

# CHIP SHOTS

## SIGN UP TIME

### POTENTIAL GENEVA PLAYERS

Dagon Abdon	Todd Abdon	Frank Alexander *
Andrew Badea	Michael Badea	Alex Ballard *
Connor Ballard	Ray Ballard *	Dick Barrett
Jack Berger *	Tim Black *	Tom Black *
Bill Boggess *	Keith Boggess *	Nick Boggess *
Jarold Boling	Shannon Boothe	Jim Centorbi
Jacob Davis *	Pat Dorn *	Shawn Dorn *
Bob Elflein	Fritz Ford *	Vince Gatto *
Gary Glanzman *	Greg Gudenkauf *	Jerry Graves *
Jay Green *	Richie Heskett *	Brian Hughes
Tim Hughes *	Don Jander *	Mark Johnson *
Rick Jonas *	Zack Jonas	Kerry Joyce *
Mark Kovachi *	Sam Kovachi *	Ben Lloyd *
Mark Maatz	Craig Marshall *	Gary Mazzocco *
Matt Mazzocco *	Nate McCorkle	Tony McGuckin *
Steve Miller *	Todd Moore *	Dan Mountcastle
Don Mountcastle	Ken Mountcastle	Dan Novak
Mike Pagnanelli *	Blaise Plageman *	Dick Plageman *
Jason Plageman	Ton Prunte *	Bob Rutherford *
Don Rutherford *	Brian Shoemaker	John Skunza
Ron Szymczak *	Brien Thunberg	Jamie Vernon *
Paden West	Kyle Willis *	

IN OR OUT – The above list are the potential Geneva participants. The \* indicates the golfers known to be committed. If a \* is not by your name and you plan on playing, please contact me and I will be glad to add your \* to the group. Of course \* can be subtracted and names can be added until the field fills. In the past, I set July 4 as the cut off date. With the bigger field, this year that may be earlier. Final touches will then begin. Pairings, Scramble, and Handicap Committees commence their duties. I try

to keep some semblance of structure. Believe me, putting together the Geneva Open over the years has humbly gained the respect your wives deserve in keeping your household orderly. Women have a certain power over men that I cannot achieve. What I can do is appeal for your cooperation and courtesy to those working hard and understand their efforts are driven by fun and fair. I cannot deny that many decisions are made with the help of a decanter of bourbon, a few bottles of beer, and a puff or two of smoke, but I am very pleased with their conclusions. These are fine gentlemen committed to Geneva's well-being. The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were written by men under the same spells and how did that work out? Fair and fun. Fun and fair. Anyway you prefer, Geneva memories last a lifetime. Add that \* next to your name and enjoy this 2024 phenomenal experience.

MELISM – I had the opportunity to talk with Geneva frat brother, Mel Voll, last month. I asked how he was. “Old” is all he said. Coming from a man who is a prolific storyteller, this Jack Benny like one word response left me speechless. Once I recovered and the silence broke, Mel became Mel again. I learned he spends lunch delivering Meals on Wheels. He is proud of this civic duty, sort of a heavenly door dash without capitalistic greed. In typical Mel Voll behavior, he tops his humanitarian efforts with a couple of brews at the VFW. He is flirting with the idea of returning to Geneva this July. His golfing days are over, remember he is “old”. His socializing skills, recalling stories from the past, telling jokes, drinking a few beers...Hell, who are we kidding? ...Drinking a twelve pack of beer is still very much a part of his constitution. Mel always took pride in grilling the steaks at The Commissioner's Dinner and I promised to hand him the spatula if he returned. Like always, he closed with a story about a man who checked into a hotel. Once settled, he decided to go to the Lounge for drinks and maybe some dancing. One of his dance partners noticed his large shoe size. He must have stepped on her feet during the song “I Only Have Eyes for You.” She told the man about the rumors girls often discuss how foot size suggests a man's particular build. She agreed to accompany him to his room to investigate. The next morning, he awoke alone. The woman left a note on the bedstand that read, “Get shoes that fit.”

REMINDERS – The different Geneva Committees are hard at work. Some have been preparing for this year's event since New Year's. Others

cannot fully function until the field is set. Currently, guesstimations are over 50 players. That is the participation numbers being used by the Merchandise Committee. We strive to leave no golfer behind. Thirteen tee times for both Hemlock and Geneva sets the cut off figure at 52. Lids, gifts, and steaks rely on such numbers. Pairings, Scramble, and Gavin Cup cannot proceed until all commitments are made. A couple of months ago, I mentioned creating your Saturday foursome. Four groups are confirmed, and several twosomes asked me to hook them up. If you have a game for Saturday, please inform me. This was a policy we adopted last year. I like this approach because all golfers are hooked up and none are left without partners. Sober or hungover, the first tee awaits at specific times. We all have crosses to bear, and I have taken the chore of moving Legend Vince Gatto along. He will be my roommate this year. There has been many Saturday mornings when corralling Vince to the golf course has been harder than herding cats. I will say this, he always makes it as has Craig, Nick, Dagon, Jacob, Jelly and others. Organizing a group of John Barleycorn followers can be chaotic. If it works, it is a stroke of genius. Albert Einstein said, "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."