

My Good Friends,

April 27, 2005

Welcome to the 10th anniversary of my annual golf event. A total of 108 participants representing 6 states will compete for this year's Big Skins Championship. From this field are 6 prior champions, 12 rookies, and 10 seniors. Everything is locked up and ready to go. Please coordinate your plans so each of you can arrive between the hours of 8:00AM & 9:00AM on Friday May 6th at Firestone Farms.

FROM THE OHIO TURRNPIKE:

Take exit 232. Then take State Route # 7 South until you hit Route 14. Make a left going a 1/2 mile turning on the first road (Homestead Drive at the large stone entrance) and you will see the entrance to the golf course (Columbiana, OH).

This year's "**Penny a Yard**" registration will take place Friday morning. You must sign your name. All who do so will be competing in a separate skins game on Friday and Saturday only. At the dinner ceremony, after all other tournament skins are paid, six random holes will be drawn 1 through 18. They will represent the six holes that are paid out for both days. It is at this time that the payout (calculated by the yardage of those holes honored) will be determined.

Read the above again carefully. **All who owe must pay at the registration table at Pine Lakes Golf Course before the start of Sunday's round.** No exceptions. (Gary Iezzi).

After negotiations related to our reimbursement at Pine Lakes (a year ago Sunday), it was agreed upon that 25% of you proceeded to play on after play was called. I was honored a 75% credit. That did not leave us enough funds to purchase the gift for Yankee Run as previously reported. A total of 127 shirts were purchased and yours will be placed in your assigned cart on Friday at Firestone Farms. Everyone please wear them during Saturdays round at Yankee Run. A team photo will be taken at 2:00 PM.

Once again, only a small percentage of those meeting this year's criteria had to decline respectively. Three very notable participants **Danny Lanese, Frank "chicky" Vilella, and Rick Mooney** all of Greater Cleveland are currently recovering from complicated surgeries. Each extend all of you a warm hello and I ask that everyone keep them in their thoughts and pray for a speedy recovery as we prepare for this year's trip.

David Jellison along with wife Roni and their son Eli have relocated to Lakeland, FL. He would like to wish all his friends and playing partners the best of luck. He has already applied to attend "Q" school early next Spring in an effort to rejoin the field in 2006.

Check-In at the Holiday Inn Metroplex begins at 3:00 PM on Friday. A complimentary buffet will be offered during our cocktail reception within Choices Lounge and Night Club between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Each of you will receive lunch and a beverage at the turn on Friday and Saturday. Appetizers, draft beer, and soda will precede the "**Steak Dinner at Yankee Run**" which is tentatively scheduled to be served at 3:00 PM. The cash drawing tickets and horses for the **Kentucky Derby Pool** will be sold during this time (**Mike Yelenic**). Those who pace themselves can watch it live in their Spike Room.

Our reception Saturday evening in the "Liberty Room" begins at 7:30 PM. An **open bar** will operate between the hours of 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Opportunities for **poker play** will be entertained at the conclusion of the awards ceremony at 8:30 PM.

A light assortment of breakfast items will be made available each Saturday and Sunday at the course. A private complimentary beverage cart will also follow our group throughout the day on Sunday. Our farewell buffet at the pavilion behind the Pine Lakes practice range will be served immediately after the conclusion of play.

Gentleman, I cannot put into words the inspiration that drives me to carry on this great tradition. The reputation you have maintained over the years is superior in the Youngstown area. It continues to provide me with the leverage that is required to raise the bar.

Special thanks to **Ronald Lepley, Alan Bernazzoli, and Michael Yelenic**, as well as **Tom Sloat, Steve Blackburn Jr., "Big Cat" Ed Sabedra and "Slappy" Pat Pecora**. All of which continue to return my calls and provide me with the information necessary to make this event a huge success. Drive safely and for all you *Rookies – Don't Be Late!* "Life is tough and I can be tougher".

Let's get it on!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Coke', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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