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2008 Community Cup Teams

The summer is flying by and it will be time to take part in Community Cup festivities before you know it. This issue of *Cup Chatter* will tell you what to look forward to in the month of August.

We extend a special welcome to the following teams who are brand new to the Cup this year: Butler Wick, Meridian Services, Phantom Fireworks, and Schwebels. It's great to have you all participating!

The 2008 division breakdown is as follows:

Red Division

- Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield
- Home Savings
- Humility of Mary Health Partners
- ms consultants
- YMCA A & B
- Youngstown City Schools A & B

White Division

- Cohen & Company
- City of Youngstown
- Huntington Bank
- Team MC
- Turning Technologies

Blue Division

- Butler Wick
- Meridian Services
- National City Bank
- Phantom Fireworks
- Public Library A & B

Clinics

If you're participating in the **tug-o-war**, be sure to attend at least one of the clinics. Proper technique is critical to succeeding in this event. Clinics are held Thursdays, August 7th-28th at 6:00 p.m. at Bears Den Cabin.

August Event Schedule

- Opening Ceremony/T-Shirt Fashion Show – Fri., Aug. 22nd, 6:00 p.m., Youngstown YMCA Community Gym
- Basketball – Fri., Aug. 22nd, 6:30 p.m., Youngstown YMCA Upper Gym
- Swimming – Fri., Aug. 22nd, 7:30 p.m., Youngstown YMCA Shallow Pool
- *Golf – Sat., Aug. 23rd, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m., Mill Creek Park North Course
- Bowling – Sat., Aug. 23rd, 4:00 p.m., Camelot Lanes
- * Volleyball – Sun., Aug. 24th, Youngstown YMCA Community Gym
 - 11:00 a.m. (Red Division)
 - 2:00 p.m. (White Division)
 - 5:00 p.m. (Blue Division)

2008 Updates to Event Schedule

- * The **golf** scramble will be held once again on the Mill Creek Park North Course.
- * All **volleyball** matches, including finals, will be played on Sunday, August 24th.

Golf

- Bonus holes on the North Course will be:
 - 7 and 11 – longest drive
 - 4 and 10 – longest putt
 - 3 and 16 – closest to the pin

Banner Competition

Banners are due in the Community Cup office by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8th. The banners will be displayed at the Rib Burn Off at the Chevy Centre August 14th thru 17th for the Community Choice Award. Then they will be displayed from August 22nd thru August 29th in the YMCA's Community Gym for more voting to take place in case you miss the ribs. After August 29th the banners can be picked up in the Community Cup office to be displayed in your team tent on September 6th.

Obstacle Course

Obstacle Course participants will be able to practice on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the tug field. Demonstrations will be offered prior to the 1:00 p.m. event. start.

Tug- O - War

Just a reminder of the slight change for the tug from last year. Both teams will be asked to stay on the field at the rope for 30 seconds after each tug. A challenge has to be requested during that 30 seconds after the tug is completed. If a challenge is requested, one of the judges will escort all of the team members to the scale to be weighed in.

Optional "Tug - Off"

If the teams would like to, an optional final tug between the first place red and white division tug-o-war winners will be available upon request. This final tug-off is only for fun and will not count for points toward the Cup. Please let the officials know at the end of the tug-o-war event that your team would like to have a final tug-off. This final tug-off will take place immediately following the completion of the tug-o-war event and before the awards ceremony.

Both of these items will be addressed at all of the clinics too.

YMCA Facility Usage

Don't forget to take advantage of your temporary membership for the Youngstown YMCA Central Branch. It's valid until September 6th. The state-of-the-art equipment and practice facilities at the Central Branch will not only help you get in shape for all the Community Cup activities, but also establish a pattern of healthy exercise for the future.

Simply stop by the Membership Office and ask for your temporary membership card. You'll need to show it each time you use the facility.

Opening Ceremony/Fashion Show

The 18th annual Youngstown Area Community Cup officially begins with the torch lighting during the Opening Ceremony on Friday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Youngstown YMCA Community Gym. Lori Bullen, the 2008 Community Cup Chairperson and employee of Youngstown City Schools, will formally kick-off the festivities.

Also included in the opening ceremony will be the t-shirt fashion show, where participating teams will earn a 1/2 point bonus toward the Cup. Be sure to come out and cheer for your favorite!

Captains, don't forget to turn in your t-shirt descriptions and models' names to the Cup office by Friday, August 15th.

Awards Ceremony

Make plans now to attend the 2008 Community Cup Awards Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, September 6th shortly after the tug finals at the tug field.

The fun-filled events culminate as one team in each division is awarded the Community Cup. Also, don't miss out on the announcement of the team who has earned the distinction of being the "Biggest Loser" from our Biggest Loser Competition.

Everyone who attends the festivities and fills out a raffle ticket will be entered in a drawing to win some terrific door prizes. Keep an eye out for members of our Awards and Festivities committee who will be roaming the tents with the raffle tickets. One enthusiastic organization will earn the "Team Spirit Award", while another will be awarded the "Best Tent Award". (The Awards & Festivities Committee will take an informal poll to judge company tents on food, employee enthusiasm and amenities).

The awards ceremony is the perfect time to reflect on your accomplishments, have fun and build more team spirit. Hey, after all, this year was aimed to "**Dream It, Achieve It, and Live It!**". Have fun with your family, co-workers and friends at this ending ceremony for the 2008 Community Cup!

Contact Us

Have you run across any questions while getting ready for the Community Cup? We're here and happy to assist you. Just contact Jennifer Quinlan or Julie Walker at (330) 742-4794 or cup@youngstownymca.org.