10/6/2026

Dear Friend,

Congratulations on your inclusion in the 10th Annual Founding Fathers Invitational. Enclosed in the following pages you will find information that may help you prepare for this prestigious event.

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Despite its best efforts, for the ninth consecutive tournament, Team Philly has made a roster adjustment. While we will miss the Good Doctor Kurd, we welcome back with great enthusiasm Mr. Bear Barton. Bear, you have been missed.

As always, we greatly look forward to your arrival later this week. Please feel free to call your captain should you have any compliments and your Assistant to the Captain should you have any substantive questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Team DC

General Logistics



Lodging: Za Bradley Hausen awaits. Check in will take place at the entry to the main clubhouse. If the rooms are not ready upon your arrival, the locker room will be available for changing (if necessary) and all luggage will be held at the Clubhouse.

As a reminder to those hailing from either the Philadelphia or Pittsburgh regions of Pennsylvania, gentlemen should remove their caps and speak in a respectful manner when inside the Clubhouse. Stonewashed denim is neither encouraged nor allowed in the Clubhouse or anywhere southeast of Altoona for that matter.

Cash Needs and General payment while at the Club(s): All personal charges (e.g. pro shop and food/bev while on the course) can and should be put to your room, which will be provided at check-in. Communal charges (i.e. joint meals), which, as Jeff will remind us are to be split 16 ways, will be charged to the Hosts and reimbursed (with typical and customary fees) at a later date.

The only cash requirements will be for the entry fee for both the tournament ($300) and the exhibition round ($25) as well as any additional games of chance in which you may be interested in partaking. Other than caddies (see below), there is no tipping at the Club. Any and all gambling in addition to the entry fee will be the responsibility of the individual player and should be in the form of crisp $20 bills. Venmo is for lazy millennials … and executives of fintech payment processing companies.

Travel/Transportation: Aside from longhaul travel, which we assume has been taken care of by someone other than Mundy, all local transportation will be taken care of by Team DC.

Caddies: Caddies have been provided for all rounds. Customary tip at Chevy is $80-$100 (as additional charges will be applied to the members) and Columbia is between $120-$140. Team DC will provide more precise guidance at the course.

Meals: See schedule for more detail regarding location.

Dress Code: Typical country club rules apply while on campus. Jackets are requested for the Champions Dinner on Thursday evening.

Cell Phones: Calls are prohibited at both clubs unless in specified areas (location guidance available upon request). Texting/scrolling is allowed but should be kept to a minimum. Please do not leave cell phones on the table during meals/socializing … this is more of a Carr Rule of Civility and should thusly be followed with great respect.

Non-Golf Schedule:

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11:30 – Chevy Chase Club arrival. Room check-in (if available)
11:45 – Lunch at Winter Center patio. A la Carte menu.
12:45 – Congressional players depart. Chevy players warm up/cocktail.
5:30 – Post-golf hang (shower/check-in/cocktails)
6:45 – Chevy players depart for Rolando's House of Meat (and Cheese)
7:00 – Congressional players return to Chevy for shower/turnaround.
7:00 – Chevy players enjoy sunset cocktails at RHoMC
8:00 – Welcome Dinner and Matchup Draft at RHoMC

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7:15 – Depart Chevy for Columbia Country Club. All bags must be out of rooms and brought to car or left in locker room.
12:30 – Lunch @ Chevy Chase Club (Tap Room patio)
6:00 – Post round showers/cocktails (upstairs locker room)
6:30 – Cocktails and Raw Bar (Chevy Chase Club – Clubroom Balcony, 2nd Floor)
7:30 – Dinner (Chevy Chase Club – Clubroom, 2nd Floor)
9:30 – Depart for PHL



The famed 16th Hole at Columbia Country Club – rumor has it this hole inspired Bobby Jones to create the 12th at Augusta. More importantly, this hole was also the scene of P Shan's first words to Kevin Keating (FFI – 2018) since the 2nd hole that morning (3 hrs, 14 mins). Still an FFI record of solitude. RIP Keating.

Match Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Pairing	Pairing
Practice Round		Score 24		
10/7	1:24	Chevy Chase Club	Miller/Tuohey	Burke/Shanahan, P
10/7	1:36	Chevy Chase Club	Carr/Nathan	Hopkins/Shanahan, J
10/7	1:52	Congressional CC	Keegan/Etherington	Quereau/Etherington
Match 1: Foursomes	**F9 = 1pt**	**B9 = 1pt**	**Overall = 1pt**	**12 TOTAL POINTS**
10/8	8:00	Columbia CC	TBA	TBA
10/8	8:10	Columbia CC	TBA	TBA
10/8	8:20	Columbia CC	TBA	TBA
10/8	8:30	Columbia CC	TBA	TBA
Match 2: Fourball	**F9 = 2pts + 1 CO**	**B9 = 2pts + 1pt CO**	**Overall = 2pts**	**24 TOTAL PTS AVAIL**
10/8	1:36	Chevy Chase Club	TBA	TBA
10/8	1:48	Chevy Chase Club	TBA	TBD
10/8	2:00	Chevy Chase Club	TBA	TBA
10/8	2:12	Chevy Chase Club	TBA	TBA



FFI 2022 – The So-Called Beatdown in Bethesda … Welcome back, Bear!

Rules and Scoring

Rules: USGA rules oversee all course activities, unless expressly agreed upon by both parties or listed below.[1]

- **Winter rules may apply** (lift, clean, place in your appropriate fairway only) IF agreed upon prior to play. Gimmes and Mullis are at the discretion of the foursome.
- For pace of play reasons, **out-of-bounds penalties will be played as a stroke-and-distance penalty, but the offending player may drop the ball in the nearest shortly mowed area to where his ball exited the field of play**. Play 'ready golf' and the TLC reminds all players that time is of the essence.
- Triple bogey is the maximum score allowed, but should the hole be decided by triple bogey, the legitimate triple (vs the pick-up) will carry the hole. Player should immediately remove his ball from competition on any hole once a triple-b has been reached. **Player should then contemplate his priorities in life prior to rejoining the competition.** No, Pat and Jeff, this rule will not most likely apply to you.
- Any **wagering on the course** is at the complete and unilateral discretion of the members of the foursome. The tournament committee does not specifically or explicitly condone or condemn opportunities for financial risk taking/alternative mortgage-payment strategies. Need help with a gambling problem? Please call 1-800-522-4700.



FFI – 2020. Note 1: Team DC unity, as represented by their matching outfits. Note 2: Continued roster attrition of Team Philadelphia. Note 3: The size of team DC QZ's.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS/SCORING

- **FFI Round 1 – Foursomes (Max 3 points = 1 point for the front, back and overall). 12 TOTAL POINTS**
    - Best net score wins hole. In the case of a tie, the hole is halved.
    - Players alternate tee shots
    - In the event of a penalty requiring a reshot, the next shot is taken by the offending player's partner
- **FFI Round 2 – Fourball (Max 8 points = F9 and B9 + Closeout 2+1, Overall 2) 24 TOTAL POINTS**
    - Best net score wins hole. In the case of a tie, the hole is halved.
    - Primary match worth two (2) points. Once the nine-hole match has been closed out (ex: 3 up with 2 to play) a new match begins worth one (1) additional point.
    - If the closeout match is tied, each team receives .5 points.
    - If a closeout hole(s) are not necessary, an additional .5 point is NOT awarded.
    - There will not be a closeout match for the 18-hole match
    - Overall match winner will receive two points. Min six points avail. Max eight points.
- **Practice Round[2] – Score 24**
    - Each team of two records 24 total scores (to par)
    - Each player must take a minimum of 11 scores
    - Each player must 'accept' or 'reject' a score PRIOR to hitting the tee shot on the subsequent hole
    - Net scores only



Harambe (2018 MVP), as found in his natural habitat. Accompanied by Mr. Connolly and Nightime Keegan. 10/24/18.
NOTE: Picture taken just prior to the "Half-a-mil Challenge" … still yet to be played/scheduled.

[2] For those playing



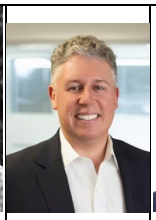
Aerial Shot of the 17th Hole. Notice the fairway extends beyond the bunkers on the left. Just something to consider.

FFI Historical Results

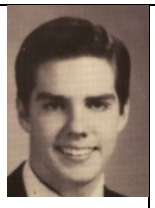
Year	Location		Score	Champion	MVP
2018	Applebrook	Aronimink	12-6	Team Philly	P. Shanahan
2018	Columbia	Chevy	15.5-12.5	Team DC	R. Miller
2019	Applebrook	Applebrook	17.5-10.5	Team Philly	B. Etherington
2020	Chevy	Columbia	14.5-9.5	Team DC	M. Hopkins
2021	Applebrook	Applebrook	15-13	Team DC	D. Tuohey
2022	Columbia	Chevy	21-11	Team DC	B. Delany
2023	Applebrook	Aronimink	16-12	Team Philly	2G Quereau
2024	Farmington	----------	17-15	Team DC	S. Keegan
2025	Gulph Mills	Aronimink	15-13	Team DC	V. Burke
2026	Columbia CC	Chevy Chase	TBD	TBD	TBD

2022 Team Rosters

Team Philly

								
Player	Shanahan, Jeff (Capt)	Shanahan, Pat (Alt Capt/CFO)	Barton, Bear	Etherington, Ben	Etherington, Luke	Lesage Jr, Wayne	Nathan, Rob	Quereau, Ben
Home Club	Aronimink Golf Club	Aronimink Golf Club	Philadelphia Country Club	Gulph Mills Golf Club	Gulph Mills Golf Club	Aronimink Golf Club	Applebrook Golf Club	Waynesborough Country Club
FFI Index ('26 low)	2.6 (2.1)	+0.6 (+1.8)	4.5 (3.4)	5.1 (4.6)	5.6 (3.0)	1.5 (.4)	8.6 (7.6)	2.4 (1.5)
Roster Security Status (H/M/L)	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High

Team DC[3]

									
Player	Hopkins, Matt (Capt)	Delany, Brendan (Assistant to the Capt)	Carr, Jon (Mngr, Fabrics)	Burke, Vince	Connolly, Chris	Keegan, Sean	Miller, Roland	Tuohey, Devin
Home Club	Columbia Country Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Philadelphia Country Club
FFI Index ('26 low)	10.5 (10.1)	18.2 (17.9)	4.0 (3.3)	10.8 (10.4)	3.7 (2.2)	2.6 (1.5)	4.6 (4.4)	10.7 (10.3)

Pairings: Intros and Breakdown

Inspired by the recently completed Presidents Cup[4], the matchups will be drafted at the Welcome Dinner.

Nevertheless, the team captains have already selected pairings based on (Team Philly) a highly advanced (and proprietary) algorithm that strikes the ideal balance between winning and not-losing or (Team DC) the appropriate diversity of thought and jovial spirit.

[3] Handicap Averages: Team PHL = 3.7 | Team DC = 8.3 … Honestly, feels like it would have been a wider spread

[4] This idea came from Pat. He is going to bring it up at some point, so we might as well just get it out of the way here.

TEAM PHL PAIRINGS: ROUND 1 (FOURSOMES)

Pat Shanahan (0)	Third Party Perspective		Jeff Shanahan (4)	Third Party Perspective
	**Overview**: Asst Capt Shanahan, who claims he has found a deeper meaning to life, calls on FFI veteran LEverly to carry the weight of "not screwing up". A number of players have tried … and many of them are no longer on the roster. Good luck, Luke. We are all rooting for you.			**Overview**: Just 12 mos ago these two were in a bitter letter writing campaign about pace of play. Now, we are supposed to believe all is kumbaya. Some wounds take time to heal. In other news the betting public should be aware that Mr. Lesage is arriving late following some trip to somewhere no one knows. Excuse me? I hope he is flying private. Where's Mundy when you need him.
Luke Etherington (7)			**Wayne Lesage, Jr (2)**	
				
Alt Shot Handicap: 3.5	% Chance of Winning: TBA		Alt Shot Handicap: 3	% Chance of Winning: TBA

Ben Etherington (7)	Third Party Perspective		Bear Barton (6)	Third Party Perspective
	**Overview:** Now this is a team with a long history of mutual respect. The wives are pals. The kids are probably friends … come to thin about it, I am not sure what the kid situation is. Anyway, not important, this seems like a overwhelming favorite for Team PHL … unless 2G Quereau gets going on a little lady known as No Face Mom. In that case, all bets are off.			**Overview**: Well well well - looky who we have here! After a long layoff of self-reflection, Mr. Barton returns – fresh off a month-long hunting trip. No tech. No modern amenities … nothing but your courage and guile to keep you alive. And on the other hand – we have Capt Cashmere. A man who depends solely on mahogany-lined walls of private country clubs to keep him safe. Match made in heaven? We will find out soon enough.
Ben Quereau (3)			**Rob Nathan (11)**	
				
Alt Shot Handicap: 5	% Chance of Winning: TBA		Alt Shot Handicap: 8.5	% Chance of Winning: TBA

TEAM DC PAIRINGS: ROUND 1 (FOURSOMES)

Chris Connolly (5)	**Third Party Perspective**		**Jon Carr (5)**	Third Party Perspective
	**Overview**: Let's start with the positives. Both are college athletes. Both have loving families. Both probably have great credit ratings.			**Overview**: Let's just get this out of the way – Carr is missing a couple teeth. Before you ask, no – nothing is wrong. No – he hasn't started to lean into synthetic drugs and no, he doesn't really want to talk about it.
Devin Tuohey (13)	Now, lets perhaps dive into the 'challenges'. Senor Tuohey has averaged 3 hours of sleep since last Thurs courtesy of an epic Phishing trip to Atlantic City. Mr. Connolly, on the other hand, has a wrist injury that seems incapable of healing (ever heard of The Stranger for chrissakes).		**Sean Keegan (4)**	
	Still, I wouldn't bet against them … especially in this event.			Okay – back to golf. This team is … well, this team is quite impressive. Draws, fades, punch outs - these guys have the shots. Jokes? No problem – what's your favorite flavor (race, religion, wiener size?). Cocktails? Sure – let's party. Good luck team Philly … you'll need it.
Alt Shot Handicap: 9	% Chance of Winning: TBA		Alt Shot Handicap: 4.5	% Chance of Winning: TBA

Brendan Delany (22)	**Third Party Perspective**		**Vince Burke (13)**	**Third Party Perspective**
	**Overview**: What do most players do to prepare for this epic event (planned nearly 6 mos in advance)? Probably hit some balls? Maybe even work on some putting? … Not Delahns. He heads to the desert for a 200mi run. Not to worry – Hop has run the numbers and this looks like an all-upside opportunity, much like the Triple Net investment space.			**Overview**: This finely groomed, yet ready to party, pairing has found mucho success-o in FFI, compiling one of the tournament's most impressive record. Alt Shot provides THE opportunity to test all the elements of a partnership – be it love of fine wine, delicious meats or even country club locker room accoutrements – and we are here for it.
Matt Hopkins (13)			**Rolando Miller (6)**	
				
Alt Shot Handicap: 17.5	% Chance of Winning: TBA		Alt Shot Handicap: 8.5	% Chance of Winning: TBA

TEAM PHL PAIRINGS: ROUND 2 (FOURBALL) – 90% Handicaps

(Writeups available with subscription)

Bear Barton (6)	Wayne Lesage (3)		Ben Etherington (7)	Rob Nathan (11)
				

Jeff Shanahan (4)	Pat Shanahan (1)		Luke Etherington (7)	Ben Quereau (4)
				

TEAM DC PAIRINGS: ROUND 2 (FOURBALL) – 90% Handicaps

Sean Keegan (4)	Roland Miller (6)		Jon Carr (6)	Brendan Delany (21)
				

Vince Burke (13)	Chris Connolly (5)		Matt Hopkins (13)	Devin Tuohey (13)
				

MATCHUPS TO BE RELEASED AT THE WELCOME DINNER – OCTOBER 7th - 9PM.

As Always … a parting note from the captains.



Play well gentlemen. Don’t forget to enjoy the walk.