

Adrian Fiala returning for 12th Husker Heritage tourney

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Husker legends and local golfers will meet Saturday for the 12th Annual Adrian Fiala Husker Heritage Golf Tournament at Wild Horse Golf Club.

A portion of the tournament's proceeds go to the Gothenburg TeamMates Mentoring Program.

The tournament weekend kicks off this Friday at 6 p.m. when the Gothenburg TeamMates board will serve a Nebraska Pork Producers meal to all golfers on the course or any community members hoping to catch an autograph of a Husker legend.

After missing last year's tournament due to complications following surgery, Fiala returns to lead the event.

As of Monday, 20 teams were registered, Fiala said. A few more confirmations could bump that number to 23.

Huskers legends scheduled to participate are Jeff Kenny, Larry Jacobsen, J.B. Phillips, Guy Ingles and Jerry Murtaugh, who is playing for the first time in the event.

In Fiala's 11 years hosting the tournament, he has raised \$60,000 for the state and local program. These funds provide nearly 60% of Gothenburg's operating budget, which in turn provide many opportunities for the mentoring matches.

Fiala says he enjoys giving to TeamMates because he believes in young people and wants to see them have the opportunities and direction they all need. He also enjoys supporting his friends, Tom and Nancy Osborne, TeamMates founders.

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Fiala's fund-raiser idea came into fruition when he thought to combine Cornhusker fans in the western part of the state with Husker athletes in a golf tournament. He chose Gothenburg because of its central location, its top-rated golf course and his connection with former Gothenburg TeamMates board member, Matt Williams.

A new addition to the tournament is a Dixon golf sponsorship. Representatives will be at the course handing out balls and the winner of the tournament will be invited to play in one of Dixon's amateur tournaments.

The tournament is set for a 9 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday. Foursomes will be paired with a Husker legend for this 18-hole scramble. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams and individuals have a chance to win flag prizes as well. Lunch, dinner, tournament hats, balls and team photo are also included.

For any questions about the tournament or TeamMates, call Wild Horse Golf Course at 537-7700 or TeamMates coordinator Amanda Rossell, at 308-440-9417 or email her at gothenburgteammates@gmail.com.