

To Our Chattanooga Golf Community:

As we prepare for this weekend's Chattanooga Men's Metro, we do so with a great deal of gratitude and reflection. This will be our final year serving as co-chairmen of an event that has meant so much to both of us for so many years.

I (Mike) ran my first Metro as Tournament Chairman in 1992 at Valleybrook Golf and Country Club (Champion Lex Tarumianz). Richard and I became co-chairmen in 2000, and we ran our first Metro together that year at Battlefield Golf Club (Champion Andrew Black). This weekend will mark my 35th Metro and Richard's 27th.

Over all those years, we have been fortunate to work with so many wonderful people throughout the Chattanooga golf community. We want to sincerely thank the local golf clubs that have hosted and supported the Metro, the golf professionals and staff members who have worked so hard to make each championship successful, and, most of all, you, the players, who have competed and supported the tournament year after year.

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure. The Chattanooga Men's Metro has a long and proud history, and we are very grateful to have played a small part in that history.

Next year, a new era of the Chattanooga Men's Metro will begin under the leadership of co-chairmen Mitch Hufstetler and Tad Holley. We are pleased to see the tournament move forward in their hands, and wish them many successful years leading this great championship.

While our time running the Metro is coming to an end, we are not going away. ***We will continue to serve together as co-chairmen of the Brainerd Invitational each August, and I will continue to operate the annual season-ending Chattanooga TPC at Council Fire Golf Club.*** We look forward to continuing to be involved in local golf and seeing many of you at those events and around the golf course.

To every club, every golf professional, every volunteer, and every player who has been part of this journey: **thank you.** Your friendship and support have made these years very special to us.

It has been our honor and privilege to serve the Chattanooga District Golf Association for the past three decades.

With sincere gratitude,

Mike Jenkins & Richard Keene