



IRGF Announces.....

"Thursday Games PLUS" at Sandridge Golf Club

Get a head-start to FALL TRADITIONAL Golf/Performance Games

..... golf games with practice range and golf course experiences

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Early Arrival /Player Check-In – 4:00 p.m.)

Cost: \$55 (4 sessions + 1 BONUS session).....siblings ½ price – **Scholarships Available**

Note: Online registration has an added \$2.50 registration fee per participant.

Spectator Carts available at \$10 per cart paid at Player Check-In

"Kick-Off" - 2023 FALL PROGRAM

August 3 **Session #1** - Golf Fitness/Golf Skills Challenge – **South End - Practice Range at Sandridge**
.....a preview of the 2023 Player's Advantage Golf Skills Championship (Saturday - August 26.

August 10 **Session #2 – meet at clubhouse area**
Play the Course - "Prox" / Situational Golf On-Course Challenges

August 17 **Session #3– meet at clubhouse area**
Play the Course - "Target Par" On-Course Challenges

August 24 **Session #4 – meet at clubhouse area**
Play the Course – “Stake to Steak” On-Course Challenges
4:30 p.m. - Course Shotgun Start – Front 9

August 26 (Sat.) **Session #5 (BONUS) – Player's Advantage Golf Skills Championship**
3 p.m. - Sandridge Golf Club – at clubhouse (included in Thursday Games fee)

Note: See the following pages for details of each session.

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What is the "Golf Skills" Challenge? - Session #1

.....a points system for measuring golf skill performance levels.

The Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF) has established a golf skills program known as "Player's Advantage Golf Skills". The IRGF conducts golf skills training programs, evaluations, challenges and an annual Player's Advantage Golf Skills Championship. Winners of the championship receive the **Sal Spallone Award** (boys) or the **Jackie Stoelting Award** (girls) for 3 age groups.....elementary, middle school and high school.

Golf Skills Stations – meet at south end of practice range

....for training, evaluations, challenges or championship.

Basic Short Game Skills

String Putting (2', 4' 6') to inside the hole

Curve Putting (3', 6' 9') to inside the hole

Distance Control Putting (20', 30', 40') to within 3' or 6' target rings

Chip Shots (from just off the green to within 3' or 6' target ring

Specialty Short Game Skills

Pitch Shot (10 yards from green to within 3', 9' target rings or on the green

Lob Shot (over bunker or elevated green to within 3', 9' rings or on the green

Bunker Shot (out of bunker to within 3', 9' target rings or on the green

Full-Swing Golf Skills

9 iron or PW (hit between the target posts for points)

7 iron (hit between the target posts for points)

5 iron or Hybrid (hit between the target posts for points)

Driver (hit between the target posts for points)

Note: Last ball from each golf skills station counts as **DOUBLE POINTS**

Player's Advantage Golf Skills Scorecards are issued to each player (competing as an individual).....or to each group of less experienced players (competing as either a 2, 3, or 4 person team). Scorecards identify the points system for each station.

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Proximity "Prox" 9 Hole On-Course Challenge - **Session #2** **(meet at clubhouse area)**

Boys & Girls

.....following Player Check-In and Warm-Up on Practice Range

Hit the Shots....similar to a round of golf

Stakes (hitting stations) on Each Hole Played

Skilled Division Positions Less Skilled Division Positions

3 to 4 Person Teams

Each player hits from the positioned stake.

To Earn 1 point.....ball has to stay on the green

Closest ball to the hole earns 2 points.....winning the "Prox"

"In-the-Hole" earns additional points.

No putts.....move on to the next hole....for the next challenge.

Why this Challenge? To facilitate the player's ability to complete 9 Holes of Play within the given time-frame.....and to help each golfer to remain focused.....to keep their attention.

**The Goal is to give each player invaluable "course time"..... real targets..... focus on a critical scoring skill (approach shots are pivotal).....and
GREAT FUN!!!**

**Players will see what they need to work on.....
and motivate some players to recognize the value of SHORT GAME SHOTS.**

**Players will start to think "Proximity" to the flag.....
a good focus for now and in years to come!**

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What is "Target Par" Challenge ? - Session #3 **(meet in clubhouse area)**

....a graduated length method of scoring par or better.

Scoring is the ultimate goal. Performance is measured by score. What did you shoot?

"Target Par" is an on-course challenge providing the opportunity for players to experience an eagle, birdie, par.....but not more. This is accomplished even in the early stages of learning the game.....actually from Day 1.

This program is also referred to as **"Graduated Length Method"** of learning and advancing in the game.

How Does It Work?

Individual players or teams of players start from a marker on the putting green. As the TARGET of PAR or better is scored.....individual players or teams will move back to the next station (marker).....with the TARGET of scoring PAR or better from that station.

As long as PAR is scored.....players move back to the next station (marker) until PAR is scored from all stations (markers).

Getting Started

Putting Green - From a designated position.....record score of par 4 or better. Once this is accomplished.....advance to the next station.

Chip Shot - From a designated Chip Shot station.....chip & finish the hole.....with the goal of scoring a par 4 or better. Once this is accomplished.....advance to the next station.

Pitch Shot - Same procedures as stated above.

Lob Shot - Same procedures as stated above.

Bunker Shot - Same procedures as stated above.

50 Yards from Green - 100 Yards from Green - 200 Yards - From Designated Tee Markers

In a "Target Par" competition.....winners are determined by the individual or team advancing the farthest back from the green.

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What is "Stake to Steak" Golf Challenge? - Session #4 (meet in clubhouse area)

The Indian River Golf Foundation is in a constant state of making the game of golf MORE FUN!!!
The game "Stake to Steak" is another example.

What does **STAKE** mean?

As an individual or team is playing a golf course.....colored stakes are placed in the fairway.....indicating the desired location of each shot.

For example.....Everyone hits a tee shot. If any ball does not get to the STAKE in the fairway.....that player picks up their ball.....and places it beside the stake. Now the player is ready to hit shot # 2. If shot #2 does not get to the NEXT STAKE in the fairway.....again....pick up that balland place beside that next stake.....ready to hit shot #3.

Balls hit "in-play" BEYOND any STAKE are to be played without advancing the ball....as there is no need.

On **Par 5** holes.....one stake is placed for the DRIVE.....one stake is placed for the 2nd shot.....a third stake is placed for the PITCH SHOT.

On **Par 4** holes.....one stake is placed for the DRIVE.....one stake is placed for the PITCH SHOT.

On **Par 3** holes.....one stake is placed for the PITCH SHOT.

With this program in place.....players advance around the golf course.....hitting all shots..
...but moving around with a desired pace-of-play.

Where does the **STEAK** part come in?

The **STEAK** is what a player can win. Every time a player is required to move their ball to a stake.....add one point. You want the least number of points in this game. Players or teams with the fewest points win their division.

The IRGF has sufficient funds to finance **STEAK** gift cards from **Steak & Shake**

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What is the Player's Advantage Golf Skills Championship?

Session #5 (BONUS) – meet at clubhouse area

.....a points system for measuring golf skill performance levels.

3 p.m. – Saturday, August 26th

Report to Main Clubhouse

Sandridge Golf Club

Winning Players in each Division receive.....

Boys – Sal Spallone Award

Girls – Jackie Stoelting Award

High School – Middle School – Upper Elementary – Lower Elementary

*Entry Fee: No Cost – Included in the **Thursday Games***

Parents & IRGF Player Cadets serve as Scorekeepers for younger players

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