

BILL BASS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY RAGIN' CAJUNS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION
& VERMILION LINKS CLUB

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BILL BASS

In more than a century of UL history, many individuals have selflessly given of themselves and gone the extra mile in support of the university.

In nearly a century of golf history in the Acadiana area, many individuals have given of themselves to grow, advance and promote the game.

Probably only one person, though, has ever combined the two as did Bill Bass, whose name is synonymous both with UL and with the development of local golf. For that reason, the friends of the golf team host the Bill Bass Open each year as one of the highlights of the university's Homecoming celebration.

The timing could not be better, since Homecoming was special to Bass - especially between 1965-78 when he left the insurance business to serve as the school's first full-time alumni director. That was one of several areas in which Bass was deeply involved with the university, after earning accolades as a two-sport letterman in football and boxing from 1938-40.

Bass served two different stints in two different decades as UL golf coach, and helped lay the foundation for golf success that continues to the present day.

By that time, he was already one of the most recognizable golf figures in Louisiana. In the mid-1950s, Bass helped supervise the construction of Oakbourne Country Club and was intimately involved in the development of what is still one of the South's top courses - one that hosted a PGA Tour event for nearly a decade. Later, he designed and was one of the driving forces in the opening of Acadian Hills Country Club in 1962.

Bass continued to be involved in university activities and the local golf scene up until his passing in 1987. It was shortly afterward that the Alumni Association began a scholarship fund in his honor and joined with his son Bob Bass - himself golf coach at the university for nearly two decades and named the top coach in the Sun Belt Conference's first 30 years - to found the Homecoming tournament that now bears his name.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE BILL BASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND HOW YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT THE RAGIN' CAJUNS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION AT [RCAF@LOUISIANA.EDU](mailto:rcaf@LOUISIANA.EDU) OR 337-851-2903.



An event of the
Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation
and



VERMILION LINKS CLUB

Mail entry form and
payment by
Friday, October 13th
or
email to:
rcaf@louisiana.edu



Sponsorships

A number of sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals who want to show their support for the Ragin' Cajuns, or for those who would like to contribute to the Bill Bass Scholarship Fund.

Sponsorships run from \$125 to \$1,000 and are listed on the entry form.

More tournament
information:
(337) 654-4161
or
danmcdonald1923@gmail.com

BILL BASS OPEN SPECIAL FEATURES

- On some of the holes, members of the UL golf team will be at the tee box and will hit shots along with your team. Your team may use their shot as part of your regular scramble shots at no charge (*contributions, of course, are welcome and appreciated*).
- Holes #3 and #12 will have Closest to the Hole contests, with the winners claiming a special UL prize. (*NOTE: Must be a tournament player. A shot from a UL player (see above) cannot be used for Closest to the Hole.*)
- Hole #18 will have a Long Drive contest, with the winner claiming a special UL prize. (*NOTE: Must be a tournament player. A shot from a UL player (see above) cannot be used for Long Drive.*)
- Between the 9th and 10th holes, a putting contest will be held at the practice green next to the clubhouse. All tournament players may participate at NO CHARGE. Winner of the putting contest will receive a UL golf bag.
- Each tournament player will receive two mulligans, one on each side, at NO CHARGE to players.
- Lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m.
- Beer, soft drinks and water will be available at several tee boxes around the course. These are compliments of the tournament.

~ TOURNAMENT BENEFACTORS ~



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The Bill Bass Open golf tournament, presented by the Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation (RCAF) and Vermilion Links Club, provides you with an opportunity as well as a chance to gather with friends, UL alumni and former athletes for an afternoon of fun and good times.

In addition to the golf, lunch will be served and special events are planned on the course during the tournament. And, yes, there will be celebrity sightings and a chance for interaction on several holes, including members of the UL golf team. Come and join us! Put together your own four-person team or send in your individual entry and you'll be paired up as part of a group. Better yet, become a sponsor and combine a day of golf while letting others know of your support of the Ragin' Cajuns.

– Player Registration –

Make sure to include Handicap!

Phone and email is necessary to confirm entry!

- ☐ I have put together a 4-person team.
☐ I want to play - put me on a team!

First 30 teams to register and pay will be accepted.

- ☐ Enclosed is my team's entry fee\$
(Team entry fee \$700; deduct \$25 for every team member who holds RCAF membership)
- ☐ Enclosed is my single-player entry fee\$
(Entry fee \$175; deduct \$25 if you hold RCAF membership)

Player 1 Name _____

RCAF Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No RCAF Number _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Player 2 Name _____

RCAF Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No RCAF Number _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Player 3 Name _____

RCAF Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No RCAF Number _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Player 4 Name _____

RCAF Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No RCAF Number _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date/Site

This year's tournament is **Friday, October 20, 2023** at Les Vieux Chenes Golf Club. Registration and lunch begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

Format

The tournament is a four-person scramble with a point system to allow for handicaps. Total team handicaps (all four handicaps added together) will be used in a point system that will determine handicap strokes for each team prior to play.

Prizes

Team prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Individual prizes will include long drive and closest to the hole on selected holes. All prizes will be awarded in the clubhouse following the tournament.

– Sponsor Registration –

- ☐ **Yes!** I would like to help by becoming a sponsor!

- ☐ Ragin' Cajun Sponsor -- \$1,000
Includes team entry, 2 hole sponsorships and mention in all tournament signage and publicity
- ☐ Red & White Sponsor -- \$750
Includes team entry and 1 hole sponsorships
- ☐ Hole Sponsor & Entry Fee -- \$250
Includes one player entry and signage on one hole
- ☐ Hole Sponsor -- \$125
Includes signage on one hole
- ☐ Longest Drive Sponsor -- \$150
- ☐ Closest to the Hole Sponsor -- \$150
- ☐ Scholarship Fund Sponsor \$ _____

- ☐ **Yes!** I want to help by volunteering! (Please contact me.)

Make checks payable to RCAF (please write Bill Bass Open in the memo blank) **or charge to my credit card below:**

Please charge to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Am. Ex. ☐ Discover

Card# _____

Exp. Date _____ 3-or4 digit CVV code _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Entry Fee @ \$175 per person x _____ players = \$ _____
(Non-RCAF member price)

Entry Fee @ \$150 per person x _____ players = \$ _____
(RCAF member price)

***NOTE:** Entry fee includes EVERYTHING - food, drinks, mulligans & putting contest!

Total Team/Player Entry Fees = \$ _____

Bill Bass Scholarship Fund Donation = \$ _____

Sponsorship (see above sponsorship opportunities) = \$ _____

Total Payment = \$ _____

Thank You

The Bill Bass Open would like to give a huge "THANKS" to the City of Lafayette and the Parks and Recreation Department for their invaluable assistance and in allowing us to stage our event at Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course.

Mail entry form and payment by Oct. 13, 2023 to:

RCAF

c/o Bill Bass Tournament

P. O. Box 43603

Lafayette, LA 70504

or email rcaf@louisiana.edu

Entry FEE

Entry fee is \$150 per person for RCAF members, or \$175 per person for non-members. A team entry is \$700, with a \$25 deduction for each team member who is an RCAF member.

Fee INCLUDES cart, tee gifts, mulligans, putting contest entry, range balls, any other prize drawings, lunch and refreshments on the course. There is NO CHARGE for any other tournament event. The entry fee includes all charges.

Entry Information

Entries with payment (check or credit card information) may be sent to:

RCAF

P. O. Box 43603

Lafayette, LA 70504

or email to:

rcaf@louisiana.edu

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

Checks should be made payable to RCAF. *Please write "Bill Bass Open" in the memo blank.

Proceeds from the tournament go to support the Bill Bass Scholarship Fund and the UL golf team.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Oct. 13th, 2023, at noon.

Reservations will be confirmed by e-mail upon receipt of entry form and payment. Email address must be included on the registration form.

Inclement Weather

If inclement weather forces cancellation of the tournament, your entry fee will be considered a donation to the Bill Bass Scholarship Fund and the UL golf team. Thank you for your consideration and support.

