

Tickets for Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's 31st Annual Golf Tournament now on sale

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BRISTOL – Tickets are on sale now for the Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's 31st Annual Golf Tournament, which will also support the Craig Yarde Foundation.

The tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 1 at Tunxis Country Club at 87 Town Farm Road, Farmington. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the pavilion from 11 a.m. to noon and then a shotgun start at noon. The tournament will also include a 50/50 raffle, a steak dinner, and awards.

Cindy Bombard, president and CEO of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, said that the golf tournament is an opportunity to network with many people throughout the region.

"We have lots of teams from Wolcott, Bristol, Plainville, Farmington and beyond," said Bombard. "There are a lot of repeat players who return year after year."

Bombard said that the tournament will be held on two full courses. People can also just sign-up for the dinner.

Prizes will be awarded to top teams, the longest drive and closest to the pin. People can sign up as an individual or as a foursome. Two tournament options are available – 18 hole tournament for men and women or an 18 hole tournament for women only.

Tee signs and sponsorships are available.

People can also purchase souvenir golf balls to support the Craig Yarde Foundation. The golf balls are \$20 for one or \$50 for three.

Craig Yarde, who died Jan. 25 of this year at age 71, co-founded of Yarde Metals, Inc. in Bristol in 1976.

"Craig was always good to the Chamber and the community at large," said Bombard. "He was instrumental in putting up the digital signs that you see around Bristol. He paid for these out of his private pocket and he also paid to have a person keep them up. He did much more for the community than most people are aware of."



Craig Yarde -File photo

Bombard said that the golf balls sold at the gold tournament will bear Yarde's personal motto of "Think, Plan, Do."

The Craig Yarde Foundation at the Main Street Community Foundation awards annual scholarships to a resident of Bristol Connecticut who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled adult student or adult learner seeking financial assistance to further either a post-secondary education or career training goals. Scholarship recipients embody the entrepreneurial spirit and drive for continued learning and self-achievement that Yarde personified.

Bombard said that tickets for the tournament are available now.

"It's filling up quickly," she said. "We usually have almost 300 golfers."

For more information, or to register, visit the Central CT Chamber of Commerce at 440 N. Main St., call them at 860-584-4718 or visit centralctchambers.org.

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