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Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

- No-Prob-Limo, LLC
- Porky Butts
- Lucky Bucket Brewery & Cutspike Distillery

SAVE THE DATE



Join Us In Celebrating
~ ALL HONOREES ~
OCTOBER 17th, 2021

Our September issue will
feature the planned activities,
times and event location.

From Your President

Hello Everyone,

It was so nice to see so many of you at Top Golf and at Corkscrew for Industry Night Out!

It's great to see business booming again and hopefully we will start seeing more applicants to fill our positions.

We are off to a great start with the golf tournament and I am really looking forward to it! Don't miss out and get your reservations in ASAP!

See you at Stone Creek on August 16th!

Dine Out Often,
Your President, Matthew Brown



GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, August 16, 2021
Stone Creek Golf Course | 6220 N 160th Avenue
Proceeds go towards culinary scholarships and education, as well as feeding the hungry

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	EVENT COSTS
9:00 AM: Check-In & Breakfast Driving Range w/balls	\$250: Sponsorship Only
10:00 AM: Shotgun Start/Texas Scramble	\$750: Includes Sponsorship, Breakfast & Lunch, Libations, Four-some w/2 Carts
11:30 - 2:30 PM: Lunch Served at the Turn	
3 - 4:00 PM: Cocktails, Appetizers & Prizes	

Number of golfers is limited to 200 so sign up early!
Entry Deadline is August 6th

A FUN EVENT! You don't need to be a serious golfer to play!

FUN & PRIZES! Contests • Poker Hole • Sampling & Flag Prizes
Raffle Tickets: 5 for \$20 • Mulligans: \$20 each • Cigars: \$10 each
Poker Hand: \$5 each

Please make checks payable to:
Omaha Restaurant Association | 4270 North 139th Street | Omaha, NE 68164
or visit www.dineoutomaha.com to pay by Paypal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS;

Online <https://dineoutomaha.com/golf-event-form/> or

Email dineoutomaha@cox.net

RECONNECTING AGAIN!

OMAHA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION 2021 INDUSTRY NIGHT OUT



Corkscrew in Blackstone was the perfect location for our Industry Night Out/ Membership Drive on June 6th. We had beautiful weather to be both indoors and out and it was so good to reconnect with some people we have not seen in a very long time. You could hear the chatter amongst everyone how they handled the

pandemic and how they are handling the staffing shortages now. People left knowing they are not alone in their struggles and this too shall soon pass!

We welcomed a few new members with several more on the fence. We gave away prizes throughout the night, which was fun, but the charcuterie and bever-

ages were a real treat! We even stayed an hour longer because everyone was really enjoying it!

Be sure to check out the Much Appreciated section to see the sponsors we are so very thankful for and enjoy the pictures.

MUCH APPRECIATION

To Our Generous Sponsors For Our INDUSTRY NIGHT OUT Event

FOOD

- H. Olafsson International Specialty Foods
- Loffredo Fresh Produce
- Performance Foodservice
- Sysco Lincoln, Inc.

BEVERAGES

- Anchor Beverage Company
- Brickway Brewery & Distillery
- Chesterman Coca-Cola
- Johnson Brothers of NE
- Premier Midwest Beverage Company
- Quality Brands of Omaha
- Quail Distributing
- Quench Fine Wines
- Republic National Distributing Company
- Southern Glaziers Wine & Spirits
- The Italian Vine

Board Member Bio



I suppose there's no point in doing it if we can't have a little fun! I've been fortunate to call Coca-Cola a home for the past 12 years and even more so now that we have the privilege of serving our customers as a family owned, 5th generation bottler. My role at Chesterman Co. is to lead and support our on premise team for the company. Our sole focus is to generate value through great partnerships and awesome brands. Throughout my career at

Coca-Cola, I've performed many different job functions. It has afforded me a unique perspective and sense of responsibility to everyone I work with. Perhaps this is why I love the restaurant industry so much. There are so many talented and hardworking individuals and teams prevalent in our industry. Concurrently, they're also some of the most fun-loving people. This means that there is rarely a dull moment and we always find a way to have fun with whatever we're doing, regardless of the obstacles we face!

Outside of the office, I'm a resident of Papillion and I was born in raised in the Millard area. I graduated from UNO and I have been married for 13 years to my wife Stephanie. We have (2) crazy awesome kids named Alexa and Connor. We're a big soccer family. I coach at Papillion Soccer Club. So if I'm not

ZACH WIGGINTON

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Chesterman Coca Cola**

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at work, you can usually find me on the field. Our kids also dabble in baseball, football, basketball, and volleyball. Needless to say, like so many folks, the calendar is pretty packed on a daily basis. That being said, we don't have a lot of time to prep dinner at home, so you may also find me throughout several restaurants after our various games and practices. Dining out is one of my absolute favorite things to do. In addition to those things, we enjoy traveling and I enjoy hunting with my English Setter, Finn.

Thanks for making Omaha such a great place to live, work, and eat!

LIKES & INTERESTS: spicy food, soccer, crypto currency, coaching, traveling, dining out, hunting

DISLIKES: mustard, pickles, automated customer service bots, someone who answers the phone only to ask if they can call you right back.

FIRST ANNUAL TOPGOLF EVENT

A NEW FUNDRAISER IS A WINNER FOR 2021!



As the pandemic was winding down we were desperate to see our peers and thought we would take a stab at a small fundraiser to do so. It seemed other people were feeling the same way so on April 26th almost 100 of us got together for a fun day out at TOP GOLF!!

We didn't feel the need to compete but rather make it a feel good day with continual prizes from fun games played with each team. Each team won something!

Although no one won the \$10,000 for getting a hole in one, we did give a six month membership to TOP GOLF away and an extremely well stocked bar was given away as well.

Thank you to our sponsors: Chesterman Coca-Cola, DJ's Dugout, Performance Foodservice and Premier Midwest Beverage Co.

EVENT PHOTOS

Summer 2021



JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL
Omaha TOPGOLF
 6 PERSON TEAM SCRAMBLE

IF YOU HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED TOPGOLF... THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, VIP-STYLE!
 You don't need to be an experienced golfer! Come and enjoy individual bay play, music, great food, refreshing drinks, and a chance to win \$10,000!

GET OUT AND SWING FOR INDUSTRY EDUCATION AND FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY
 Proceeds for this event go to support Hospitality Scholarships, Omaha Food Bank, No More Empty Pans & Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue

RAFFLE PRIZES
 Purchase Raffle Tickets Towards Any Of Our Grand Prizes!
 -STOCK YOUR BAR WINE & SPIRITS WALL-
 -PLATINUM TOP GOLF MEMBERSHIP-
 -\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE OPPORTUNITY-

DATE & TIME
 Monday, April 26th, 2021
 Noon - 3:00 - TOPGOLF Omaha

SCHEDULE
 11:45 - Registration
 Noon - Free Play & Lunch
 2:45 - Recognition & Prizes

FORMAT
 Open Play Style for Each Individual Bay
 TOPGOLF Ambassador Available in Each Bay
 Limited to first 200 Players

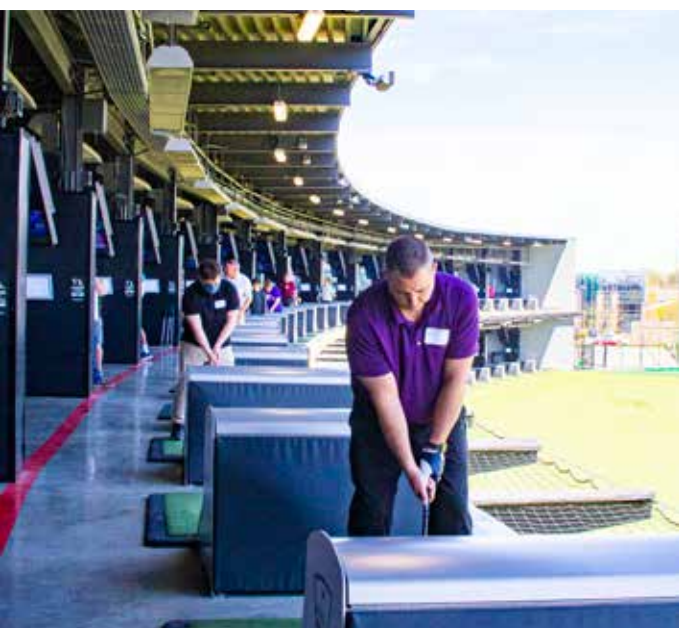
ENTRY
 \$100 Per Golfer (4 Per Team)
 Includes Lunch, NA Beverages And A Drink Ticket!

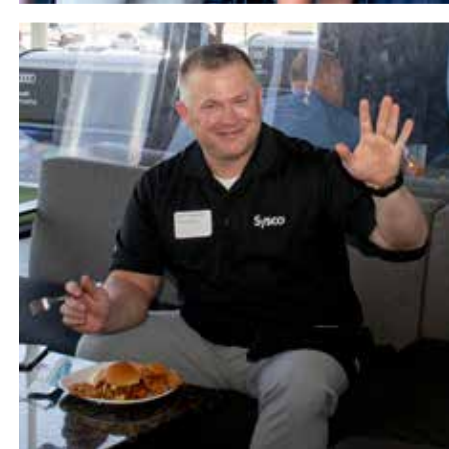




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Summer 2021







Omaha
RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

15th Annual
Membership Drive

**INDUSTRY
NIGHT OUT**
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2021

Raffle Prizes | Friends & Fun

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT
HOSTED BY

**CORKSCREW
WINE & CHEESE
BLACKSTONE**

\$20 TICKETS

TO ORDER YOURS;
Email: Jennie Warren at dineoutofen@cox.net
Online: <https://dineoutomaha.com/industry-night-out/>

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE 6 FREE TICKETS!







GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, August 16, 2021
Stone Creek Golf Course

June 20, 2021

Dear Omaha Restaurant Association Member,

I am writing you to invite you to participate in the 2021 ORA Golf Scramble. This year's event is scheduled for August 16th. We will be returning to the well-manicured, Stone Creek Golf Course where their 27 holes and professional staff can accommodate the size and magnitude of our event. We're excited to gather together for this outdoor event and treasure being together with friends and colleagues.

Every year, the ORA is proud to provide industry support through quality, service and education in an effort to deliver the very best experiences for our community and guests. Each year, tens of thousands of dollars are raised for scholarships to students pursuing a college level education in our field, as well as professors furthering their knowledge on food safety awareness and education supplied through workshops. We also help to feed the hungry through the Food Bank of the Heartland, No More Empty Pots, and Saving Grace.

Raising funds is more important now than ever. We truly appreciate your support! Our industry and our association is always stronger when we are able to work together and in larger numbers.

If you are unable to golf but would still like to support you can always sponsor a hole, donate a prize or make a cash donation.

The ORA is a non-profit, volunteer organization with a 501c status. Our tax ID # is 47-0488013. All taxes are included in the prices. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to make this event above par!

Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Warren, Executive Director



GOLF SCRAMBLE SIGN-UP / SPONSORSHIP FORM

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11:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch Offered at the Turn • 3:00-4:00 p.m. Cocktails, Appetizers & Prizes

☐ **Level 1 Sponsor \$250** *includes tax*

This sponsorship means you are unable to golf but includes a sign bearing your company name and logo which will be displayed on the course throughout the entire day. **Level 1** also offers to you the opportunity to promote your company product by either donating the prize for that hole or supplying complimentary samples to be handed out to golfers. If able, we would greatly appreciate both!

Company _____ Phone _____

Contact Name _____ Email _____

☐ Please create a sponsorship sign for me. I will be sending a jpeg of my company logo to be printed on my sign to dineoutoften@cox.net.

☐ I would like to donate a gift for a FLAG PRIZE. Contact my phone number listed above.

☐ I am unable to attend but would like to support the Association in its mission.

☐ **Level 2 Sponsor \$750** *includes tax*

This sponsorship includes a foursome, driving range, two carts, breakfast, lunch and libations.

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

My Tournament Team Members Are:

1.) Name: _____ 2.) Name: _____

3.) Name: _____ 4.) Name: _____

☐ I would like to donate a gift for a FLAG PRIZE. Contact me at the above phone number.

NEW! OPTION TO PRE-PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS, MULLIGANS, POKER HANDS, AND CIGARS!
(Fill out order form on next page)



GOLF SCRAMBLE PRE-ORDER FORM

RAFFLE TICKETS, MULLIGANS, CIGARS AND POKER HANDS!

Company _____ Phone _____

Contact Name _____ Email _____

LEVEL 1 SPONSOR (\$250)	_____	X	\$ 250.00	=	0
	QUANTITY		COST		TOTAL COST
LEVEL 2 SPONSOR (\$750)	_____	X	\$ 750.00	=	0
	QUANTITY		COST		TOTAL COST
RAFFLE TICKETS (5 for \$20)	_____	X	\$ 20.00	=	0
	QUANTITY (SETS OF 5)		COST		TOTAL COST
MULLIGANS (\$20.00 EA)	_____	X	\$ 20.00	=	0
	QUANTITY (UNLIMITED)		COST		TOTAL COST
CIGARS (\$10.00 EA)	_____	X	\$ 10.00	=	0
	QUANTITY		COST		TOTAL COST
POKER HANDS (\$5.00 EA)	_____	X	\$ 5.00	=	0
	QUANTITY		COST		TOTAL COST
					\$ 0.00
					TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Thank You for Your Order



402-310-6677 (call or text)

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BEER TOUR

These breweries are all right here in the Lincoln area and boast some of the best beer brewed in the Midwest. Pick your favorite from our list of local (available online) and we will handle the transportation, no questions asked. Each brewery has something great to offer and we know them all. This reservation is for up to a party of 8 and lasts about 5 hours. This tour is all inclusive.

WINE TOUR

Enjoy our wine tours and let us do the driving. These tours are all inclusive meaning we pick up the tab. Enjoy beautiful scenery and great ambiance. These wineries are some of Nebraska's finest. This tour is great for a group of 6 or less and is meant to be a great time of leisure and relaxation. These tours last about 5 hours and end with a sweet ride home with no worries.

TOP GOLF TOUR

Enjoy a ride to Omaha's own Top Golf with you and 5 of your friends (6 total). We cover the drinks from Backswing brewery on the way up and food and drinks while you do some driving of your own in your own private bay. This reservation is perfect for coworkers who would just like to get away or for those who love to spoil their clients. This reservation requires 2 weeks advance reservation.

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Hourly rates available



DATE



Meeting ID: 924 9863 0657

ZOOM CLASS

SEPTEMBER 13 / 2021

8:30AM-11:30AM

**CONTACT US FOR BOOK DATES
WITH GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL
REGISTRATION**

Food Handler is a 3 hours basic food safety class for foodservice workers such as cooks, wait staff, dishwashers, etc., and will focus on general food safety

Clase de seguridad alimentaria básica de 3 horas para los trabajadores del servicio de alimentos, como cocineros, meseros, lavaplatos, etc. y se centrará en la seguridad alimentaria en general.

ServSafe

Food Handler Class

**In Spanish and Free
2021**

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**GRATIS Y EN
ESPAÑOL**

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**Nebraska
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION**

Monday, September 14th, 2020

Hillcrest Country Club

9401 E. "O" Street | Lincoln, NE

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EVENTS CALENDAR

*Any ORA member is welcome to share in any meeting at any time. If you would like to speak at a meeting, please call Jennie Warren at 402-493-4739 and schedule a time.

AUGUST 16th **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**
9:00 a.m. CHECK-IN
10:00 SHOTGUN START
Stonecreek 6220 N 160th Ave

SEPT 14th **Monthly Board Meeting**
3:30 p.m. - LeBouillon
1017 Howard St.

OCTOBER 3rd **Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen**
5:00 - Embassy Suites
10th & Howard Street

OCTOBER 12th **Monthly Board Meeting**
3:30 p.m. - Jams
1101 Harney Street

OCTOBER 17th **Hospitality Hall of Fame**
5:00 Hybrid Event
5-6 Different Locations

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DON'T MISS OUT ON SUMMER ServSafe COURSES

MANAGER TRAINING CLASSES

July 12th & 13th

- Offered two different times, both two day classes ending with test at end of 2nd day, **IN-PERSON**
- We pay for everything but the course book which can be purchased on Amazon (ServSafe 7th Edition without the test sheet)
- To register you need to email or call Cindy Brison at cbrison1@unl.edu or 402-444-7872. You will need: Your name, email address, phone number and the restaurant you are with.

Due to the limited seating and the cost with this, you do need to be current with your membership dues



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

Keep watching your email
for updates

