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## **Inaugural Charity Golf Classic to Support Park Initiatives**

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks is proud to announce its Charity Golf Classic, slated for Friday, June 9, 2017. The foursome golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 10:30 am and end with a dinner and keynote speaker.

In its inaugural year, the Charity Golf Classic will highlight one of the Metroparks championship golf courses, while raising funds to support, Stony Creek Landing, the new boat launch and community clubhouse at Stony Creek Metropark. Each year the Charity Golf Classic will provide funding for a park specific project, while showcasing a different golf course.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Director, George Phifer sees the Charity Golf Classic as a great way to celebrate two of the park's main focuses, recreation and stewardship. "Our championship golf courses provide an excellent opportunity for community members to experience a round of golf, whether you are a beginner or excel at the sport. Utilizing one of our resources to provide funding to support a valuable new boat launch and community clubhouse makes sense and allows our visitors further exposure to our natural resources," says Phifer.

An exciting addition to the first-time event is Greg Kelsner, Michigan State National Champions, Detroit Pistons Standout and Current Pistons Commentator, who will serve as the event host and keynote speaker. "Greg Kelsner brings an energy and awareness to this event that we are excited and honored to have. He has a great inspirational message to share about the importance of teamwork, accountability, effective leadership, and what it means for individuals to accomplish 'Going Beyond Good Enough'," says Phifer.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks Foundation and Development Manager, Julie Hein, says that the support for the golf outing has been outstanding. "We have received wonderful support from local businesses for exciting raffle packages, as well as opportunities for participants to win a car at the hole-in-one contest holes. We have also been fortunate enough to have a few of our community partners embrace the event by purchasing sponsorships and foursomes," says Hein.

Registration is open and available online for foursomes and individuals at <http://www.metroparks.com/golfclassic2017/>. Sponsorship information can also be found online or contact Julie Hein directly at [julie.hein@metroparks.com](mailto:julie.hein@metroparks.com) or (810) 494-6041.

A Metroparks vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is only \$35 annually for regular admission, \$21 annually for seniors or \$10 daily.

Stony Creek Golf Course is located at 5140 Main Parkway, Shelby Township, MI, 48316, (586) 781-9166.

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