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History: Ludlow Park is the homesite of Worthington's first settler, G.J. Hoffman, who started a lakeshore orchard. The park is named in honor of Horace J. Ludlow, who purchased the Hoffman homestead in 1875 and developed the Okabena apple.



Location: On the south shore of Lake Okabena, at the intersection of First Avenue Southwest and South Shore Drive. Size: 3.8 acres



KTD Cornhole Tourney welcomes new players, experienced bag-throwers

By Kari Lucin

The Globe

WORTHINGTON Serious cornhole players and casual backyard bag-tossers are both welcome at the upcoming Turkey Day Fundraiser Cornhole Tourney Saturday, with trophies, cash prizes and custom bags up for grabs for the winners.

"People who just like to do it to have fun don't want to come and be beat up on all day," shared Brian Shaw, one of three co-owners of Triple Crown Cornhole, which is managing the event.

So Triple Crown makes sure they won't be, by dividing the doubles teams into separate divisions: Competitive, for the more experienced set, and Social, who enjoy the game but perhaps don't have much practice beyond backyard play with family and friends.

Registration for the event is open from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the pavilion at 930 Second Ave. in Worthington, with bags set to fly at noon. Social teams will pay \$40 per team, and teams in the competitive division will pay \$80 per

(King) Turkey Day," said feet apart from each

Susanne Murphy, presi- other — a distance that dent of the KTD Board of surprises some casual Directors. "We invite the players. Games come and watch. I think there's going to be some really, really talented throwers, if people want to see what the game is all about."

Pulled pork sandwiches, chips and cookies will be available during the event, as well as beer, she said. A silent auction will also take place during the event.

The tournament will likely be a double elimination tournament, with a "best of three" on the winner's side of the bracket and one game and done on the other, Shaw said, but if there aren't many teams, both sides of the bracket will

go "best of three."
"It just all depends on the amount of time we have and the numbers of teams we're going to have," he added.

Games will feature regulation-sized equipment, right down to the plastic pellet-stuffed bags, which feature two different surfaces so that experienced players can toss the bag so that it slides more or less on the wood surface of the board. The boards, too, are regulation-size, and "It's a fundraiser for they will be placed 27

to 21. Shaw advised new and casual players to just focus on getting the bags in the hole, but mentioned a few strategies experienced throwers use, like placing a bag directly in front of the hole to stymie an opponent and force them to try to land an "airmail" toss into the hole from

"It all depends on what kind of style you like," he said.

And despite the "regulation" sizes and shapes, the bags can still bounce, kick, tumble, roll and generally behave oddly, even apart from variables like wind. Humidity and temperature affect the boards, too, making them stickier and slower with heat and cleaner and faster in cool air.

"We really encourage new people to come, because we're trying to grow the sport around here," Shaw added, emphasizing that new players shouldn't be intimidated by cutthroat competitors warming up before the contest, as they won't be in the same division anyway. "It's a growing game."

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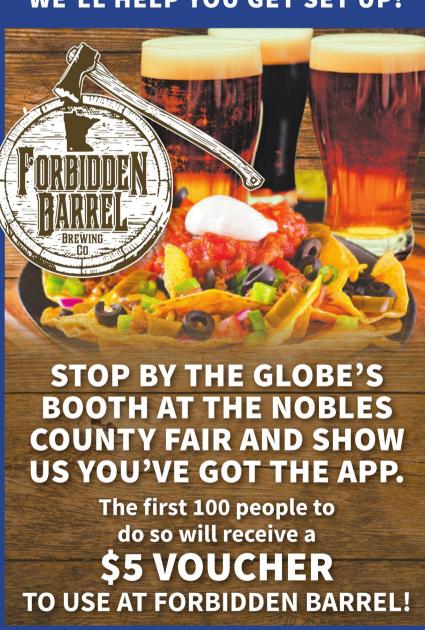
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