

Golf pros among Beau's Buddies

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A pair of PGA golfers are headlining this year's **Beau's Buddies** Cancer Fund Golf Tournament.

Will MacKenzie, a Greenville native and J.H. Rose alumnus, and fellow professional James Driscoll will be at Greenville Country Club next Monday for the second annual charity tournament in memory of Hugh Parham "Beau" Stanley, who died from neuroblastoma at a young age in 2007.

"We're very excited about the tournament," said David Vaughn, a member of **Beau's Buddies** board of directors. "We want people to come out, meet these golfers and have a good time." All proceeds from the event will go to the **Beau's Buddies** Cancer Fund.

Stanley was diagnosed with high risk stage III neuroblastoma about 17 months into his life, battling the disease for a little over a year before passing away.

MacKenzie said in an email interview that he doesn't get many opportunities to come back to Greenville, but this was a worthy cause.

"Although I don't get back very often, I am glad to help give back to the community," he said.

"I'm excited to bring my wife and boys up for the **Beau's Buddies** event."

Vaughn said that MacKenzie's brother, Wes, was very helpful in linking the pro golfer to the tournament.

"He really stepped up and was instrumental in putting this thing together," Vaughn said of Wes MacKenzie, who lives in Greenville and is friends with some of the **Beau's Buddies** board of directors.

Eighteen teams are currently signed up for the event, which begins at 9:30 a.m.

Vaughn said four spots are available for teams still interested. Each team consists of four players, with three levels of sponsorship available.

A skins game between the two pros will start at 2:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Cost is \$40.

The meet and greet begins at 7:30 at the Hilton Greenville, with an admission fee of \$125.

The inaugural **Beau's Buddies** golf tournament was held at Greenville Country Club two years ago, but didn't include any PGA golfers.

"We're really hoping to grow," Vaughn said of the tournament. "Hopefully this will just be a sign of things to come."

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