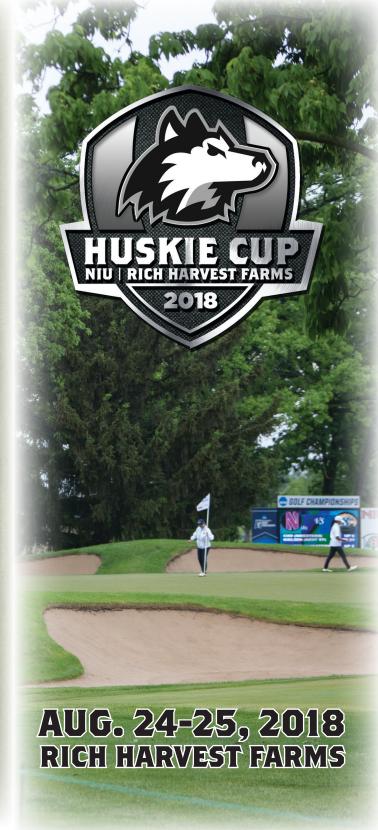
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MESSAGE FROM THE COACHES

Dear NIU Alumni & Friends,

We are honored to have such a strong relationship with Rich Harvest Farms and the Rich Family. Their support, as well as yours, is immeasurable.

In 2018 we are transitioning the Harvest Invitational into the Huskie Cup, a Ryder Cup style golf event featuring two teams of 12 (Red vs Black) over the final full weekend in August.

We worked closely with the Rich Family to develop an experience for NIU alumni and Friends to enjoy ALL of the splendor of Rich Harvest Farms, including an overnight stay in the beautiful Harvest Lodge (See the schedule of events for more details).

The registration deadline is June 1st and with only 24 spots available we anticipate it filling quickly. Contact Kim or I with questions or complete the registration form to secure your spot! In advance, thanks for your support of NIU Golf, take care.

Go Huskies!

Tom Porten
Director of Golf
Northern Illinois University

Kim Kester Head Coach, Women's Golf Northern Illinois University





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 24, 2018

3-5:00pm Arrival & Check-In 5:00pm Golf Clinic 6:00pm Cocktail Hour 7:00pm Dinner & Draw Party

August 25, 2018

7:00am Breakfast
8:30am Shotgun Start Round 1
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm Shotgun Start Round 2
6:30pm Awards | Hors d'Oeuvres

Registration Deadline June 1, 2018

RICH TRADITION

Long before Rich Harvest Farms came to be, the story began at Northern Illinois University, where Jerry met Betty Ann, fell in love and even though Jerry was a year ahead of Betty in school he convinced his dad (Anthony "AJ") another year of quality education at NIU was necessary. On a sunny day in June 1961, one he refers "to as his finest" they graduated and were married on the same day!

Fast forward several decades and after selling his highly successful business to Reuters, both wanted to be near to NIU and enjoy retirment. They purchased some farmland in the little town of Sugar Grove where Jerry could focus on one of his life's passions golf. Around this time, he also traveled to Augusta National for the first time with his longtime friend Sam Snead and fell in love with the course sparking an interest in golf course architecture as well.

Jerry returned and quickly designed a single hole with three sets of tees and with encouragement from family/friends he would go on to finish the layout to be known as Rich Harvest Farm Links then changed to Rich Harvest Farms in 1998. By 2000 it made Golf Digest's "America's 100 Greatest Colf Courses list", where it currently remains.

With a passion for golf realized, a desire to give back to his alma mater took shape when he engaged longtime NIU Golf Coach Jack Pheanis to bring the team out to play the course. Soon after, both NIU teams were calling Rich Harvest Farms "Home of the Huskies"!

The past two decades have seen the growth of Rich Harvest Farms as the home of Amatuer Golf. The list below is just a few of the over 125 amatuer events held at the Farm in the past 20 years.

- 2003/12 Men's Mid American Conference Championships
- 2015 Western Amatuer
- 2015 Palmer Cup (first site chosen as return host in 2021)
- 2017 NCAA Men & Women's National Championships

Today, the student athletes at NIU are proud to call "The Farm" home and have use of the course, practice facilities, including the Indoor Arena available to the teams year round.