

Virginia's George Salcedo bringing big group to Mesquite Amateur May 31-June 4

George Salcedo of McGaheysville, Va., will be making his seventh appearance in the annual Mesquite Amateur May 31-June 4 and he's not coming alone.

In fact, the 43 year-old will be responsible for about 200 golfers attending from several states when the tournament invades this city about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. His "Doing it in the Desert" Skins game has proven extremely popular in a tournament that has undoubtedly become one of the best drawing cards in Mesquite's busy schedule.

Tie in the fact that the personable Salcedo will give out more than \$3,500 in cash in the four days and it's easy to see why his "Doing it in the Desert" is a wild success in one of the most successful amateur golf tournaments in the country.

"I used to go to the World Am in Myrtle Beach," explained Salcedo, who is the head starter at a time resort golf course called Woodstone Meadows. "For three years in a row it rained with hurricane warnings. A buddy of mine told me about Mesquite and I told him 'Let's go.'"

"Now I look forward to this event every year. I would rather play in Mesquite rather than Vegas any day."

With Mesquite's combination of hospitality, hotels and incredible golf courses, Saucedo has become a regular for the tournament. His following includes golfers from Oklahoma, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina and Illinois.

"I fly into Los Angeles and drive to Mesquite," explained Salcedo adding that he grew up in Southern California. "They treat me really well in Mesquite and make sure I have rooms set aside."

Among Salcedo's friends who will journey to Mesquite is Lamond Roy, a 44 year-old insurance claims supervisor from Fredericksburg, Va.

"This will be my fourth year," said Roy. "I actually got disqualified after only my second shot in the tournament my first year. It was my mistake by not following the rules. When I got back to my room there was a big bottle of Grey Goose on my bed given to me by the tournament director. Then, at the evening reception I was feeling down and the people there really picked me up with all the laughing and fun. The reason I go every year are the people who go to Mesquite. I go to amateur tournaments all over and this one is special. From the way it's organized to the golf courses that we play and the atmosphere, it's a very special week."

Peach Waller of Pensacola, Fla., will bring the Hackers Amateur Golf Tour to Mesquite for the fifth year. His first event drew eight players the first event while last year's event drew 21 men and nine wives.

"Christian does a real good job with the tournament," said Waller, a native of Georgia. "One thing that makes this a different tournament is the sit down dinner for four nights. There is a lot of work that goes into the dinner and they do a terrific job of putting it together. I go to amateur tournaments all over the country, have played in the World

Am in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the PacAm in Bend, Ore., and this is pretty neat. Mesquite has a very small town feel and I like that. There is a nice homey feel about it and the golf courses are great.”

The Mesquite Amateur golf tournament at six courses May 31-June 4 will attract about 800 competitors with such a strong attraction that it includes several entries from other countries including Canada.

Sponsored by Golf Mesquite Nevada along with the Mesquite Resort Association, the event will be played at the CasaBlanca, Palms, Falcon Ridge, Oasis Palmer, Oasis Canyons along with The Chase at Coyote Springs southwest of Mesquite.

Sheila Stevenson of Round Mountain, Nev., shot a final round 84 combined to become the first woman to win the tournament last year.

The tournament is the brainchild of Black Gaming Director of Sales Ann Sunstrum.

Those interested in playing in the event receive three rounds of golf, a tee gift and four nightly parties for an entry fee of \$475. Further information can be found by visiting www.mesquiteamateur.com, www.mesquiteamateurblog.com/blog; or www.golfmesquitenevada.com or by calling Black Gaming Sporting Events Manager Christian Adderson at 888-711-4653, Ext. 51.

Captions

Personable George Salcedo of McGaheysville, Va., is bringing a big group to the eighth annual Mesquite Amateur golf tournament May 31-June 4.

Lamond Roy, a 44 year-old insurance claims supervisor from Fredericksburg, Va., will be making his fourth appearance in the eighth annual Mesquite Amateur golf tournament May 31-June 4.

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