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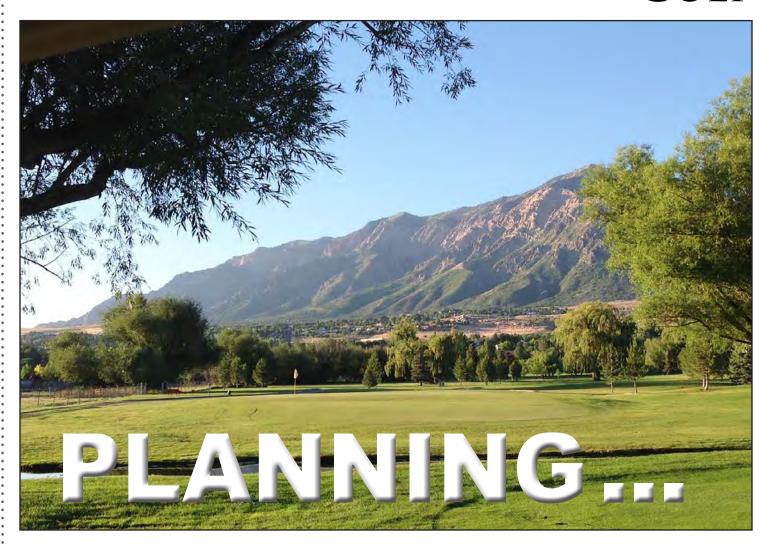
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# That's the key to a successful company golf tournament

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Whether your planned golf event is meant to raise money for charity, reward your clients or be a fun outing for your employees, proper planning will make for a bet-

ter time for everyone. Let's look at the important planning that must go into a successful golf event.

What is the purpose of your golf outing? Do you plan to raise significant cash for a worthy charity? Or, do you intend to pay back

your customers, clients, vendors or employees for their contributions to the success of your business? Regardless of the purpose, here are some decisions you need to make: • When? Golf clubs in Northern Utah start scheduling events as early as April and can go deep into the fall — late September or early October. What's best for

you group? Do you want to coincide with a holiday — or be sure to avoid one? Is there a day of the week that works best for your business or your guests?

Be sure to coordinate with the golf pro at the club as soon as you decide

to host an event. The popular dates fill up fast.

• How many players will you have? Most golf courses have strict minimums and maximums. For

example, the Barn Golf Club near Ogden requires a minimum of 60 players for a nine-hole shotgun start tournament and at least 120 for 18 holes. Most courses will put two foursomes on the tees for par 4 and par 5 holes, sometimes going as high as 144 players for a tournament. Remember, the more players you put on the course, the slower the round will be. Rounds that last over five hours just aren't as much fun.

#### • Where will you play?

Many factors go into choosing a golf course for your tournament.

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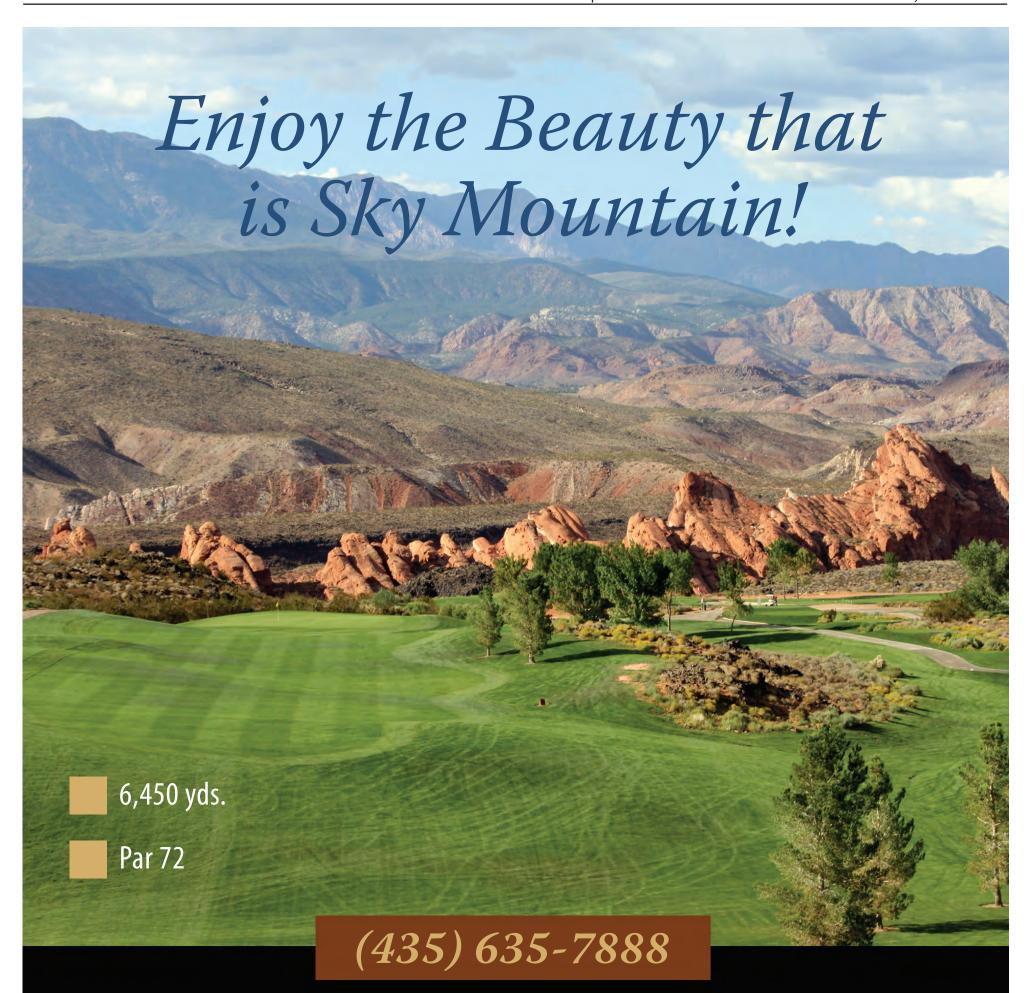
# **GOLF COURSES-SOUTHERN UTAH AREA**

Ranked by Slope



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|----|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|--|------------------|
|    | Course Name<br>Address  | Phone<br>Web                                     | Slope<br>(Back Te | Rating<br>(Back Te | Par<br>(Back Te | Tournaments<br>Hosted 2021 | Greens<br>per 18 H          | Private<br>Public | Total Yardage<br>from Tips | Dress C | Course<br>Record | Amenities  | Head Pro         |
| 1  | Green Spring Golf Course<br>588 N. Green Spring Drive<br>Washington, UT 84780           | 435-673-7888<br>greenspringgolf<br>course.com    | 138               | 73.5               | 72              | 4                          | \$35-\$70                   | Public            | 6,859                      | N       | 62               | Located within 40 minutes<br>of Zion National Park,<br>driving range, snack bar                                  | Kevin Soderquist |
| 2  | Sand Hollow Championship<br>5625 W. Clubhouse Drive<br>Hurricane, UT 84737              | 435-656-4653<br>sandhollowresorts<br>.com        | 137               | 73.7               | 72              | 8                          | \$185                       | Public            | 7,315                      | Υ       | 60               | Practice bunker complex, clubhouse, Wee course   | Kris Burlingame  |
| 3  | Coral Canyon Golf Course<br>1925 N. Canyon Greens Drive<br>Washington, UT 84780         | 435-688-1700<br>coralcanyongolf<br>.com          | 136               | 74.2               | 72              | 7                          | \$79-<br>\$109              | Public            | 7,200                      | Υ       | 61               | Driving range, putting green, chipping green, lessons, pro shop, restaurant, full bar                            | Marco Leoni      |
| 4  | <b>The Hideout Golf Club</b> 648 S. Hideout Way Monticello, UT 84535                    | 435-355-0756<br>hideoutgolf.com                  | 134               | 71.1               | 72              | *                          | \$46                        | Public            | 6,654                      | N       | 67               | Driving range, lessons,<br>pro shop, snack shop  | Tyler Ivins      |
| 5  | Moab Golf Club<br>2705 E. Bench Road<br>Moab, UT 84532                                  | 435-259-6488<br>moabgolfcourse.<br>com           | 133               | 72.9               | 72              | 15                         | \$62                        | Public            | 6,875                      | N       | 61               | Pro shop, practice facility,<br>lessons, snack bar/grill   | Rob Jones        |
| 6  | Sunbrook Golf Club<br>2366 W. Sunbrook Drive<br>St. George, UT 84770                    | 435-627-4400<br>sgcity.org                       | 131               | 73                 | 72              | 60                         | \$76                        | Public            | 6,800                      | Υ       | 64               | Practice facilities,<br>pro shop, grill  | Reed McArthur    |
| 7  | Bloomington Country Club<br>3174 Bloomington Drive East<br>St. George, UT 84790         | 435-673-2029<br>bloomington<br>countryclub.com   | 130               | 72.7               | 72              | 20                         | \$100                       | Private           | 6,985                      | Υ       | 62               | Range, restaurant, lounge, pool, tennis courts   | Mark Boggs       |
| 8  | Southgate Golf Course<br>1975 S. Tonaquint Drive<br>St. George, UT 84770                | 435-627-4440<br>sgcity.org                       | 129               | 70                 | 71              | 12                         | \$53                        | Public            | 6,100                      | Υ       | *                | Driving range, grill   | Eron Beming      |
| 9  | St. George Golf Club<br>2190 S. 1400 E.<br>St. George, UT 84770                         | 435-627-4404<br>stgeorgegolfclub.<br>com         | 126               | 73.1               | 73              | 2                          | \$26-\$37                   | Public            | 7,217                      | Υ       | 62               | Full-service golf shop,<br>practice green, snack bar,<br>cart rental, club rental                                | James Hood       |
| 10 | SunRiver Golf Club<br>4210 Bluegrass Way<br>St. George, UT 84790                        | 435-986-0001<br>sunrivergolf.com                 | 126               | 72.6               | 71              | 6                          | \$75                        | Public            | 7,020                      | Υ       | 59               | Grass tees, driving range,<br>chipping green, practice<br>sand facility, putting course,<br>restaurant           | Larry Ricketts   |
| 11 | Sky Mountain Golf Course<br>1030 N. 2600 W.<br>Hurricane, UT 84737                      | 435-635-7888<br>skymountaingolf<br>.com          | 125               | 70.4               | 72              | 22                         | \$65-\$85                   | Public            | 6,392                      | N       | 63               | 18 holes, range,<br>practice green, grill  | Kent Abegglen    |
| 12 | Palisade Golf Course<br>2200 E. Palisade Road<br>Sterling, UT 84665                     | 435-835-4653<br>stateparks.utah.<br>gov/palisade | 123               | 69.7               | 72              | 30                         | \$26-\$40                   | Public            | 6,333                      | Υ       | 62               | Full-service golf shop,<br>driving range, restaurant   | Jordan Van Orman |
| 13 | Dixie Red Hills Golf Course<br>645 W. 1250 N.<br>St. George, UT 84770                   | 435-627-4444<br>sgcity.org                       | 119               | 65.8               | 34              | 5                          | \$22-\$30<br>for 9<br>holes | Public            | 2,733                      | Υ       | 26               | Driving range  | Allen Orchard    |
| 14 | Entrada at Snow Canyon<br>Country Club<br>2537 W. Entrada Trail<br>St. George, UT 84770 | 435-986-2200<br>golfentrada.com                  | l                 | wly<br>vated       | 71              | 0                          | \$250                       | Private           | 7,065                      | Υ       | NA               | Golf shop, driving range,<br>fitness center, restaurant,<br>locker room, pickleball,<br>tennis, aquatics, hiking | Roman O'Rourke   |





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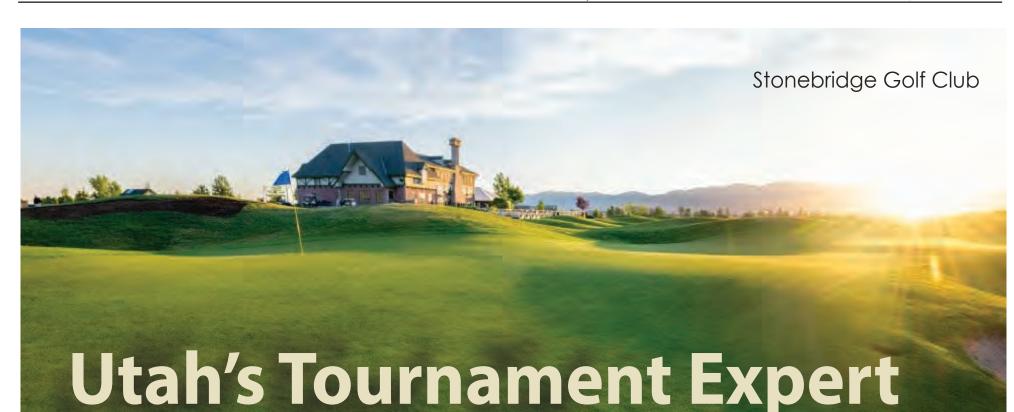


## **GOLF COURSES-NORTHERN UTAH**

Ranked by Slope



|    | Course Name<br>Address  | Phone<br>Web                                    | Slope<br>(Back Tees) | Rating<br>(Back Tees) | Par<br>(Back Tees) | Tournaments<br>Hosted 2021 | Greens Fees<br>per 18 Holes | Private or<br>Public | Total Yardage<br>from Tips | Dress Code? | Course<br>Record | Amenities  | Head Pro             |
|----|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1  | Red Ledges Golf Course<br>205 Red Ledges Blvd.<br>Heber City, UT 84032                  | 435-657-4054<br>redledges.com                   | 151                  | 76.5                  | 72                 | 11                         | \$125<br>WM                 | Private              | 7,569                      | Υ           | 65               | Full dining, driving range, putting<br>green, chipping green, 2 pools,<br>tennis, pickleball, yoga, shuttles<br>to ski resorts | Derek Butts          |
| 2  | Thanksgiving Point Golf Club<br>3300 W. Clubhouse Drive<br>Lehi, UT 84043               | 801-768-7401<br>thanksgiving<br>pointgolf.com   | 145                  | 77.6                  | 72                 | 100                        | \$89                        | Public               | 7,716                      | Υ           | 62               | Driving range, Bistro Grill,<br>meeting space  | Tele Wightman        |
| 3  | Soldier Hollow<br>Golf Course Silver<br>1370 W. Soldier Hollow Lane<br>Midway, UT 84049 | 435-654-7442<br>soldierhollowgolf.<br>com       | 142                  | 74.2                  | 72                 | *                          | \$42-\$52                   | Public               | 7,355                      | N           | 62               | Large practice area,<br>pro shop, lessons,<br>full-service restaurant  | Chris Newson         |
| 3  | Homestead Resort<br>& Golf Club<br>700 N. Homestead Drive<br>Midway, UT 84049           | 435-654-5588<br>playhomesteadgc.<br>com         | 142                  | 71.8                  | 71                 | 20                         | \$56                        | Public               | 6,669                      | N           | 62               | Practice facilities,<br>restaurants, lodging rooms,<br>meeting space, Crater Hot<br>Springs, swimming pools                    | Chris Richards       |
| 5  | Stonebridge Golf Club<br>4415 Links Drive<br>West Valley City, UT 84120                 | 801-957-9000<br>golfstonebridge<br>utah.com     | 139                  | 74.2                  | 72                 | 73                         | \$36                        | Public               | 7,134                      | Υ           | 64               | Driving range, banquet room  | Clark Garso          |
| 6  | Park Meadow Country Club<br>2000 Meadows Drive<br>Park City, UT 84060                   | 435-649-2460<br>parkmeadowscc.<br>com           | 138                  | 74.8                  | 72                 | 9                          | \$110<br>WM                 | Private              | 7,422                      | Υ           | 62               | Golf practice facility, clubhouse, restaurant, locker room, pool, fitness, pickleball  | Eric Johnson         |
| 7  | Willow Creek Country Club<br>8505 S. Willow Creek Drive<br>Sandy, UT 84093              | 801-942-1954<br>willowcreekcc.com               | 137                  | 73.3                  | 72                 | 2                          | \$105<br>WM                 | Private              | 7,110                      | Υ           | 63               | Driving range, 3 practice greens<br>& short-range game, banquets,<br>pool complex  | Lynsey Myers         |
| 8  | Riverside Country Club<br>2701 N. University Ave.<br>Provo, UT 84604                    | 801-373-8262<br>riverside<br>countryclub.org    | 136                  | 73.1                  | 72                 | 23                         | \$110                       | Private              | 7,142                      | Υ           | 62               | Golf, tennis, pool, athletic club, dining  | Chris Moody          |
| 8  | Soldier Hollow<br>Golf Course Gold<br>1370 W. Soldier Hollow Lane<br>Midway, UT 84049   | 435-654-7442<br>soldierhollow<br>golf.com       | 136                  | 75.4                  | 72                 | *                          | \$18-\$50                   | Public               | 7,719                      | N           | 62               | Large practice area,<br>pro shop, lessons,<br>full-service restaurant  | Chris Newson         |
| 10 | Canyons Golf<br>4000 Canyons Resort Drive<br>Park City, UT 84098                        | 435-615-4728<br>canyons<br>golfcourse.com       | 135                  | 68.4                  | 70                 | 50                         | \$105*                      | Public               | 6,035                      | Υ           | 66               | Restaurants, spa, lodging  | Justin Johnson       |
| 11 | Jeremy Ranch<br>8770 N. Jeremy Road<br>Park City, UT 84098                              | 435-649-2700<br>thejeremy.com                   | 134                  | 73.7                  | 72                 | 30+                        | \$85<br>WM                  | Private              | 7,129                      | Υ           | 61               | Full-service clubhouse,<br>dining facilities, fitness facility,<br>locker rooms, Nordic Track                                  | Jake Hanley          |
| 12 | South Mountain Golf Course<br>1247 E. Mike Weir Drive<br>Draper, UT 84020               | 385-468-1480<br>slco.org/golf/<br>southmountain | 133                  | 73.8                  | 72                 | 20                         | \$36-\$54                   | Public               | 6,645                      | N           | 65               | Restaurant, putting greens, practice facility, range   | Brian Schramm        |
| 12 | The Ranches Golf Course<br>4128 E. Clubhouse Lane<br>Eagle Mountain, UT 84005           | 801-789-8100<br>theranches<br>golfclub.com      | 133                  | 73.1                  | 72                 | 12                         | \$35-\$59                   | Public               | 7,035                      | N           | 62               | Practice facility, driving range, chipping & putting green, full-service grill & beverage cart                                 | Robert Hammer        |
| 12 | Victory Ranch Golf Course<br>7865 Victory Ranch Road<br>Kamas, UT 84036                 | 435-785-5030<br>victoryranch<br>utah.com        | 133                  | 74.9                  | 72                 | *                          | *                           | Semi-<br>Private     | 7,599                      | Υ           | *                | Restaurant, double-sided driving range, short game area, putting green   | Chris<br>Brandenburg |
| 15 | River Oaks Golf Course<br>9300 S. Riverside Drive<br>Sandy, UT 84070                    | 801-568-4653<br>sandy.utah<br>.gov/golf         | 132                  | 70.4                  | 70                 | 45                         | \$53-\$55                   | Public               | 6,287                      | N           | 62               | Cafe, catering/banquets,<br>driving range,<br>conference room with A/V   | Matt High            |
| 16 | Eagle Mountain Golf Course<br>960 E. 700 S.<br>Brigham City, UT 84302                   | 435-723-3212<br>eaglemountain<br>gc.com         | 131                  | 71.7                  | 71                 | 10                         | \$46                        | Public               | 6,770                      | Υ           | 62               | Full driving range,<br>2 practice greens,<br>full-service snack bar  | Chris Marx           |
| 17 | Riverbend Golf Course<br>12800 S. 1040 W.<br>Riverton, UT 84065                         | 385-468-1460<br>slco.org/golf/<br>riverbend     | 130                  | 71.7                  | 71                 | 0                          | \$36-\$54                   | Public               | 6,876                      | N           | 64               | Restaurant, driving range,<br>pro shop   | Tim Fernau           |
| 18 | Bountiful Ridge Golf Club<br>2430 S. Bountiful Blvd<br>Bountiful, UT 84010              | 801-298-6040<br>bountifulridge<br>golf.com      | 129                  | 70.6                  | 71                 | 5                          | \$46-\$52                   | Public               | 6,595                      | Υ           | 59               | Pro shop, practice facilities, restaurant, lessons   | Kent J.<br>McComb    |
| 18 | Mt. Ogden Golf Course<br>1787 Constitution Way<br>Ogden, UT 84403                       | 801-629-0699<br>ogdencity.com                   | 120                  | 70.4                  | 71                 | 12+                        | \$30-\$32                   | Public               | 6,450                      | N           | *                | Putting green,<br>pitching/chipping area   | Todd Brenkman        |











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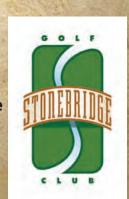
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# Warm up before your round; You'll play better & feel better

Playing your best golf and getting the most value for your green fee requires

being ready to play. The older we get, the harder that it is. A vast majority of golfers arrive for their tee time within 15 minutes of the time. By the time they grab a cart, get their clubs and hit three putts, they are on the tee. The next nine holes are often a dizzying display of poor shots and three putts followed by a better back nine. Then they literally wonder why they don't start better and always play better

on the back nine.

The older we get, we have to prepare our bodies for swinging a golf club. Back pain is a real issue in golf. Swinging a golf club 80-100 mph is actually a sport and doing so without getting your body warmed up is an invitation for a strain or a pulled muscle. And being warmed up means you will swing faster from the first tee shot.

PGA Tour players will allow one to two hours to prepare for a round of golf. That's pretty unrealistic for those of us whose job is not to play golf for a living. Yet, that doesn't entirely excuse us from not preparing at all.

I would recommend allowing yourself a full 30 minutes (after checking in and getting your cart) to prep for a round. What I want you to do is get a small bucket of balls (no more than 30) and get over to the driving range. Once you get to your hitting station, pull out your phone and get on YouTube and search for a five-minute total body workout. Bowflex has

some good ones. You are looking for the most bang for your buck with your stretches, so the more a stretch works all sorts of muscle groups versus isolating just one group, the better (the picture with this article is a great stretch). This will get your body warmed up in a short time and allow you to hit your first shots with less chance of injury. After a five-minute

stretch, start with your sand wedge and hit 10 shots gradually increasing speed and effort from first to 10th shot so that by the 10th shot you are swinging fully. From there hit a couple of pitching wedges, a

couple of 9 irons, a couple 8 irons and then three or four drivers and you're done at the range. Total time at the range should not exceed 20 minutes. Hurry over to the putting green and roll as many 30-foot putts as you can before your tee time to get the pace of the green — and you're ready to play.

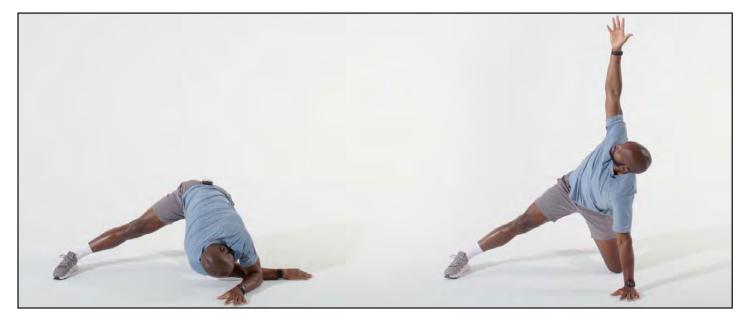
If you are serious about playing your best golf, put some work into your body at home. Improving mobility is a win/win for you and your golf. You will feel and move better in your daily life and the ability to make a bigger turn and have more mobility in your hips and a stronger core will help your golf swing function more optimally.

I've played golf for 40 years and in

all that time I thought just warming up with a bucket of balls was enough. Then one day I had trouble standing up from the couch. There was no doubt that all of those swings over all of those years was aggravating my back big-time. I had to take stretching very seriously if I wanted to get out of pain and stay out of pain. There is a wealth of information online and classes you can take and follow along with for free if you are serious about feeling better.

Be patient with yourself and the results you seek. It takes time but it will come.

Paul Phillips is the tournament director at Stonebridge Golf Club in West Valley City



### **TOURNAMENT**

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Geography and budget are the major determining factors.

Consider where your guests are coming from before picking a course. Maybe you want the event to be near your business location so your employees won't have to travel too far. If the bulk of your players live in the northern part of the Wasatch Front, you probably don't want to pick a Utah County location.

On the other hand, maybe an exotic location far from home is exactly what you want as a reward for your guests.

• How much money will you raise? How much are you willing to spend? The budget for your golf event will have a lot to do with where you play. Be sure to spend some time with the managers of the courses on your list to see just what it will cost to play, have breakfast and lunch as well as beverages and snacks on the course, and provide prizes for your

golfers.

When planning a budget — especially when you expect to raise money for a charity — don't be afraid to ask your players to pitch in. Set a reasonable cost — per player or per foursome — and make sure to collect it up front. That way, you'll have fewer noshows. Then analyze your participants. If you have invited folks that can afford it, ask for a significant entry fee. If your charity is well-known and worthy, you can raise a bunch of money.

Don't be shy about asking the golf course to contribute to your money-raising effort. This can be done in the form or reduced rates for the golf, meals or beverages. You can also ask your vendors or clients to contribute in other ways beside entry fees. Hole sponsorships or food and beverage sponsorships are a couple of possibilities. Think about signage, too.

Ask for additional donations in the form of raffle prizes that can be given away at the event luncheon following the round of golf. Lots of your players and their companies will be willing to pitch in. Many contributors will have small items they can contribute to fill a swag bag for players.

Make "cheats" available to your players. Maybe you could charge an extra \$20 for each of a limited number of "mulligans." How about \$1 an inch for string to save a tap-in putt?

And remember, this isn't the PGA. Prizes for winners don't have to be huge — the difference goes to the charity. A brand-name driver for the low score or a couple of hundred bucks for the winning team is plenty adequate. Ask the course pro shop to donate or reduce the price of prizes for winners.

• What extras can you add to the golf outing? Here's where the gold course management can help you. Remember, they've run hundreds of these events. You can have longest-drive contests as well as straightest-drive or closest to the pin on a par 3. Check out what it would cost to buy insurance for a new car for a hole-in-one on a long par 3. You'll be surprised how little it might cost to offer this great opportunity.

• Are you willing to work

#### to make your event successful?

Well-planned and well-run golf events are always the most successful and the most fun. Appoint someone from your company to be in charge of making things come off right. Work closely with the course managers to make sure you're doing your part. Get the names of the teams and players turned in in plenty of time for the course to properly organize your tournament. Remind your players several days before the event and replace those who back out.

Talk to the course about volunteers and do your best to supply all the help they need. Make sure there are no slip ups that will detract from the purpose of your event.

Your greatest resource for a successful golf event is the staff at the course where you hold your event. They have seen it all and will have dozens of ideas that will help you pull off a great tournament — this year and for years to come.

Good luck — and have fun!

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