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Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (JULY 20)

CHARLESTON, IL.--Over 200 golfers, the largest field ever, will teeoff Friday (July 24) in the 7th Eastern Illinois University Panther Club Classic at Mattoon Country Club.

"We have more participants and are giving away more prizes than ever before," said EIU Athletic Director R.C. Johnson. "This is the culmination of our summer events, and is geared specifically for Panther Clubbers.

"Each year it's gotten more and more popular because of the expanded events. Besides golf and dinner, we auction off over 30 appliances, food, and home improvement items," said Johnson.

Grand prize for a hole-in-one at No. 6 is a Mazda RX7 donated by Comer Datsun/Mazda of Mattoon and a trip for two to Eastern's football game at San Jose State on September 5.

Poland Pontiac of Effingham will donate the use of a conversion van for one week to closest-to-the-pin on the third hole.

Special prizes will be awarded for longest putt on the 18th hole and longest drives on No. 1.

A championship trophy will be presented to each member of the winning men's, women's, and mixed couple teams.

Food is provided by the Charleston/Mattoon IGA and the Illinois Pork Producers.

Each participant will also receive a 'goodie' bag, free refreshments on the course, a reception and steak dinner in the evening with a Panther auction scheduled for 8 p.m.

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Earl Walden of Mattoon chaired the auction committee. Businesses and individuals contributing items are American Hardware, Ike Bailey, Bruce Bernardi, Gene Bauer, Champs, Coach Eddy's, Michelle Coffey, Charleston Lumber Company, Coles Moultrie, Tom Comer, Mike England, The Fitness Club, Jack & Bill's, Judy's Hallmark, and Heath Candy Company.

Others are Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, Illinois Beef Council, J.C. Penney and Jim Peffer, Kirchner Building Center, Mattoon Country Club, Pepsi, Ronchetti Distributor, Royce Rentals, Mike Stanfield, Sirius, St. Louis Football Cardinals, Ray Suddarth, Richard Thielemann, Tokens, Towne Square Jewelers, United Graphics, Frank J. Vala, Wal-Mart, and Jerry Wise.