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Dexter, MO - This will be the 22nd annual 18FORE Life event and more than \$3 million dollars have been distributed to families of cancer patients.

On June 3rd, the Ben Kruse 18FORE Life annual banquet will take place featuring Scott Hamilton, Olympic gold medalist and cancer survivor as the guest speaker.

Hamilton survived three brain tumors as well as testicular cancer. Hamilton is not only the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in men's figure skating, but he also is a best-selling author, four-time cancer survivor, television broadcaster and motivational speaker. As a champion and survivor, he is a constant reminder that anything is possible with faith, fortitude and determination.

A love offering recipient also speaks at the annual banquet each year and this year's speaker is Lora Galati. She was a caregiver to her mom, dad, and sister who all unfortunately passed from cancer. She spearheads many fundraisers and is a huge supporter of the 18FORE Life.

The banquet doors open at 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Banquet and meal will begin at 6 p.m. Then on Saturday morning the much awaited golf tournament will tee off at 7 a.m. and another group at 1 p.m.

A record 88 teams of 4 descended on the greens at Hidden Trails Country Club Golf Course in 2021 to compete in the annual Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Golf Tournament. Perhaps another record will be broken this year.

The team of Chad Wooldridge, Shawn Wooldridge, Chris Cohen and Cody McCain won the 2021 tournament.

Their mission statement is this: 18 FORE Life will get as many people together as possible to play golf and celebrate the gift of life by helping others in need, raising as much money as possible.

"Jake Barge, Kip Musgrave, my brother, Ben, and I came up with the name and settled on it immediately," stated Scott Kruse. "Our charity will always be called 18 FORE Life, but now we will always be much more than a golf tournament. In 2005, we began hosting a weekend of good times and great FUNdraising. The festivities are called The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Charity Golf Event."

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