



12th Annual Texas Shotgun

On behalf of all of us at Strom Aviation (www.StromAviation.com) we are proud to formally invite you to this year's 12th Annual Texas Shotgun Golf Tournament (www.TexasShotgun.com) benefiting the Children's Medical Center (www.Childrens.com) on September 25th at 1:00 p.m. This year's host venue is the Troon managed Golf Club at Champions Circle in Fort Worth, Texas (www.ChampionsCircleGolf.com) conveniently located just stumbling distance from the Marriott and the infamous Blue Moon Lounge. We will again be hosting our optional, yet highly attended, pre-tournament shotgun event on Friday September 24th as our participants try in vain to obtain every conceivable advantage possible against the rest of the aviation sandbaggers in attendance while reacquainting ourselves with aviation friends and colleagues from around the country.

RSVP now by replying to this e-mail to reserve your spot.

For sponsorship opportunities please follow this link.



(Formal Check Presentation at the Hospital with Suzanne Harrison)

As I look back it was really a perfect storm created by a combination of heavy rain and ominous clouds that sent the staff of Bear Creek into an underground tornado bunker while we all stood on our respective first tee box soaked to the bone holding a lightning rod with club heads dangerously close to being illegal in size. The thought on most everyone's mind was not about how far the ball would scream down the fairway but rather if it was humanly possible to hold onto the club grip that had about as much tackiness as Crisco. One thing was certain and all of us knew it, and that was the weather was only going to get worse, much worse! And it did!



(Some fools using the fairway as a slip and slide)

There were class 3 rapids running down every which way on the fairways with beavers frantically building dams on one side and ark builders on the other. Where the two ridiculously tall giraffes came from I will never know. At one point I remember getting in my golf cart with my partner and as we hydroplaned across some large body of water we both realized we were humming the theme song from "Gilligan's Island".

I know I wasn't the only one that day that had a flashback to the classic Caddyshack scene between the



(Mark Haggardless and our sponsor Hooters of Grapevine)

As you can see last year was crazy and we are confident that rain, hurricane or any other weather anomalies for that matter will not be in store for us this year and we are coming back with a vengeance and need your help to dig deep and raise money and awareness for the Children's Medical Center.

There are many ways that you can help be a part of this aviation storied Golf Tournament while supporting the charity and the best way to do that is to RSVP right now with your commitment to come. As you know Strom Aviation is proud to pick up the tab for your golf and if you can buy some mulligans, raffle tickets, purchase a foursome or help your company sponsor the event all the better. We want you to be a part of this year's event as we strive to increase our gift while having a blast in the process.

RSVP right now by replying to this e-mail and make the call to the Marriott at 866-348-3984 to reserve your room before the hotel sells out. Be sure to mention the "Strom Rate" to get the \$89 rate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in golf and lengthy invitations,

Over the last 11 years the aviation community has enthusiastically answered the Texas Shotgun blast and helped raise \$40,000 for the Children's Medical Center. This unfailing loyalty from you and your company has helped countless children in need. In the last two years we have endured one hurricane producing tropical storm and last year's weather anomaly where the weathermen with their newly printed degrees in meteorology from a non accredited internet institution formally known for its origami program, declared 72 hours before our event that there was a "100% percent chance of severe storms". And if you can believe it, they were dead right!!!!



(L/R: Steve Allen, Jim Hansen, Brian Cook, Michelle Bohn and our sponsor "The Hooters Girls")

Normally a dire weather system of this magnitude would have created fear in the eyes of any golfing committee as the justifiable masses would cancel their participation but that was not the fate of last year's Texas Shotgun. Whether it was the combination of Valium, Percocet or just the confidence we received when our sponsors from Hooters and Miller Lite arrived as if to say, "don't worry" we will never know, but in the true spirit of this yearly aviation tradition our attendees came from far and wide and arrived on queue helping us raise our largest gift so far, \$12,000 for the Children Medical Center!

"Crusty Old Bastard" and Bill Murray who played the role of the famed greenskeeper, Carl Spackler. You know the scene and the lines but I will retell it primarily to make this invitation longer while drawing attention to a particular person who now has 10,000 reasons why he was glad he came that day.

What follows is an only slightly modified movie script which embodies all the fighting spirit, determination and fun of the Texas Shotgun Tradition. Please note the role of the "Crusty Old Bastard" will be played by Mark Haggardless (name changed to protect the guilty and not draw attention from the IRS).

Mark Haggardless, aka Crusty Old Bastard standing in some serious rain says: "The good Lord wouldn't ruin the best game of my life".

Carl Spackler replies: "I'd keep playin' the heavy stuffs not comin' down for a while".

While watching everyone pick up their 6 irons to hit the 170 yard Par 3 Haggardless reaches into his bag and pulls off the dripping wet head cover for his illegally weighted TaylorMade driver. He takes a full swing witnessed by 6 people and the awkwardness of the follow through confirms from afar that it was in fact Haggardless at the tee. Instead of the normal "swishshst" noise a more pathetic thud-like squish noise is heard as the pink Flying Lady ball flew over a body of water which oddly enough had two dorsal fins cutting through the water towards the ark. The ball then skips upon landing and collides with a school of carp and drops in the hole.

Mark Haggardless yells in a surprisingly feminine voice: "@#%\$#@%\$%! Me" while standing next to a \$10,000 Hole in One sign as one of the giraffes seemingly familiar with his voice is seen galloping towards him at high speed.

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Please feel free to forward this invitation to other aviation professionals who might also enjoy being a part of this annual aviation charity event. For more information please call us or visit www.TexasShotgun.com.



(What happens at the Shotgun stays at the Shotgun but I can tell you he knocked the ball about 200 yards which was farther than if he would have stood up!)