



## Ballard HS Students Need You!!

The annual Golf Classic fundraiser  
is coming....August 4, 2009.

### **History:**

Over the last eight years, the money raised by this annual golf tournament/fundraising event has translated into over \$600,000 for Ballard's athletic teams and music programs. These dollars have provided a new sound system and banners for the gym, a scoreboard for the new field, uniforms and equipment for teams, a full-time certified athletic trainer and many other items--all things that have benefitted not just student athletes and musicians, but the entire Ballard school community.

### **The Event:**

Our goal is to attract over 240 golfers to the Golf Club at Newcastle for a fun day of golf on August 4, 2009. This is an 18 hole, double shotgun start golf tournament that is followed by a Texas BBQ dinner along with a silent and live auction. We raise funds mainly through money paid by sponsors of the event, and proceeds from the auctions and other raffles and related activities that happen during the day.

### **How money is distributed:**

Each year the head coach of each team and the music program directors submit a monetary request to a committee headed by the Athletic Director. The request is based on their budget for the coming year. Their participation in the form of providing sponsors, auction items and volunteers for the event influences the cash disbursement of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament. This fundraising effort for the athletic department and music programs helps free up money for academics—a successful fundraiser benefits the ENTIRE school community.

We need your help! Whether or not you have a student athlete or musician,  
if you have a student at Ballard HS.....we need you!

### **Here are three ways you can help:**

- 1. We need golfers!** Our goal is to have 240 golfers participate on the day of the tournament. Do you golf? Do you have friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers that play? Have them go to the tournament website at <http://www.ballardbeavers.org/golfclassic/> and download a registration form and send it in today!
- 2. We need sponsors!** This is a critical part of the golf tournament and the source of most of the money that comes back to the school. Think about businesses you frequent or work for, friends/neighbors and others....ask them if they would please support BHS and its athletic/music programs with a sponsorship. Have a potential sponsor? Turn the name over to Tournament Chair Mary Wong for follow-up ([marwong@juno.com](mailto:marwong@juno.com)).
- 3. We need Auction items!** Part of the tournament involves an auction and dinner. Work with your student's team or group....they've already chosen a package that you can add to. OR....procure a large ticket item like a vacation condo, sports or event tickets or something similar. (Again...think outside the box here—connect with your friends, co-workers, employer to come up with items that would be appropriate.) Connect with the Auction chairs Lisa Schwartzenberger ([dolitajo@msn.com](mailto:dolitajo@msn.com)) or Becky Rausch ([mbrausch@comcast.net](mailto:mbrausch@comcast.net)) to get more ideas on how you can help with auction procurement.

**REMEMBER:** Look beyond getting cash donations (though of course never ignore an offer of cash!!) Look for connections, resources and help from other parents, neighbors, family, co-workers, and employers. Many of us work for companies that may be a sponsor. Many of us have friends, family members and neighbors that can be a resource or would be interested in putting a foursome of golfers together for the tournament. Connect with former classmates and alumni.

Questions? Need more information? Go to the tournament website at  
<http://www.ballardbeavers.org/golfclassic/>