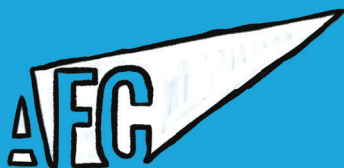


August 9, 2026  
Royal Ontario  
Golf Club



ANNIVERSARY EDITION

30<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
**Big Swing**  
Golf Tournament



# Message from The AFC Board President

Thirty years ago, a group of industry friends teed off at Shawneeki Golf Club with a handful of sponsors, donated prizes, and a big idea. They raised about \$3,500. Nobody knew what they were starting.

Today, we're at the Royal Ontario Golf Club celebrating the 30th Annual Big Swing, and more than **\$1,000,000** raised for entertainment professionals across Canada.

That's not a typo.

One million dollars. Raised one swing at a time, by people who believe our industry is only as strong as the people who power it.

This year feels different. Not just because of the milestone, but because of what that milestone represents: **three decades of showing up**. Through SARS and COVID. Through labour disruptions and economic uncertainty. Through the feast-or-famine reality that so many of us know all too well. The Big Swing kept going, because the need kept going.

The AFC exists for the moments when the work dries up, when health fails, when crisis hits without warning. Emergency financial assistance, mental health supports, financial wellness programs, and career sustainability resources are the cornerstones of The AFC's services. They are lifelines for the people in our community who are struggling quietly while the industry moves on.

**Your presence here today changes that.**

Every sponsorship, every donation, every dollar raised today is a direct investment in the people who write the scripts, run the cables, perform the roles, and build the stages that make this industry what it is.

**A heartfelt thank you** to the founders of this tournament - **Judah Katz** and **Phil Flagler** - whose original vision made all of this possible. Thank you to our Golf Committee Chair and The AFC Board member **Kevin Hanchard**, and long-time committee member **Eugene Clark**, for the dedication and passion that brings this event to life each year.

Thank you to our sponsors whose generosity is what makes this event work. And to every golfer, volunteer, and supporter here today: **you are the reason we're still swinging.**

Here's to 30 years. Here's to the next 30. Now let's play some golf.

**Amy Cameron**  
Board President

## Schedule of Events

- 6:30 AM** Registration opens + breakfast bar
- 7:45 AM** Call to carts
- 8:00 AM** Shotgun start
- 1:30 PM** Post-tournament buffet lunch + prizes, raffle, and brief remarks

# Scramble Format Rules

The format for this tournament is a **four-person scramble**.

This format requires that all players start from the appropriate tee markers. **A minimum of three drives per player must be used during the round.** These drives must be clearly marked on the scorecard and the player responsible for each drive must be recorded.

After all four players' initial drives, the designated captain must select the one ball to be played next. The position of the ball is marked and all players bring their balls to this mark. **Balls must be placed no more than 6" in radius from the ball chosen.** Players can place the ball on the ground but cannot improve the lie (i.e. if a ball chosen lies in a hazard or rough, all balls must be played from that lie within the 6" radius. You cannot deliberately improve the conditions).

This process is repeated on each shot until the ball is holed. One score is recorded for the foursome. All four players must take a shot in sequence from each chosen ball. **No player may hit a shot on behalf of another member of their team.** In the case of a threesome, the fourth shot shall be rotated through the three players through the 18 holes.

It is the responsibility of the captain to ensure that the proper names of each player in the group are clearly marked on the scorecard and the player responsible for each drive must be recorded. It is the responsibility of the captain to ensure that all of the rules of the format are upheld. Any violation of the above rules shall lead to disqualification of the entire team.

**Please keep the course beautiful.** Fix your ball marks, rake the traps and fill your divots. Please always follow cart path rules. **In the interest of fast play, if your group reaches a score of two over par, please pick up your ball and go to the next hole.**



## Big Swing Contest Holes

| HOLE #               | CONTEST                                   | SPONSOR                                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Putting Green</b> | Putting Contest                           | Krypton Rental Group                              |
| <b>2</b>             | Closest to the Pin - Men                  | Blink49 Studios                                   |
| <b>4</b>             | Straightest Drive - Men                   | Eugene Clark's "Big Daddy" Zombie Productions LLC |
| <b>7</b>             | Closest to the Keg                        | IATSE 873                                         |
| <b>8</b>             | Pot of Gold                               | TAMAC                                             |
| <b>9</b>             | Longest Drive - Women                     | Canada Life                                       |
| <b>11</b>            | Closest to the Pin - Women                | Blink49 Studios                                   |
| <b>14</b>            | Straightest Drive - Women                 | Cinespace Studios                                 |
| <b>15</b>            | Longest Drive - Men                       | Canada Life                                       |
| <b>17</b>            | \$10,000 Hole in One & Closest to the Pin | Front Row Insurance Brokers Inc.                  |

# Message from The Big Swing Founders

In an effort to keep the tournament competitive, but more inclusive for all teams in their various forms, we will award the winning foursome prizes in the following format:

## THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

*(We're good ... or at least we think we're good)*

Any foursome, regardless of gender or age makeup, that wants to enter the lowest overall score entered in the appropriate contest category.

## THE CHAMPIONS TOUR

*(Will be exempt from random drug testing)*

Any foursome composed of at least three players who are 50 years or older regardless of gender with the lowest score entered in the appropriate contest category.

## THE MIXED "MASTERS"

*(Where no one needs to know your age)*

Any foursome comprised of at least one - and up to four female players - with the lowest score entered in the appropriate category.

## MOST HONEST GOLFERS

*(Our pencils don't need an eraser)*

Any foursome regardless of its age or gender makeup that has the highest overall score entered in the appropriate contest category.

## HOW TO ENTER

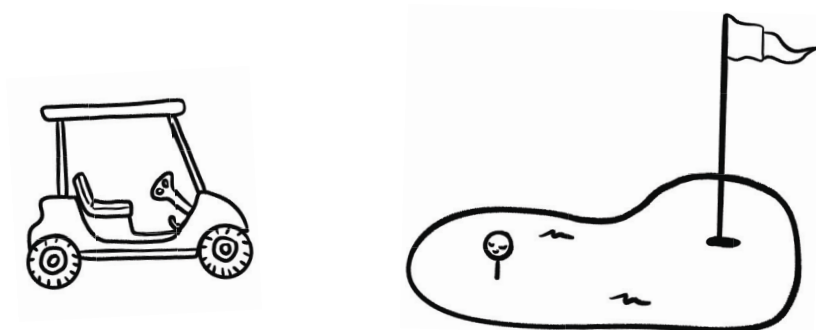
At the end of the round, clearly tally and mark your

team score and drop your completed scorecard into the appropriately marked container located in or near the pro shop. Each container will be clearly labeled with each of the four divisions. By placing your card in the specific container, your team will be in competition for the winning score in that particular division.

All of the other rules of the scramble format, including using three drives from each player, will still be in place.

Good luck!

Phil Flagler & Judah Katz



## **Big Swing Organizing Committee**

### **Chair**

Kevin Hanchard

### **Committee Members**

Eugene Clark

Phil Flagler

Judah Katz

### **Tournament Management**

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