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ISC AWARDS AREA'S TOP SENIORS

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For the 21st consecutive year, the ISC awarded college scholarships that now total more than \$83,000 since the program's inception in 1997.

Nearly 70 applications from graduating seniors at Tri-County area high schools were received this year, which made another difficult job for the selection committee.

Scholarship committee chairman Rich Moore utilized a detailed selection process that awards points based on three main criteria. 1) Varsity sport participation and awards. 2) Academic achievements including class rank, GPA and ACT score. 3) Participation in clubs, activities, church, community service, etc. Extra points can be earned by submitting additional information such as a resume, letters of recommendation or a personal essay.

After all applications were scored, the best were reviewed by the scholarship committee. This year, four boys and four girls were selected to receive \$1,000 each.

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Ryan Thornton, Limestone: Thornton earned a total of nine varsity letters in football, basketball, track and wrestling. He will attend Augustana College to play football.

Carson Potts, Dunlap: Potts lettered all four years in cross country and track, including all-state recognition and was an IHSA state qualifier. He will attend Southern Illinois University and play in the orchestra.

Blake Begner, Peoria Heights: Begner collected 14 varsity letters in baseball, basketball, football and bass fishing. He capped his scholastic career by leading his school to the Class 1A state baseball championship and was named the Journal Star Player of the Year. He will attend Illinois Central College to play baseball.



Jacob Gillium, Metamora: Gillium earned 11 varsity letters in cross country, basketball and track and was selected as the Journal Star Runner of the Year in cross country. He will continue his running career at Illinois State University.

Lexy Trammel, Limestone: Trammel won 10 letters in basketball, softball and volleyball and received all-state recognition in basketball. She will attend Illinois Central College to play softball.

Allison Kinsinger, Washington: Kinsinger was a four-year letterwinner in golf, where she won the Mid-Illini Conference tournament and finished 21st at the IHSA state tournament. She will attend Butler University to play golf.

Natalie Cokel, Princeville: Cokel collected nine varsity letters in golf, basketball and softball. She was an all-state selection in softball and led her school to the state finals. She will attend the University of Illinois-Springfield to play softball.

Nicole Thurman, Brimfield: Thurman lettered in volleyball and basketball, where she earned all-state recognition. She will attend Illinois State University.

Wet and Wild Time at Golf Outing

It rained hard all morning.

And it rained all evening. Even harder.

But for several hours in between, long enough to squeeze in 18 frigid holes, Mother Nature opened a window of opportunity that allowed the Independent Sports Club to host the Mike Stout Memorial Golf Outing on May 19 at Arrowhead Country Club.

Considering the increased possibility for rain, moving the outing from June to May was a risky proposition. It didn't help that morning's morale that the day before was ideal, with sunny skies and temperatures in the low 80s. But moving the event to a Friday at a private club allowed us to attract our largest field in years. Twenty-five teams totalling 99 golfers signed up this year, many of them by using online registration at www.iscpeoria.com. Amazingly, when you consider the miserable weather, 99 hearty souls showed up and took their whacks at Arrowhead.

Matt Meyer -- an Arrowhead member and co-chairman of the ISC golf committee -- should be commended for recruiting several new foursomes this year. Thanks to Meyer's efforts, our ranks swelled by 36 players over 2016 numbers. Special thanks should be given to Arrowhead head professional Chad Robbins, superintendent Reid Koberg and their staffs. Not only did they allow us on the golf course on a very wet day, unrestricted use of golf carts allowed for a pretty quick pace of play and more time to retreat to the warmth and hospitality of the clubhouse.

As usual, the food was hot, the drinks were cold and the prizes were plentiful. Thanks to the collective effort of the ISC board members and the generosity of those who purchased raffle tickets, dozens of prizes and lots of cash left in most everyone's hands.

Overall, the event raised nearly \$5,000 for the ISC, which exists solely to benefit youth sports in central Illinois.

As the evening wound down, a handful of ISC board members past and present reflected on the current financial



health of the club and how it stood in stark contrast to a not-so-distant past. Fittingly, some after-dinner remarks from current board member and past president Bill King gave credit where it's due.

"There was time when this club was in serious trouble," King said of the ISC, which formed in 1945. "But thanks to his hard work and dedication, Mike Stout, almost single-handedly, saved us."

So a tip of the visor to all those who helped make this year's event another success. But especially to the man for which it is named, Mike Stout.

EVENT RESULTS

A Flight winners (11-under 61): John Meyer, Terry Schoedel, Jim Thornton, Mike Bromley.

A Flight runner-up (10-under 62): Kyle Portugal, Joe Hash, Ken Matheny, Tom Duncan.

B Flight winners (4-under 68): Jim Stoner, Dan Silverthorn, Kyle Sauder, Matt Weisner.

B Flight runner-up (68): Jeff Jenkins, Larry Erickson, Denny McCullough, Joe Dixon.

A Flight Skins

Jeff Doeden (3 on No. 2)
 Matt Meyer (2 on No. 4)
 Rich Moore (3 on No. 5)
 John Meyer (3 on No. 12)
 John Meyer (3 on No. 15)
 Bill King (2 on No. 17)

B Flight Skins

Jim Stoner (3 on No. 1)
 Jeff Jenkins (3 on No. 2)
 Ron King (2 on No. 4)
 Jim Stoner (3 on No. 14)
 Greg Stewart (3 on No. 18)

Closest to Pin No. 13 -- Sam Hoerr

Longest Putt No. 18 -- Bob Kooy

Longest Drive No. 5 -- Mike Bromley

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Membership Night a Big Hit

Hungry guests were waiting for the doors to open at the ISC Membership Appreciation Night, which was held March 23 at Alexander's Steakhouse.

Free to any paid member, the most well-attended event on our spring calendar hosted more than 100 and attracted several new members as well. The move to The Annex at Alexander's gave our group plenty of room to mingle and enjoy the outstanding spread provided by Alexander's and its owner, ISC member Steve Shaw. A big thanks to Shaw and his staff for a job well done!

The event also served as our annual election of officers. David Hunt was sworn in as President for 2017-18, with Bob Joseph elected Vice President. Outgoing president Geoff Smith will serve as Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year. New board members Loren Peacock and Adam Duvall were also introduced to the membership.

Currently, the list of ISC members is approaching 500.



NOTICE:

There are still 11 openings for the Half Way Club (where we sell only 300 tickets for \$12 each, then give 12 monthly winners \$150 each, resulting in a profit to the club of \$1,800). Send in your money today -- the odds are very good!



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Date, New Illini Coach Confirmed for ISC Coaches Smoker

We are pleased to announce that University of Illinois men's basketball coach Brad Underwood has accepted our invitation to join Bradley coach Brian Wardle as guests of honor for the 22nd annual ISC Coaches Smoker.

This year's event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11 at The Warehouse on State. The marquee event of our annual fundraising calendar, the Smoker (named for when cigar smoking used to dominate the room) provides a unique opportunity to engage Division-1 head coaches in an insightful, informative and entertaining evening.



Always a sold-out event, we will handle ticket sales the same way we have always managed them. Those who had tickets last year receive first rights to purchase them again. To be added to the wait list, please contact Jeff Doeden (309-453-3633) or Bill King (309-369-5128).

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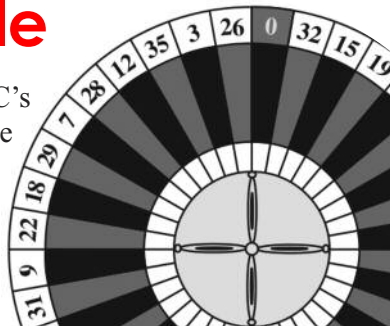
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Vegas Raffle

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Bags Tournament

There is still time to register for the **Inaugural ISC Bags Tournament**, which will be held **Saturday, July 22** at Knuckles Pizza in Dunlap.

ISC board member Kelly Griffin is leading this new event, which provides the club another fundraising opportunity in a popular format. An entry fee of \$40 for a two-player team guarantees you three games, with cash prizes paid to the winning teams.

The event starts at noon.

Details are available at www.iscpeoria.com.



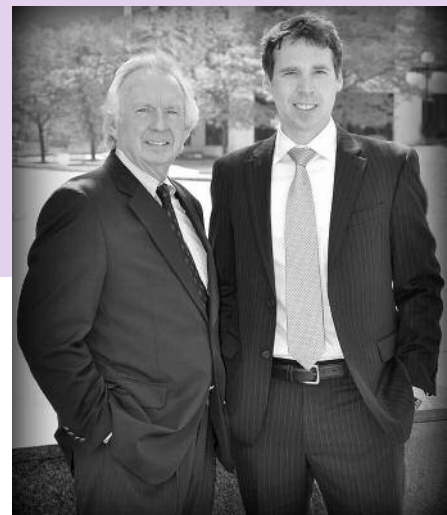
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