

The 2023 ISPS Handa US Blind Open will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup> at Green Island Country Club in Columbus, GA. Blind and Visually Golfers from around the world are being invited to come to the Open in Columbus this year.

The event will begin on March 20<sup>th</sup> with a Clinic at 9:00 am with participants from the Columbus area from the Blinded Veterans Association and the PGA Hope Program. The participants will be invited to hit balls on the range with Blind and Visually golfers playing in the Open. There will be a clinic on the putting green also with golfers playing in the Open. This opportunity is for the players and the veterans to share stories and the game of golf.

Following the Clinic will be refreshments for the participants. Those golfers playing the Open will begin their practice round by playing in a Player/ Coach scramble with a shotgun start at 11:00 am.

After the practice round there will be a Welcome Dinner for the Players and Coaches in the Open competition at 7:00 pm at Country's Bar-B-Que at the Columbus North location. Following dinner will be a Player/ Coach meeting to go over rules for the Open.

March 21<sup>st</sup> will be the first round of the Open. There will be an Opening Ceremony honoring the veterans and first responders in the Columbus area as well as active service members from Ft. Benning. Opening Ceremony will begin at 11:00 am. At 12 noon the First round will begin.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the final round of the Open with a start time of 11:00 am. Following the final round will be awards banquet and dinner at 7:00 pm

We are looking forward to returning to Green Island which was the site for the 2011 US Blind Open and the 2013 Vision Cup.

If you are interested in playing in the 2023 ISPS US Blind Open, please go to the US Blind Golf Website at [usblindgolf.com](http://usblindgolf.com) and find the tournament tab, find the 2023 Open info sheet and Sign up form.

Any interested in being a part of this event and have any questions contact the Tournament Director, Greg Hooper at [hooperga@bellsouth.net](mailto:hooperga@bellsouth.net) or call 770-855-4057.