



The 7th Annual Rockcastle County Kiwanis Golf Scramble was held this past Saturday at Cedar Rapids Country Club. Co-winners of the event are pictured from left: Jeff Sandhoky, Babe Daugherty, Jake Duerson, Greg Goff, Keith Frizzell, Anna Goff, Gary Boggs, Garry Fain, Bill Riester and Paul Cummins.

35 players participate in Kiwanis Golf Scramble

Two teams share win.

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club recently held their 7th Annual Golf Scramble for Charity on Saturday, September 13th.

This year's scramble was the most exciting yet because everyone who participated had an opportunity to win a 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser, valued at over \$20,000.

The car, from Town & Country Motors of Mt. Vernon, would have been given to anyone who made a hole-in-one on the 8th hole. Unfortunately, none of the 35 participants hit the hole in one but everyone made a tremendous effort and having an opportunity to win a car created a lot of excitement and energy.

The exceptional weather on Saturday, combined with good play, to produce many low scores.

Two teams tied for low score of 12 under par. The members of the winning teams, which took home \$50 each, were Paul Cummins, Keith Frizzell, Garry Fain, Gary Boggs and Bill Riester and, on the other team were: Greg Goff, Anna Goff, Jake Duerson, Babe Daugherty and Jeff Sandhoky. Other winners, receiving \$100 individually in three categories were: Buford Ealy, closest to the pin and longest putt and Garry Fain for longest drive.

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club would like to give special thanks to Larry Gooch of Town & Country Motors for sponsoring the Grand Prize Hole in One and to Community Trust Bank and Citizens Bank.



Paul Cummins in action during the scramble.

for their large donations, Fletcher Signs, Subway, Godfathers, Wegy's of Mt. Vernon for their continued support and to Modern Woodmen of America for their donation and support.

There are also many other people the club would like to thank for making this a tremendously successful event. They are:

Cedar Rapids Country Club, The Mt. Vernon Signal, Cox Hardware, County Attorney Jeffrey T. Burdette, McKinney Tire, State Farm Insurance, Cedar Ridge By Request, Sylvia's Cut & Curl, Heritage Crafts, Singleton Insurance, Gary and Gertha Mink of Mink Apts. and Mink Builders, Ford Brothers Realty & Auction, Cox Florist, James Miller, Cyndie and Margaret Offutt, Norma Houk, Teresa Vanizani, Buzz Catofhis, Farm Bureau, Dr. Lee Cain, J&L Equipment, Coffey & Ford Attorneys At Law, Barbara Bennett, Mary Mathis, Cox Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon Oil, King Bottling Company, Turner Promotions, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Dale Bray, Rocket Auto Wash and all 35 players who participated in the Golf Scramble.



Closest to the pin and longest putt winner Buford Ealy is pictured with Corey Craig.



Richie Bray takes aim in the recent scramble.



Longest drive winner Garry Fain with Corey Craig of the Kiwanis Club.

Assessing 2003 Precipitation - How wet has it been?

Most Eastern Kentucky residents would not argue the fact that 2003 has been a wet year. Heavy rain in February resulted in widespread flooding across the Kentucky coal fields, with locations in the Kentucky River Basin seeing flood crests the highest they'd been since the '80's.

Additional heavy rain in April resulted in another flood event for both the Cumberland and Kentucky river basins. Soil conditions remained wet for much of the first few months of the year, hindering farmers in the planting of crops. Though river flooding stopped with the end of Spring rain, flash flooding was a frequent occurrence through much of the Summer, due to an abundance of convective, heavy rain producing storms moving across the region.

The facts seem to speak for themselves. The year 2003 has been a wet year! But, how has this compared to years past? Digging back through the climatological records for Jackson, Julian Carroll Airport (JKL) provided a bit of insight. Though the end of August rainfall for 2003 was just under 38 inches. This is the highest total for this same period since 1998, when 40.5 inches was recorded. Since 1990, five years have received more rain and eight less rain than that received for 2003. The driest January was 2001, when 26 inches fell. The wettest was 1993, which had over 44 inches.

What will the remainder of 2003 bring? September through December is normally the driest time of the year for East Kentucky. Climatological records for JKL indicate 14-93 inches is received on the average during the last third of the year, or about 30% of the annual precipitation total. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's official 90-day outlook indicates there is an equal chance of above or below normal precipitation for the Bluegrass State for the period September through November. Should normal precipitation occur during September through December as currently indicated, the year will end with a grand total of around 53 inches. This would put

2003 into the record books as the eighth wettest year since records were began at the Julian Carroll Airport, in 1981.

Actual rainfall during the remaining months of this year could be greater or less, depending on the location and persistence of large scale atmospheric patterns that establish over the hemisphere and around the globe. Scientists have discovered that these circulations are affected by the El Nino / Southern Oscillation (ENSO). The ENSO cycle refers to the coherent and sometimes very strong year-to-year variations in sea-surface temperatures, convective rainfall, surface air pressure, and atmospheric circulation that occur across the equatorial Pacific Ocean. El Nino and La Nita represent opposite extremes in the ENSO cycle. El Nido refers to the periodic warming of sea-surface temperatures across the east-central equatorial Pacific, while La Nita is at the other end of the spectrum and refers to the periodic cooling of sea-surface temperatures. Both abnormally warm and cold sea surface temperatures can affect the intensity and position of the jet stream, which in turn affect the development and movement of storm systems. Current atmospheric and oceanic conditions in the tropical Pacific are near average and do not support the development of either La Nita or El Nido in the next few months.

One other factor to consider though is tropical storms. Fall is on the tail end of the tropical storm season, however, storms have developed in the past in September and October and tracked close enough to produce heavy rain over Eastern Kentucky. Such was the case with Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

So, how will 2003 stack up with years past? Time will tell, however, when all is said and done it will probably go in the record books as wetter than normal. Additional hydrological and climatological data can be found on the Jackson National Weather Service's Homepage at: <http://crh.noaa.gov/jkl>.



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