

Alvamar # 55

2026 - The S & J Alvamar Invitational

The **55th Alvamar Invitational** tournament will be played on Thursday – Sunday, August 6-9. Eighteen holes will be played daily with the field battling to identify The Champion golfer of the year, and the winner of Alvamar #55.

For the 2026 event and activities, we return to the Firekeeper Golf Club and Prairie Band Casino Resort, in Mayetta, Kansas. We have a field of 30 for the tournament. John Hood keeps his attendance streak intact, and we celebrate that. We have four rookies. First, John 'OG' Evans, who finally relented and will make his inaugural trip to this magnificent event. Welcome, John. We also welcome Troy Hanson. Troy works with us Kiewit guys, as our CDW rep. Troy has taken me to the nicest golf course my little feet have ever set foot on, The Harvester in Des Moines, Ia. The other two rookies are Tim Barner and Jeremy Savage, as the Kiewit stable grows. You will learn more from and about them at the banquet on Friday night. We also have the return of Dan Baylor, who comes back after a couple of years on the LIV tour. Welcome back, Dan. All good guys, and great additions to our group.

Unfortunately, this year, our returning champion, Rich Kalal will not be able to join us, as he will be tending to his wife, Kathy, who is dealing with health issues. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kalal crew. Also, our friend Gene Chevalier experienced the tragic loss of his son, Alec earlier this year. A sadness none of us expects, and one that is devastating. Take a moment to send good thoughts to Gene, Rich, and their families. Also of note, yours truly, the jr ed is also on the shelf this year, recovering from hip replacement surgery. I will be about 6 weeks post-op and while in attendance, driving around in a cart with diet cokes, an occasional cigar and I look forward to returning to competition next year.

It will be fabulous weekend of cigars, Firekeeper lemonades, gambling, and something resembling golf.

Our tournament will be seventy-two holes of medal play, beginning Thursday afternoon, then Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. We will compete in four flights. We have our annual Ryder Cup event, on Saturday afternoon at the Firekeeper, following the morning round there. **Players under 65 will play the Buffalo tees, over age 65, the Bear tees are an option for you. If you turn 65 on any day after August 6, enjoy the Buffalo tees one more year, before moving up to the Bear tees.**

The Ryder Cup will feature **Jerry Lampe**, captaining against **Joe Grimshaw**. These two have played golf with and against each other in Scotland and Ireland, and this will be an epic showdown. Fresh off last year's tie.

Because it was a blast, the captains will be drafting their teams live on Friday evening (during the banquet), and the Saturday morning pairings will match the Ryder Cup match pairings and use the handicaps after the Friday adjustments.

The Ryder Cup matches will be: 6 holes alternate shot, followed by 6 holes better ball and ending with 6 holes scramble. For the Ryder Cup, we will play the Bear (yellow) tees.

This year's tournament schedule is:

August 6	Thursday	1:00 PM - Firekeeper, Mayetta KS Pairings shown below
August 7	Friday	8:00 AM - Firekeeper, Mayetta KS-Bonus golf 2:00 PM (if interested) 7:00 PM - Banquet - All Required to attend (Rookie speeches we ask you tell us a little about yourself, how you got invited, where you work (or worked), what you do for a living, your family, an interesting/brief story)
August 8	Saturday	8:00 AM - Firekeeper 1:45 PM - Ryder Cup - Firekeeper (Bear Tees)
August 9	Sunday	8:00 AM - Firekeeper

Our banquet will be held Friday evening at the Prairie Band Casino Resort, in the banquet room at the hotel. Casual dress for the banquet, room open at 7:00 PM, shrimp arriving at 7:04 PM and dinner served at 7:30 PM. Menu will be steak or salmon (let me know your choice, or you get steak), salad, potato, dessert, etc..... followed by drinking, gambling, cigars, stories from the past years and some great camaraderie, along with other shenanigans. Our historical results will be posted, if you see an error, let me know, I will fix it.

Our new website is live, and while still under construction, some photos are out there, and I plan to post results, pairings, photos, etc. using the website. www.alvamarinvitational.com

For question, call me.

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Thursday Pairings, Tee-times, and Handicaps

Tee-time	Player	Cap	Player	Cap	Player	Cap	Player	Cap
1:00	Chris Dill	8	Joe Grimshaw	22	Jerry Lampe	24		
1:16	Jeff DeRuiter	10	Mohan Komanduri	36	Dean Jenkins	36		
1:08	Wally Wright	36	Dan Baylor	18	Matt Wilson	24	John Evans (rookie)	10
1:24	John Hood	18	Jim Garberding	16	Ryan Curtis	22	Gene Chevalier	12
1:32	Chris Lathrop	22	Clint Buckingham	12	Tim Barner (rookie)	16	Jeremy Savage (rookie)	14
1:40	Dean Hodges	22	Terry Leahy	12	Gary Parks	24	Bob Smithhisler	26
1:48	Troy Hansen (rookie)	22	Donnie Weese	20	Pat Nosal	28	Barry Vaughn	24
1:56	Jeremy Gray	6	Mike Driscoll	22	Steve Broniecki	12	Rob Fredrickson	18

The Games

1. The Wagers:
 - A. 72 Hole Individual Tournament
 1. All Players contribute \$20.00
 - 1st – 40%; 2nd – 30%; 3rd – 20%; 4th – 10%
 - B. Flight Tournament – 3 Flights (Championship, Founders & DS) (determined after Friday's round has been completed)
 1. All players contribute \$20
 2. 1st – 50%; 2nd – 30%; 3rd – 20%
 - C. Low individual net per day (18 holes)
 1. All players contribute \$20.00 per day
 2. 1st – 40% ; 2nd – 30% ; 3rd – 20% ; 4th - 10%
 - D. Ryder Cup Matches - \$20 per man
 - E. Gross Skins – \$20 per day opt-in required before playing
 - F. Hole In One Pot - \$10 per man (we have never had one)
 Carry-over from last year is **\$1,952.51.**
In the surreal event that we have more than one, each will split the pot.
2. Team Bets – 3 Points (low ball — low total — high ball) per hole
 Front nine – High handicap plays with low handicap.
 Back nine – High Handicap plays with next low handicap.
 1. \$2.00 per 9 holes — \$1.00 per point

2. Pressing – courtesy (Yes - 1 per person), air (No), if you are behind, you can press. Press creates a new bet. If you are unsure if, how or when to PRESS, see the jr ed, Rob, Gene, Jerry, Clint, BV, or Garbs.

3. Compute handicap strokes relative to low handicap in-group

e.g., Player A-80; Player B-84; Player C-88; Player D-98

Player A: 0 strokes ($80-80=0$)

Player B receives: 4 strokes per 18 holes ($84-80=4$)

Player B receives: 2 strokes per 9 holes ($4/2=2$)

Player C receives: 8 strokes per 18 holes ($88-80=8$)

Player C receives: 4 strokes per 9 holes ($8/2=4$)

Player D receives: 18 strokes per 18 holes ($98-80=18$)

Player D receives: 9 strokes per 9 holes ($18/2=9$)

NOTE: If other than 4 players in a group, play any other games you wish: skins, bridge, quota.

3. The Rules:

- A. **This is an invitational! Enjoy yourselves and each other. Do not, under any circumstances, forget that you were invited for a reason! DBAAH!**
- B. Handicaps are half-adjusted every day, to an even number.
- C. Winter Rules everywhere but sand.
- D. **Speed of play – If your ball lands in the ganja, forest, creek, weeds, tall grass or any such area and there is no way you can play it, even if you find it, do not waste time looking, just drop and hit. Target a 4-hour round!**
- E. Out-of-bounds or ball not found — drop at point nearest to where it left the playable area of the golf course (**on the line it was traveling**) — one stroke penalty.
- F. Lost ball — drop at point where ball should have been — one stroke penalty.
- G. Hole out all putts, unless your **opponent** concedes the stroke (no begging/bitching/whining/complaining, that is bad form).
- H. Play Buffalo Tees - If you are over 65, move up a box to the bear tees if you want to. Play the entire tournament from the same set of tees!
- I. **Turn in all score cards to Scott Gray (or someone sitting on the berm behind 18 green who will harass you for your card, at my request) immediately after each round including:**
 - 1. Players names / teams and scores**
 - 2. Total dollar amount won / lost by each player.**