



EREF's Socially-Distanced 2020 Fall Classic & Networking Event Brings Industry Together for Charity

Raleigh, NC (Aug. 25, 2020) – The Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) announced it will hold its 2020 Fall Classic & Networking Event in-person on September 30 – October 1 at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, NC. The event, one of the few in-person industry events this year, brings the industry back together with the support of GFL Environmental, the event's overall sponsor, as well as over 20 additional sponsors thus far. All proceeds from the tournament will support EREF's charitable mission to fund and direct scientific research and educational initiatives to establish sustainable waste management practices.

While EREF is working closely with Pinehurst staff to ensure the safety of guests, attendees can still expect the fun and quality networking opportunities that the Fall Classic has become synonymous with.

On Wednesday, September 30, the event will begin with an outside (weather permitting) putting contest and networking reception featuring hors d'oeuvres stations and open bars. Following a boxed grab-n-go style breakfast, the golf tournament tees off at 8:30 am on Course No. 3 and No. 5 on Thursday, October 1. The tournament will conclude with a contactless Awards Luncheon at 2:00 pm.

The format for the tournament will be four-person scramble with a shotgun start. Players on the first and second place teams will receive trophies and a framed team photo. Hole-in-one prizes will be given at all par threes, including the chance to win \$50,000 cash. There will also be other prize winning opportunities, including the chance to win a \$10,000 putting contest.

Get the Most Out of Your Time at Pinehurst!

Don't miss playing the short, 9-hole course that the Golf Channel calls, "*the most fun 10 acres in all of golf.*" The Cradle Short Course is only \$50 per person!

Special Golf Fees – available 3 days pre- and post-event (upon availability):

- Course No. 1, No. 3, No. 5: \$90 per person, per round (30% savings)
- Course No. 2: \$450 per person, per round (9% savings)
- Course No. 4: \$350 per person, per round (11% savings)
- Course No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9: \$240 per person, per round (15% savings)

Fall Classic registration, COVID-19 safety measures and other Pinehurst information is available at erefdn.org.

COVID-19 Safety Measures in Place

Below are measures EREF and Pinehurst are collaborating on for a safe experience:

- Socially distanced activities (e.g. outside as much as possible) and increased spacing between seats and tables
- Providing a mask to each attendee
- Sanitizing carts and other equipment
- Meals will be served by Pinehurst wait staff or packaged
- No-contact awards ceremony
- Temperature checks upon arrival

For the specific measures Pinehurst has implemented, [click here](#) for the "Pinehurst Promise".

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 30

- Welcome Reception and Putting Contest: 6:00 pm (Resort Club Veranda)

Thursday, October 1

- Breakfast/Registration: 6:30 am (Donald Ross Room at the Clubhouse)
- Shotgun Start: 8:30 am (Courses No. 3 and No. 5)
- Lunch: 2:00 pm (Donald Ross Room at the Clubhouse)

This year's Fall Classic sponsors – confirmed as of August 25, 2020 – include:

Overall Tournament Sponsor

GFL Environmental, Inc.

Major Giveaway

Wastequip

Welcome Reception & Bloody Mary Bars

Big Truck Rental

Golf Ball & Tee Markers

Caterpillar

Shirts

Volvo Construction Equipment

Golf Carts

Environmental Solutions Group

Hats

Covanta

Goody Bags & Hole-in-One Insurance

McNeilus

Putting Contest

Machinex

Golf Towels

Rush/Peterbilt

Beverage Carts

Waste360

Agru

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Mulligans

LaBella

Longest Marshmallow Drive Contest

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Holes

Card Payment Services, PTR
Baler, Rehrig Pacific Company,
Waste Advantage Magazine,
Waste Management, Weaver

Super Silent Mobile Bidding

Michelin

Face Masks

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Staff Shirts

Sierra Container Group

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Please send an e-mail to cconklin@erefdn.org for more information.

EREF is a 501(c)3 class charity that funds and directs scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices to benefit industry participants and the communities they serve. For more complete information on EREF funded research, its scholarship program and how to donate to this great cause, visit erefdn.org.

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