



# The Southern Exposure

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**“Choose Optimism!”**

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Zone 7- **Rich Hawley**, Evansville Downtown Club

## **Attention:**

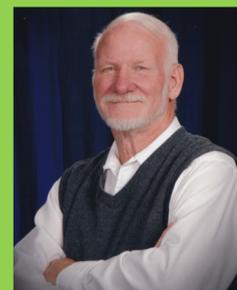
### Committee Chairs & Lt Governors

The *deadline* for submitting articles for the next District Bulletin is **July 26, 2021**. Send your articles to [p\\_grant@fastmail.fm](mailto:p_grant@fastmail.fm) if you have e-mail. If you prefer, send it snail-mail: 770 N County Road 625 E, Avon, IN 46123.

**DON'T FORGET!**

## **A message from Bill, your 2020-2021 Indiana South District Governor**

Greetings to all Indiana South District Optimists



**Choose Optimism! Happiness!**

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel! As I was writing this, Indiana just dropped the Vaccine eligibility age down to 45 and I would anticipate a further reduction within a few weeks. I encourage all who are eligible to get an appointment. Here is a link to quickly get registered and get a vaccine appointment. <https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

The more of our members that are vaccinated, the quicker we can get back to our “normal” in-person meetings and activities.

Some clubs have already started back with in-person meetings using proper precautions. Others are doing Zoom or Hybrid meetings. Either way, I encourage each of you to keep in touch with your club members. A call or a simple “hello, I am thinking of you” card will brighten anyone’s day.

Our District is planning its first in-person conference since October this April 24<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington. It is planned as a one-day event and concludes by 2:30pm Eastern time so you can get home before dark. Our planning group has put together a fun and entertaining agenda. At lunch we will host our District Essay and Oratorical winners. See you there!

Choose Optimism!

**Gov Bill**



# Indiana South District Optimist International 2019-2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference

April 24, 2021

Holiday Inn Bloomington  
1710 N. Kinser Pike, Bloomington, IN 47404

(Please print neatly or type)

*"Rally for Optimism"*



Member Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office (Club) \_\_\_\_\_ (District) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office (Club) \_\_\_\_\_ (District) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) / Age(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Functions Require A Reservation	Price	Number	Amount
Registration Fee per Household (living in the same house)	\$5.00	1	\$5.00
Boxed Lunch (choice):	\$14.00		
Smoked Turkey Sandwich Box/apple sauce/chocolate chip cookie		_____	_____
Black Forest Ham Sandwich Box/potato salad/chocolate chip cookie		_____	_____
McAlister's Club Sandwich Box/potato chips/chocolate chip cookie		_____	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Must Accompany This Form)</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

\* Read additional important information on the other side \*

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Group Code: Optimist International

DEADLINE: April 2, 2021

Holiday Inn Bloomington

1710 North Kinser Pike

Bloomington, IN 47404

\$99.00 (plus tax) (does not include breakfast)

Tel: (812) 334-3252

**REGISTRATION FORM & REMITTANCE**

Must be received by April 12, 2021

Payable to: ISD

Mail to: Frank Fowler

Indiana South District Registrar

527 West Melchior Drive North

Santa Claus, IN 47579

For seating purposes, registration is necessary regardless of meal plans.

Frank's email: [fowler@pscl.net](mailto:fowler@pscl.net)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference Agenda Overview - *Saturday, April 24,2021*

#### ***Rally for Optimism***

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Past Governors (PGA) meeting (no breakfast) - in Lounge.
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Conference.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others...OIF, Running Tri-Star, Junior Golf
- Ice Breaker – Rally Rags, “Rally Optimists to Make a Difference”, Choose Optimism, Open Discussion
- Luncheon speakers: Essay and Oratorical Contest winners
- 2021-2022 Lt. Governor Elections
- Business session
- Happy Dollars, Fun Activity, Video from 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference
- And, of course, great fellowship.
- The close of conference is planned for 2:30 p.m.

### **2020-2021 Indiana South District Meetings**

April 23-24, 2021, Holiday Inn, Bloomington

August 13-14, 2021, Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh

**You hold a priceless gift in your hands. Find it in your heart to give that gift away. Invite that friend to join your Optimist Club. Extend that invitation. Like a smile, it is hard to give away, for as you part with the invitation you gain another fellow Optimist. If you look carefully, you will find that you still have an invitation for the next friend.**



## 2021 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships and the Indiana South District Junior Golf Program

This year, there are some new and exciting changes to the [Optimist International Junior Golf Championships](#), and the [Indiana South District Junior Golf Program](#).

In 2021, the **Optimist International Junior Golf Championships** return to Doral Resort & Spa, Miami, Florida, home of the first Championships in 1995. Doral has four exceptional championship golf courses including the Blue Monster which has hosted many PGA Tour events. The Championships will be held July 14 - 29, 2021. To qualify for this International tournament, junior golfers must participate in a District qualifying tournament.

The **Indiana South District Junior Golf Tournament**, (a qualifying tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships), for all boys and ages 10-18, will be held at [Deer Creek Golf Club](#) in Clayton, Indiana on Friday, June 18, 2021. District Tournament age group winners will receive financial support from the Indiana South District. Other District Tournament participants who shoot qualifying scores may also have the opportunity to enter the International Championships. This year, a total of 31 International Tournament qualifying spots are available for Indiana South District participants.

The **Indiana South District Junior Golf Program** expanded in 2019 to include Regional Tournaments in addition to the District Tournament. Regional Tournaments will be held in Greensburg on June 3, in Evansville on June 10, and in Terre Haute on July 8. (The Regional Tournament in Terre Haute will be considered a part of the 2022 District Junior Golf Program). Registration will be open to participants in all age groups. Regional Tournament age group winners will have the opportunity to enter the District Tournament at no cost. All other Regional tournament participants will be eligible to receive a (\$15.00) reduction to District Tournament entry fees. **Players who know they want to participate in the District Tournament do not have to enter a Regional Tournament.**

The [Indiana South District Junior Golf website](#) includes a link for [online entry into the District Tournament](#). **Online entry will not be available for the Regional tournaments.** To enter a Regional Tournament, or to enter the District Tournament by mail, download the [2021 Participants Entry Flyer](#).



**Sponsorship opportunities:** The Indiana South District will provide full entry fees to the International Tournament in Florida for the Boy 16-18 and the Girl 15-18 District winners. In addition, the District will provide an International Tournament entry fee reduction of \$330.00 to the Boy 14-15 and the Girl 13-14 District winners, and a \$165.00 entry fee reduction to the Boy 10-11, Boy 12-13, and Girl 10-12 District winners. ***Tournament Sponsors make this possible.***

Sponsorships for businesses, individuals, and organizations are listed on the [Sponsorship Opportunities Flyer](#). If you, your business, or your club would like to participate as a sponsor in this year's District Qualifying Tournament, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2021. The Indiana South District of Optimist International and the many junior golf participants thank you in advance for your support!

Mike Woodward, District Tournament Co-Chair, [optimist.mike@gmail.com](mailto:optimist.mike@gmail.com), (317) 753-5221

David Osborne, District Tournament Co-Chair, [dwomedic@gmail.com](mailto:dwomedic@gmail.com) (317) 538-4548

"A smile is the lighting system of the face, the cooling system of the head and the heating system of the heart."

"Wash what is dirty. Water what is dry.  
Heal what is wounded. Warm what is cold.  
Guide what goes off the road.  
Love people who are least lovable,  
because they need it most."



## 2021 Indiana South District Optimist Junior Golf SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Indiana South District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (OIJGC) will be held at Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Indiana on Friday, June 18, 2021. Winners (and other participants who qualify) in each age group will be eligible to advance to the International tournament at Doral Resort & Spa, Miami, Florida on July 14 –29, 2021.

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**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Title Sponsor – \$1,000.00**

Promoted as "Title" Sponsor on all signage on the course, in the Tournament Program, event mailings to potential participants and sponsors, Optimist Clubs in District, and Regional and District promotional material.

**Double Eagle Sponsor – \$225**

Sponsor the Driving Range, Putting Green, Hole #1, or Scoreboard. Includes Sponsors Sign and Listing in Tournament Program.

**Eagle Sponsor – \$175** 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 17<sup>th</sup> Hole

Sponsor the 9<sup>th</sup> Hole, 16<sup>th</sup> , or 17<sup>th</sup> Hole. (All of these are near the Hole, or 18<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course and Listing in Tournament Program.

**Birdie Sponsor – \$125**

Sponsor a Hole. (Holes 2-8 and 11-15.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course and Listing in Tournament Program.

**Participant Sponsor – \$70**

Sponsor one or more participants in the Tournament (Submit entry forms). Listing in Tournament Program.

**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Type:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Title Sponsor @ \$1,000** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Double Eagle @ \$225** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Eagle @ \$175** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Birdie @ \$125** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Participant @ \$70** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN INFORMATION:** Please complete the form above, enclose a check for the proper amount (Make check payable to Indiana South District OI), and return to:

**Indiana South District Jr. Golf, C/O Rick France, 10934 Nature Trail Dr., Apt. 106, Fishers, IN 46038**

## 2021 District Tournament Registration Information

The 2021 Indiana South District Junior Golf Tournament (a qualifier for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships) will be held at Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Indiana on Friday, June 18, 2021. Age group winners who shoot qualifying scores will qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at Trump National Doral in Miami, Florida on July 14-29, 2021. Other participants who shoot qualifying scores may also qualify for the International Championships. All participants who do qualify for the International Championships must register for the International Championships no later than June 23, 2021. This means all who qualify will only have five days to go online and register for the International Championships.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** Online Registration for the District Tournament will be available beginning April 1, 2021. Alternatively, participants can download the **2021 Participants Entry Form**, after that date to register for the District Tournament. Complete the entry form(s), and return it to the address indicated on the form. Please enter early to guarantee your spot in the tournament field and to assist with tournament planning.

### ENTRY DEADLINE:

Entries for the District Tournament must be received by 12:00 Noon, June 15, 2021.

Entries received after the due date will fill open spots in threesomes (if available), or be placed on an alternates list. Entries will be confirmed by email and online.

### ELIGIBILITY AND AGE GROUPS:

Entrants age will be his/her age on final day of the International tournament. Entrants must not have started College.

- Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18...Age as of July 28, 2021.

- Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14...Age as of July 23, 2021.

- Boys 10-13 & Girls 10-12...Age as of July 18, 2021.

## 2021 Regional Tournaments Registration Information

The Indiana South District, Optimist International Junior Golf Program *Regional Tournaments* allow participants to be a part of the Program starting at the local area level. 2021 Regional Tournaments will be held at Greensburg on June 3, and at Evansville on June 10. Due to the cancellation of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships in 2020, The 2020 Indiana South District Tournament (played June 12, 2020) is also being considered as a 2021 Regional Tournament. Since the 2021 Terre Haute Regional Tournament will not be played until July 8, 2021, it will be considered to be a 2022 Regional Tournament. To enter a Regional Tournament, contact the Regional Tournament Director (See below).

Players who win their age group in a 2021 Regional Tournament will be allowed free entry into the 2021 Indiana South District Tournament. All other 2021 Regional participants who wish to enter the 2021 District Tournament will receive a \$15.00 discount on District ~~Tournament entry fee~~.

### **2020 District Tournament**

Date: June 12, 2020

Deer Creek Golf Club

Clayton, Indiana

(The 2020 District Tournament was also considered to be a 2021 Regional Tournament.)

### **Evansville Regional**

Date: June 10, 2021

Fendrich Golf Course

Evansville, Indiana

Contact: Mitch Lambome,  
Evansville Jr. Golf Association  
Kmbome@wowway.com  
(812) 473-2010

### **Greensburg Regional**

Date: June 3, 2021

North Branch Golf Course

Greensburg, Indiana

Contact: Angela Gauck-Belte  
Head Golf Professional  
abelter@northbranchgc.com  
(812) 663-6062

**Terre Haute Regional**, Date: July 8, 2021, Rea Park Golf Course, Terre Haute, Indiana

Contact: Jim Tribble, Terre Haute Noon Optimist Club, [tribble.jim@gmail.com](mailto:tribble.jim@gmail.com), (804) 852-8310.

(The Terre Haute Regional will be considered a 2022 Indiana South District Junior Golf Regional)

# 2021 Indiana South District Junior Golf Program

## DISTRICT TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

June 18, 2021, Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Indiana

(Enter [Online](#), or complete the form below:)

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: (select one) Note: Participants age is determined by their age on the last day of the International Tournament for each age group.

<input type="checkbox"/> Boys 10-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Boys 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 10-12	(Age as of July 18, 2021)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Boys 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 13-14	(Age as of July 23, 2021)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Boys 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 15-18	(Age as of July 28, 2021)

Note: Participants who only wish to play in the District Tournament, which is a qualifier for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, are not required to play in a Regional Tournament. Regional Participants who also wish to participate in the District Tournament must submit a separate registration for the District Tournament.

District Tournament Entry Fees (Due no later than Noon June 15, 2021): (Select one)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	Boys 10-11, Boys 12-13, & Girls 10-12
<input type="checkbox"/> N/C	Sponsored Participant: Sponsor _____
<input type="checkbox"/> N/C	Regional Tournament Age Group Winner: Regional _____

Discount for Regional Participants who did not win their age group in Regional Tournament, but wish to enter the District Tournament. (Select age group fee above and discount below)

<input type="checkbox"/> (\$15.00)	Discount from District Tournament entry fees above.
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### WAIVER STATEMENTS:

I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that all of the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In consideration of my child's participation in the Indiana South District Regional Tournament, I hereby release the sponsor from any and all liability resulting from any accidents that might occur while he/she is playing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RETURN INFORMATION:** Please complete this form, enclose a check for the proper amount (Make check payable to Indiana South District OI), and return to:

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# 2021 Indiana South District Junior Golf Program

## REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

### Greensburg, Terre Haute and Evansville Regionals

(Registrations for Regional Tournaments will begin April 1, 2021)

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: (select one) Note: Participants age is determined by their age on the last day of the International Tournament for each age group.

<input type="radio"/> Boys 10-11	<input type="radio"/> Boys 12-13	<input type="radio"/> Girls 10-12	(Age as of July 18, 2021)
	<input type="radio"/> Boys 14-15	<input type="radio"/> Girls 13-14	(Age as of July 23 2021)
	<input type="radio"/> Boys 16-18	<input type="radio"/> Girls 15-18	(Age as of July 28, 2021)

Regional Tournaments - Select One: (Note: Regional Participants who also wish to enter the District Tournament must submit a separate registration for the District Tournament.)

<input type="radio"/> Greensburg Regional	June 3, North Branch Golf Course, Greensburg, Indiana
<input type="radio"/> Evansville Regional	June 10, TBD Golf Course, Evansville
<input type="radio"/> Terre Haute Regional	July 5, Rea Park Golf Course Terre Haute

Entry Fee - Regional Tournaments: (Select one)

<input type="radio"/> Entry Fee	Varies by Regional, All Age Groups
<input type="radio"/> N/C	Sponsored Participant: Sponsor _____

#### WAIVER STATEMENTS:

I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that all of the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RETURN INFORMATION: Please complete this form, enclose a check for the proper amount, and return.

<b>Make check payable to:</b>	<b>Return to:</b>
Greensburg Optimist Club	North Branch Golf Course, 8402 East Base Road, Greensburg, IN 47240
Evansville Jr. Golf Association	EJGA, 7800 Morgan Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715
Terre Haute Noon Optimist Club	Jim Tribble, 5308 W. Twin Beach Estates Drive, Brazil, Indiana 47834



## Honor Clubs are stronger Clubs.

Believe it or not, the end of the Optimist year is almost here. This is a good time for all Clubs to set their sights on the end-of-year goal of becoming an Honor Club. Becoming an Honor Club helps your Club to remain strong, which will allow you to offer more services to children in your community. This distinction shows that you, as Club Officers, left your Club in a better place than when you took it over.

[This form will help you track the steps toward becoming an Honor Club.](#) There's still time to go for it!

[You can also log in to our website to access a report on your Club's progress in building membership.](#)

### New Math

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi

2,000 pounds of Chinese soup: Won ton

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: 1 bananosecond

Weight an evangelist carries with God: 1 billigram

Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon

1000 aches: 1 kilohurtz

Basic unit of laryngitis: 1 hoarsepower

1 million microphones: 1 megaphone

2000 mockingbirds: two kilomockingbirds (work on it....)

52 cards: 1 decacards

3 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital: 1 I.V. League

## Leading in Times of Uncertainty

As we navigate through this pandemic people look for leadership and for answers. They seek guidance and direction because there is so much UNCERTAINTY. This uncertainty takes us out of our AUTO-pilot mode, makes us feel out of control, no longer comfortable with surrounding conditions. Some days it feels like we could be in crisis.

One good thing that comes from crisis is that it can bring out the best in us. We want to provide security, offer guidance, demonstrate understanding, and show that we care. We want to help, offer hope, and provide answers. We want to help people see the problem and to get to a solution. There are hidden opportunities for each of us to use our leadership skills and talents. Do not miss these opportunities. Take care of your people, in your organizations, your church, your clubs, your clients, your family (those near and far), and most of all, take care of yourself. You cannot look after others if you are not healthy. Here are things YOU can do in the coming days that can make a difference as you reach out to others.

**1. Talk Health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.**

Offer continual help. Reality is what it is, but HOPE and FAITH keeps people going.

**2. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.**

Extend grace and compassion. When someone tells you of his/her troubles, be empathetic. Offer the comment, "I know how you feel," or "I understand." Offer thoughtfulness. During conversation, listen, not only with your ears but with your heart. Ask good questions, go back to a specific point, and make an encouraging or positive comment about it.

**3. Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.**

Be patient, CALM., and encouraging. Your ability to remain calm can set people at ease. Logical thinking in stressful situations is vital. Your smile and presence can make an impact on others.

**4. Think only the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best.**

Encourage others to prepare and plan. Each person's situation is different. We should all HOPE for the BEST, but we prepare for the worst. Good preparation can make a difference in the end! Encourage others to never give up HOPE and to plan and prepare. Encourage and support the efforts of others.

**5. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.**

Have TRUST in the future! Teach people how to trust. Appreciate the small WINS and trust more WINS will come. Watch for those small instances that can be called WINS. When they start accumulating, they turn into bigger WINS!

## Your Optimist Club may be Certified Optimistic



*"We're on a mission to convert Optimist International from a service club organization to an optimistic organization that that focuses on service to youth," states President Mark Weinsoff. To help Optimist Clubs achieve that mission, we've developed the opportunity for every Optimist Club*

to be certified as an Optimistic Optimist Club. The Certified Optimistic Optimist Club pledge asks each club to fulfill five important steps to signify Optimism, Purpose, Engagement, Relationships, and Accomplishment, especially now, in our new virtual-driven world. Now, more than ever, we must Choose Optimism. Make the pledge, take the steps, and your Optimist Club will be Certified Optimistic.

**More information coming soon!**



Click Here For Latest Convention  
Newsletter

Have you booked your hotel room  
for Atlanta? Click Here to reserve  
your room.

**When calling to reserve a room  
use the group code G-OPTI**

Click here (link to attached pdf) to  
review the tentative schedule.

**Volunteers needed!**  
Contact [convention@optimist.org](mailto:convention@optimist.org)

### **Mark your calendar**

from Ralph Purkhiser, Springs Valley Optimist Club

**Wheelin' in the Fish:** Sept.18 at Osborn Ramp at Patoka Lake. This is for people of all ages with all types of disabilities, their families and caregivers. Lunch is served and all the fishing equipment is available. This is sponsored by the **Springs Valley Optimist Club**, the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living, Patoka Bass Masters and IDNR Patoka Lake.

# New Member Success Plan

There are three things you can do to ensure your new member does not resign for “lack of interest”.

1. **BUDDY-UP** Invite them to attend club meetings, share rides, introduce them to other Optimists who may share their interests, sit with different groups of people ( not the regular clic), encourage them to share Optimism with “Optimistic Opportunities”, help them feel welcome and a part of the club, ask them to help with projects or tasks, no matter how small.
2. Introduce the member to the PGI program (Personal Growth and Involvement). This is a Passport Booklet with activities that encourage participation. For each level completed, they receive a special backing for their Optimist pin. The booklet can be obtained by contacting **Paula Reyling** of the Jasper Club, 812 663 7176.

## LEVEL I – BRONZE

- \_\_\_\_ ATTENDANCE: Attend six Club meetings and/or activities
- \_\_\_\_ ACTIVITY: Participate in one Club service activity
- \_\_\_\_ KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZATION: Learn the Five Purposes and about the founding of Optimist International
- \_\_\_\_ SELF DEVELOPMENT: Prepare and give a short presentation on “How Optimism Can Make a Better World”
- \_\_\_\_ COMMUNICATION: Read the curriculum vitae/ résumé of a new member at the induction ceremony
- \_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATION: Activities to be certified by Club Secretary/Treasurer or Club President

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEVEL II – GREEN

- \_\_\_\_ ATTENDANCE: Attend three additional Club meetings and/or activities (cumulative total of 9)
- \_\_\_\_ ACTIVITY: Be involved in organizing a Club Activity
- \_\_\_\_ GROWTH: Sponsor a new member
- \_\_\_\_ KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZATION: Know Optimist International, District, Zone and Club structures
- \_\_\_\_ SELF DEVELOPMENT: Make a short presentation at a Club meeting about why a prospective member should join your Optimist Club
- \_\_\_\_ COMMUNICATION: Promote Club meeting attendance for a period of at least one month
- \_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATION: Activities to be certified by Club Secretary/Treasurer or Club President

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Assist the member in earning the Rookie Rock Star Award. This can be earned **ONLY** in the first twelve months of membership. They receive a special Optimist pin upon completion.
  - a. Serve on a Club Committee
  - b. Work on a Service Project
  - c. Sponsor a New Member
  - d. Attend one of the following:
    - District meeting
    - Regional Summit
    - Optimist International Convention

Rookie Rock Star Form: Club President needs to fill out to document activities: This can be found at [Optimist.org](http://Optimist.org) - member resources -forms, documents, and publications -documents -club, district, member recognition.

## Learning Management System now available for OI members

# BIG NEWS! You Can Now Use the LMS, Plus Free Access for Club Officers

Dear Optimist International Leader,

The launch of the new Learning Management System was a big step forward for Optimist International to improve the way we provide training materials to Clubs. In the weeks since the launch, we have shared your comments with President Adrian Elcock. He wants you to know that we appreciate your positive response. Based on your feedback we have re-imagined our roll-out plan.

Many Clubs shared that they would prefer individual accounts rather than a shared Club account. We are now giving each Club four FREE licenses to the system. These licenses are reserved for the Club President, Club President-Elect, Club Secretary Treasurer, and Club Foundation Representative (this will be updated every year for the new person in each role). When your Club signs up for the new license, we will remove permission for the current generic Club account.

In addition, we are pleased to announce we will also offer all Optimist members a chance to purchase a license for \$6 USD per year per member. If your Club would like to pay for members, please contact [michelle.turner@optimist.org](mailto:michelle.turner@optimist.org).

With everyone having the opportunity to be in the system, we will be able to track each member's progress as they complete courses. Past officers will have the option to renew their account each year for the same fee.

Please see the attached documents with instructions on how to log in for the free membership and how members can register. Please note that promo codes are located at the bottom.

Thank you,  
Michelle Turner  
LMS Administrator  
[michelle.turner@optimist.org](mailto:michelle.turner@optimist.org)

[How to Register for Members](#)

[How to Register for Officers](#)

## Members Can Now Join At-Large!

Do you know someone who wants to join an Optimist Club, but cannot find one nearby? Past President Adrian Elcock announced at 2020 Virtual Convention a new membership category: Member-at-Large.

This category is ideal for those who live in locations where there is no Club available and are not able to commit to starting one on their own. This does not replace the Friend of Optimist category, which is available to those who want to support OI, but do not want to make the commitment to full membership.

Information on how to join as a member-at-large will be available soon.



## Choose Optimism!

helping one person might not change  
the whole world,



but it could change the world for  
one person.

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We understand the importance of protecting your Optimist Club and the children you serve. IntelliCorp has partnered with Optimist International to ensure Optimist Clubs receive comprehensive and validated screening services at the lowest possible cost.

### Optimist Background Check Package

The following cost-effective screening package has been created to simplify your background check process. The package uses a combination of multiple sources of criminal record information. In addition, we validate database records by returning to the source to ensure that we have the latest updates regarding your applicant's history.

#### Package Pricing: \$13.86

#### Includes:

- Validated Criminal Database
  - Validated Nationwide Sex Offender
  - Validated Department of Corrections
- Unlimited Single County Searches (7 year address history)\*
- SSN Verification w/Address History
- Government Sanctions (Terrorist Search)

#### Notes:

\*Some courts charge a mandatory fee. These are treated as pass-through fees to our clients and are clearly highlighted before processing the search.

#### Package Add-Ons

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| • Motor Vehicle Reports    | • Federal Criminal Searches |
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| • Drug Testing             | • Credit Reports            |



#### Program Benefits:

- Preferred pricing
- Criminal product validation
- Compliance information/online sample forms
- Personalized customer support
- System & product training sessions
- Secure online report ordering & retrieval

Please Note: Information and preferential pricing provided for U.S. Clubs only. Canadian Clubs should contact IntelliCorp for more information.

#### Sign-Up Today:

Click [here](#) and complete the first page of the registration process.



#### Contact:

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[www.intellincorp.net](http://www.intellincorp.net)

**Club Presidents: Please make copies of this Bulletin and distribute to the members of your club.**

## Useful Web Links

Optimist International Structure & Services:

[http://www.optimistleaders.org/LeadershipInfo/ClubInfo/ClubAnswerBook/OI\\_Structure\\_&\\_Services.pdf](http://www.optimistleaders.org/LeadershipInfo/ClubInfo/ClubAnswerBook/OI_Structure_&_Services.pdf)

Club Organizational Model:

[http://www.optimistleaders.org/TeachingMaterials/OfficerTraining/Club\\_Organization\\_Model.pdf](http://www.optimistleaders.org/TeachingMaterials/OfficerTraining/Club_Organization_Model.pdf)

Optimist International Foundation:

The Optimist International Foundation is a 501C3 organization whose purpose is to receive and manage funds exclusively for the charitable, literary or educational purposes of OI and its member clubs. See website link: <http://oifoundation.org/about-us/>

Official Optimist International Supplier: Shumsky [www.OptimistStuff.com](http://www.OptimistStuff.com)



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### Attention ALL Club Presidents

Presidents of all Clubs in the District serve as members of the District Board of Directors. Make sure to attend your Board meeting at every District Conference and at the Convention.

#### Update Member Information

To ensure each Optimist Member is receiving important information from Optimist International, encourage each Member to update their contact information with a leader in your Club. This includes addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. Each leader (Club President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer) has a log-in for Optimist Leaders to update the Members' information.