

J. D. McCarty Center

for children with developmental disabilities



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The Coves Men's Golf Association Announce

Benefit Scramble for the J. D. McCarty Center

Matt Starcevich, president of the men's golf association at The Coves Golf Course on Bird Island in Afton, has announced the establishment of an annual golf tournament to benefit the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities in Norman.

"Several members of the Cove's men's golf association and I became aware of the McCarty Center and the work the hospital does with children with developmental disabilities from all over Oklahoma last year," said Starcevich. "We heard Uwe von Schamann, the McCarty Center's director of development, and Greg Gaston, McCarty Center director of marketing, talk about the work of the hospital at a fundraiser at Clanton's Restaurant in Vinita. It was then that we thought we might be able to help this organization."

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The event will be held on Monday, October 2, at The Coves Golf Course on Bird Island in Afton. The format will be a scramble (with a shotgun start?). Tee time is at 10:00 a.m. The field is limited to 25 teams. The teams will be composed of four golfers plus a celebrity from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Tulsa University and Tulsa television personalities. The entry fee is \$400 per team.

Some of the sports celebrities who have committed to play in the first annual event include: Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens and his brother Tinker; Jimbo Elrod, former defensive end at OU and linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs; Pat Jones, former OSU head football coach; Billy Tubbs, former OU head basketball coach; Anthony Phillips, All American offensive lineman from OU; Steve Collins, former OU quarterback; Patti Zimmer, Big 8 individual golf champion from OSU; Jason Staurovsky, former TU and New England Patriots kicker; Steve August, former TU and Seattle Seahawk offensive lineman; Cliff Thrift, former East Central University and Super Bowl winning Chicago Bears linebacker; Steve Zabel, former OU and New England Patriots tight end; Uwe von Schamann, former OU and Miami Dolphins kicker; Jim Riley, former OU and Miami Dolphins tight end; and Bill Brodgen, TU golf coach.

The tournament will also feature a silent auction that will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items will be displayed in the clubhouse. Some of the items on the auction block include: a Heisman Trophy football signed by Steve Owens, Billy Simms and Jason White; a Heisman Trophy poster signed by Steve Owens; a color sketch of Josh Heupel; an Adrian Peterson action photograph; a number 11 OU jersey signed by Tinker Owens; an OU women's

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basketball team photograph signed by Sherri Coale; and a photo of Uwe von Schamann making "the kick" to beat Ohio State. von Schamann will personalize the photo for the lucky bidder. The silent auction is open to the public.

According to Starcevich there will be an opportunity for people not playing in the tournament to get autographs from the celebrities. Autograph seekers are invited to wait at the club house where they can get autographs as the celebrity players make the turn between the front nine and the back nine.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to 21. The 40 et 8 of Oklahoma, an honor society within the American Legion, established the hospital in 1946. When the McCarty Center first opened its doors it treated only one thing...cerebral palsy. Today the hospital has treated more than 70 different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. In an average year, the McCarty Center will treat children from 70 of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

This benefit tournament is being made possible through the sponsorship of the Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Oklahoma State Bank in Langley and the Coves Men's Golf Association.

For more information about the tournament visit www.covesgolf.com. At this site you find a hole-by-hole tour of the course, directions to the course and a link to an entry form.