

Wild Horse to host ninth annual Husker benefit

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Barbecue open Friday night.

There are several former University of Nebraska football players who have perpetual spots on the list of celebrities in the annual Adrian Fiala Husker Heritage Golf Tournament at Wild Horse Golf Club.

Larry Jacobson, Bill Janssen, Bill Kosch, Dave Morock and Steve Runty are just a few who come back year after year for the charity event.

They'll join many other former NU players in Gothenburg again on Saturday for the ninth annual fund raiser for the TeamMates mentoring program.

Organizer Adrian Fiala, former color commentator and Cornhusker football historian, said once they come to Wild Horse, Husker players are hooked.

But there's always someone new who joins the ranks of Huskers to team with four other players in the scramble.

Fiala has added Outland Trophy winner and Nebraska Football Hall of Famer Eric Weigert to the list this year and has a couple of other big names hoping to make the trip.

At least 20 former players, coaches or staff members will golf on Saturday and many will be on hand Friday night as well for a free-will donation pork barbecue beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the club house.

Fiala said Friday's social event is an opportunity for people to meet the former Huskers, hear them retell their stories and get autographs.

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“It’s very informal,” Fiala said. “It’s a great time for people to come hobnob with us.”

The Nebraska Pork Producers, Frito-Lay and Peterson’s Supermarket sponsor the barbecue with all proceeds going to the local chapter of TeamMates.

Golf begins Saturday with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and concludes with a banquet at the club house catered by Whiskey Creek.

Proceeds from the tournament also benefit the TeamMates organization.

TeamMates is a school-based one-to-one mentoring program that identifies youth who could use a caring adult in their lives.

Former coach and current athletic director Tom Osborne founded the program with his wife Nancy in 1991.

For more information, contact Wild Horse Golf Club at 537-7700.