

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are enjoying the holiday season and looking forward to a great new year.

This is your invitation to attend the 2023 ISPS Handa US Blind Open which has moved to March 20 – 22, 2023. The golf course had to move the tournament due to prior commitments. But with this earlier date it is an opportunity for us to start our season earlier. And for the ones going to Worlds, this is a tune up before heading to South Africa.

We are still holding the tournament at Green Island Country Club located in Columbus, GA. This was the site of the 2011 US Open and Nationals and the 2013 Vision Cup. Green Island is a private club with a fantastic golf course, great clubhouse, and some of the best folks you will find. We will have a great time and hope you will be able to come.

We will be competing in both stroke and Stapleford divisions and in all classifications.

Practice day will include a Player /Coach scramble during the practice round. Players can team up with their coaches to play for some fun prizes and if your coach does not want to play, you can team up with another player or coach to make up a team. If you do not want to play in the scramble, you can play a practice round normally behind the scramble. Please let me know if you are interested in playing in the scramble. Coaches playing will pay \$ 55 for the round.

We have always taken pride that we adhere to USGA rule of play and at this tournament we will be enforcing the rule having to do with pace of play. This rule states that when it is a player's turn to play, the player has 45 seconds to take a shot. We will modify this to 1 minute so that we can move to a timelier pace of play for the tournament. Players will be warned of slow play and possible actions that can be taken. So please while preparing for this event, practice a routing that will get you to hitting a shot within the 1-minute time. You will do yourself a favor by practicing this along with a more enjoyable round.

We will go over this in depth at the player/coach meeting.

Attached you will find an Information Sheet. The sign up will be online. You can find the link for this on the website very soon. Updates to the tournament will be sent to you via email.

I am looking forward to each one of you coming to Green Island and enjoying the Open. It will be a great time.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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