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New tournament to pit corporation against corporation to see which will be crowned annual “King of the Course”

AMHERST, NY – Forget everything you ever knew, or thought you knew, about local golf tournaments and save the idea of “playing just for fun” for your Saturday morning tee time.

We are talking hardcore competition, pitting some of Western New York largest firms against one another to see who will be crowned “King of the Course.”

Welcome to the **First Annual Western New York Corporate Open**, the brainchild of William McGowan, an avid golfer and Chief Financial Officer at AccuMED Technologies Inc. The **First Annual Western New York Corporate Open** will take place on **Monday, July 30** at the Park Club in Amherst.

It’s a unique idea born one day while McGowan was golfing with friends and chatting about the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge run, held every spring in Buffalo.

“We were talking about the Corporate Challenge and I thought, ‘Why not hold a golf tournament here?’ There is no local tournament that crowns any company as having the best golfers in Western New York,” McGowan said. “Someone has got to want to win the title.”

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For three years McGowan kept thinking about it but it wasn't until he learned of a new foundation that needed help raising money that McGowan got serious.

When Tom Blaszcykiewicz , Chief Executive Officer of AccuMED, formed the Blaszcykiewicz Foundation earlier this year to raise money to bring life-saving MRI technology to Buffalo, McGowan seized on the chance to turn his dream of a corporate golf competition into reality.

And he hopes in the future this competition, which adopts the Corporate Challenge format, will take on a life of its own just like the JP Morgan Chase run. Each year proceeds from the tournament will benefit a different charity. This year the beneficiary will be the Blaszcykiewicz Foundation.

Response to the tournament - taking place Monday, July 30 at Park Country Club in Amherst - is overwhelming. With more than 30 foursomes already registered to compete, McGowan is predicting a fabulous tournament.

Some of the corporations participating include: AccuMED Technologies, Bonadio, Citizens Bank, Dimar Manufacturing Corp., Delaware North Cos. Inc., Don Hahn Sales, E & Y Financial Forum, Graphic Controls LLC, Manning & Napier Information Services, MVP Network Consulting, Phillips Lytle LLP, The McGuire Group, UPS, Wausau Signature Agency, Whiting Door Manufacturing Corp.

But only one firm will be crowned "King of the Course."

And they'll return next year to defend their hard won title as the First "King of the Course."

For more information on the tournament, please call William McGowan at 853-1800 ext, 131.

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