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50th Annual Par-Makers Martin Automotive Group Tournament

Bowling Green, Ky.—Thursday Aug. 1st marks the beginning of the 50th anniversary of an annual tradition that stems from the development of the first African-American organized golf club. What started as a diverse group with a love for the game grew into the largest minority golf club in the continental United States.

Established in 1961, the Par-Makers Golf Club has consistently promoted and facilitated the economic development of the community by putting on an annual golf tournament that attracts hundreds of players from across the country each year.

For twenty years, the Martin Automotive Group has been an active sponsor of the Par-Makers Golf Club, supporting both the tournament and the annual scholarship program. The Par-Makers Martin Automotive Group Scholarship program provides money to a high school graduate desiring to further their education.

The unveiling of the Deceased Member Monument will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Par-Makers Clubhouse, honoring those whose hard work and dedication helped create the legendary tournament that continues today.

Golfers can stop by the Par-Makers Club House on Friday from 7:00-9 p.m. for pre-registration and free refreshments.

The tournament will span across Saturday and Sunday with an 18-hole medal play each day for an entry fee of \$155. The game will take place at Crosswinds Golf Course and Paul Walkers at 8 a.m. The entry fee includes the green fee, a half cart for two days and a dinner and dance for each golfer. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners in each division.

“To continue the Par-Makers Tournament is like a family reunion, with past players getting together and striving again to be champions,” Mayor Bruce Wilkerson said. “Of course, we know that we are all winners by participating, as the proceeds go to further the charitable enterprises of the Golf Club.”