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Westfield Group Country Club to Host OTF Golf Tournament

The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation is excited to announce it will hold its annual Scholarship and Research fundraising scramble **Monday, October 6 at Westfield Group Country Club**, Westfield Center, OH.

Westfield Group Country Club is a 36-hole facility owned and operated by Westfield Group Insurance and is used primarily for the entertaining of Westfield agents, employees, select members and their guests.

The original nine was built in 1937 on what is now the front nine of the South Course. In 1969, under the direction of Golf Course Architect Geoff Cornish, the South Course was expanded to 18 holes.

In 1972, Cornish and then Superintendent John Spodnik teamed up once again to construct the North Course and provide the template for today's facility.

In 1997, Craig Schreiner was hired as golf course architect and developed a new Master Plan, of which many projects have been executed including; South Course Bunker Renovation, and 2005 South Course Renovation to holes 4, 5, 15 and 13.

The 2008 Scholarship and Research Scramble will be played on the North Course which is a par 72, plays 6,800 yards from the tips and has a slope rating of 72.6.

OSU Grad Kyle Smith is Assistant on the North Course, while Mike Sterzer (ATI) is the Assistant on the South Course.

The 2007 tournament, held at NCR Country Club generated more than \$13,000 for the OTF Scholarship and Research fund. Next to the OTF Conference and Show, the Golf Tournament generates the most non-dues revenue for OTF. Lawn care companies, sod producers, athletic field managers, grounds managers and golf course superintendents and their staff are encouraged to participate and support OTF's mission of funding turfgrass research and education.

To reserve your spot in this year's tournament, please register early as space is limited to the first 144 golfers. The registration form is available on the OTF website at www.OhioTurfgrass.org or by calling 888-683-3445.

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