

Golf tournament to help medical center

The 15th annual "Slice of Life" golf tournament will open with a shotgun start at 8:30 Sunday, June 6, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Bud Stallworth will be there. So will Jo Jo White. And Bobby Douglass, just to name a few of the sport celebrities on the list this year.

The tournament is part of the "Slice of Life" benefit, including an auction, which is the major fund raiser of the year for the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation and the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Over a decade and a half, the annual benefit has raised almost \$250,000 for the center. Some of the money is used for scholarships for area students studying for a career

in health care who agree to return and work for the center.

The tournament format consists of three-player teams, either men, women or mixed. The teams will be divided into four flights, with the top three teams in each flight receiving prizes. Par for the course is 71 for 18 holes, 35 on the front nine and 36 on the back.

The entry fee is \$120 per player or \$360 per team. That includes cart and green fees, lunch, beverages, and two tickets to the auction per player.

Three holes will offer a special prize for a hole-in-one. Players will have the chance to win a 2004 Harley Davidson motorcycle, an automobile or \$10,000 in cash split

between the player and the foundation.

Brenda McCants, patient relations and marketing director at the medical center, said about 20 teams have signed up and there is still room for more. She said people interested in playing in the tournament should register within the next two weeks.

The benefit social and auction will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main Ave. Guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while they mingle with entertainment, political and sports celebrities. Items up for auction include trips, hotel stays, recreation items and autographed movie posters and

pictures.

Sports memorabilia autographed by celebrities from the NFL, NBA, NHL, NASCAR and NCAA will be up for bid. Admission to the auction and social for those not playing in the golf tournament is \$30 per person.

This year's honorary chairman is former Kansas Jayhawk basketball player Issac "Bud" Stallworth. He was the first-round draft choice for the Seattle SuperSonics in 1972 and later played for the New Orleans Jazz.

Former Jayhawk Jo Jo White also will be there. White was a first-round draft choice of the Boston Celtics in 1969 and played 10 seasons with the team. Other former

NBA players participating are former San Antonio Spur George "Iceman" Gervin and former Denver Nuggets Walter Davis and "Fatty" Taylor.

Former Denver Broncos taking part this year include last year's honorary chairman, Billy Thompson, Larry Brunson, Jack Gehrke, John Grant, Fran Lynch, Wade Manning, Leroy Mitchell, Dave Studdard and Willie Oshodin.

Former members of the Kansas City Chiefs include 2003's honorary chairman Walter White, Jerry Cornelison, Larry Marchall, Ted McKnight, Tony Reed, Dave Lindstrom and Billy Masters.

Olympic gold medalist, and Vietnam veteran, Mel Pender also will

be on hand. Pender earned a gold medal as part of the 4x100-meter relay team in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Other celebrities attending include Larry "Gator" Rivers, Bucky Schribner, Charley Johnson, Cliff Meely and Douglass. Douglass, a native of El Dorado, played quarterback for the University of Kansas, taking the team to the Orange Bowl in 1968, and went on to the Chicago Bears.

For information or to register for the tournament, call the co-directors, Dale Schields at (785) 890-6005 or Mary Ann Elliott at (785) 890-6024.

Lady Outlaws open their season Saturday

Girls from Kansas and Colorado will converge on Centennial Park for fastpitch softball action starting at 9 a.m. Saturday as Goodland plays host for a tournament for the first time in more than 10 years.

Joining the Lady Outlaws of Goodland will be the Burlington Cougars and the Colby Sweet Thunder, along with teams from Hill City and Sharon Springs. Each team, made up of girls 14 and under, will play at least four seven-inning games.

The games will have a 1 hour 15 minute time limit to help keep

things rolling. The final game of the day is expected to start between 3 and 4 p.m.

The tournament, organized by the Goodland coaches, will be the season opener for all five teams.

Grady Bonsall is coaching the Lady Outlaws this season, assisted by Chris Bauman and Randy Gausman.

Bonsall, who was an assistant coach last season, said he has 12 players on the team this year and that most of the teams have between 12 and 15 players. This is the first season the team will be known as the Lady Outlaws.

Cowgirls fall to Greenbacks in first round

The Goodland High School softball team played its final game of the season Monday against the Lady Greenbacks of Pratt High School, losing 16-1 in the first round of the regional playoffs.

Pratt jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the first inning, increasing its margin to 12-0 after the second. In the third inning, the Greenbacks added another four runs to make it 16-0.

The Cowgirls got on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth when senior Cortney Schields hit a single to start the inning and, four batters later, scored on a single by senior Lauren Gray. Pratt failed to score in the bottom of the fourth, but the Greenback defense held Goodland to a "three-and-out" and the game was called on the "10 after five" rule.



L. Gray



J. Mentzer



C. Schields



D. Thompson



T. Windell

Pratt went on to defeat Ulysses 5-0 Wednesday, then later that same day lost to Colby 6-1 in eight innings in the finals. The Lady Eagles of Colby will advance to the Class 4A state tournament at the Bill Burke Complex in Salina May 28-29.

The Cowgirls ended their 2004 campaign with a 4-15 overall record. Freshman Chelsea Gray led the team with 24 hits, including five doubles. Freshman Whitney Archer

was second on the hit list with 20 and led the team with three triples. Archer tied with Schields in runs scored with 12.

Sophomore Melissa Swager led the girls with 11 runs batted in and in doubles with six. Four players hit five doubles: Chelsea Gray, Archer, Schields and senior Deanna Thompson.

Five seniors played their last game as a Cowgirl Monday. Tomi

Windell finished the season with 19 hits, including a triple and four doubles, and drove in five runs. Jennifer Mentzer finished with 13 hits, all

singles, and drove in six runs. Schields had 14 hits and five runs batted in.

As a pitcher, Lauren Gray was 3-8 for the season with 29 strikeouts. At the plate, she had nine hits, including a double, and drove in seven runs. Thompson's pitching record was 1-5 with 18 strikeouts; on offense she had 13 hits, including two triples, and drove also drove in seven runs.

Do working stopwatches exist?

I bought a stopwatch about two weeks ago for about \$7.

It had all kinds of features, like keeping the time of day, the day of the week, along with the month and year. I could set it to read time by either 12 hours (regular) or 24 hours (military) time, and I could have set it sound an alarm.

It came with lengthy but simple instructions how to set all these features. Not bad for \$7, and it all worked except the timing function, which is what I wanted it for.

This is not a complaint against the store — I took the stopwatch back and got my money without any hassle — but I still don't have a functioning stopwatch, at least one I'm confident will work the way it's supposed to. I have a couple, bought elsewhere, a different brand and, like the one I just bought, cost about \$7 and were made in China.

The problem is, I usually have to buy three stopwatches to get one that works. Even then, they only work reliably for about four months. All the added features work, just not the one function I buy them for.

I've been to sport specialty stores, but all they seem to have is the same brand and models, only at three times the price. So I'm asking, does anyone know where I can get a reliable stopwatch without any additional features? After all, I have a wrist watch for the other stuff, which I bought, on sale, for \$5. It has worked perfectly so far.

In my quest to find some sense in college football, I found something new. As probably two or three readers know, I've been looking into what's in store for NCAA Division I-AA football next season.

So far, I've griped about conferences that were too big, too small,



greg stover

• greg's gripes

too confusing and too stubborn. Now there is a new one, the Great West Football Conference.

The good news is that it is made up of football teams that do not belong to conferences that sponsor football, such as the Mid-Continent and Big West conferences, which I already said was a good idea.

The bad news is that it only has six teams, which makes it too small. That means, however unlikely, a team could win the conference title but — if it loses all six non-conference games — college football will have a champion unbeaten in conference play but with an overall losing record.

One problem with new conferences is the getting the respect of the others. All new conferences experience this, but for the Great West, it's worse because four of its six teams are in their first or second

year of transition from Division II to Division I-AA for football.

Some people will see this as an indication that the Great West is a temporary home, useful only until these school complete their transition and join "real" conferences. I hope not, I believe the best solution for schools that have football and belong to conferences that do not sponsor it is to form football-only conferences, like the Pioneer Football League.

Of course, the 2004 Great West champion will not automatically qualify for any post-season play. However, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Southern Utah University, both Division I-AA independents last season, can still earn a playoff spot as an at-large team.

Yes, that's right. Division I-AA has a playoff system while Division I-A doesn't, but that's something to gripe about later.

Also I think a four-year transition period is too long, too complicated and too frustrating for the student-athletes involved.

2004 "Slice of Life" Benefit Auction & Golf Tournament June 5 & 6, 2004

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Honorary Chairman



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Auction items include Avalanche Forsberg Autographed Hockey Stick, Richard Petty Driving Experience, SHREK II autographed items, Chiefs Team Ball, Broncos Ball, Kurt Heinrich Basketball; Accommodations, Trips and many more great film and sports memorabilia items. Come join the fun with our special guests on Saturday evening, June 5 at 6:00 PM at the VFW for \$30.00 (includes great food, beverage and musical entertainment from Kansas City). Tickets available at Mr. Jim's His Shop, VFW and GRMC Central Registration. For more information on the Benefit Auction Contact Brenda McCants at 785-890-6036

Want to play golf? Entry Fee \$120 per person (includes auction ticket and a fun day of golf with grand prizes and a chance to mix *and mingle with our very special guests). Contact Dale Schields at 785-890-6005 to sign up NOW! Space is limited.

Go Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Goodland High School

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