones River Country Club for 30-plus years,” said Director of Golf Tracy Wilkins. “We couldn’t be more excited to have ‘Big Daddy,’ as Gene is affectionately known, to lend his highly-respected, loveable name and support to this junior golf event.”

Dixon was inducted into the Memphis State University “Sports Hall of Fame” on Sept. 20, 2002 and is a lifetime member of the P.G.A. ‘Big Daddy’ received the P.G.A. Distinguished Career Award on February 25, 2008. After graduating from South Side High School in Memphis in 1956, Dixon went on to play golf for Memphis State University from 1956-1960 on a four-year scholarship.

Dixon, 77, who remains an avid golfer, will be on hand for the “Big Daddy” Fundraiser.

The \$500 per team entry fee for the 2015 “Big Daddy” Junior Golf Fundraiser includes cart and green fees, range balls, breakfast before play, lunch following play, closest to the hole prizes, and tournament prizes for winners. The entry fee is partially tax deductible. Supporting sponsors are also encouraged to sponsor holes for the tournament for \$100.00 per sign.

The City Golf Department is working to enhance junior golf in Murfreesboro. In April, PGA Master Professional Jex Wilson was appointed as Director of Instruction and Youth Development. Wilson and the Golf Department are working with Murfreesboro City Schools to expand participation in junior golf development.

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The City of Murfreesboro Golf Department oversees three public courses: Old Fort Golf Club; an 18-hole championship course, 1028 Golf Lane; the Veterans Golf Course, a nine-hole executive walking course on property leased from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3400 Lebanon Rd; and Bloomfield Links, a 6-hole course designed for youth, ladies, seniors and beginners.

For more information on the 2015 “Big Daddy” Junior Golf Fundraiser, contact Host Professionals Tracy Wilkins, Director of Golf at 615-896-2448 or via e-mail at twilkins@murfreesborotn.gov or Marty McCurry, Head Golf Professional at mmccurry@murfreesborotn.gov.

The City Golf Department webpage is available at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/Index.aspx?NID=147>.

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1. *Old Fort Golf Course Logo.jpg.*