



July 20, 2020

Dear Vipond Supporter,

On behalf of the Earl Grey Vipond Committee, I want to formally invite you to participate in the 2020 **Vipond charity golf Classic, to be held August 31st, 2020**. This is the 40th annual Vipond tournament, held at the Earl Grey Golf Club and supported by its members, to benefit a local charity and strengthen our community.

In a year when many golf tournaments and fundraising events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vipond Earl Grey Committee felt it especially important to continue this tradition in some way — not to put another year on the “annual” — but to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities, who are disproportionately impacted by isolation and COVID health risks, have the support they need in this difficult time. The Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary (DDRC), the charity the Vipond has long supported, has continued to support clients with disabilities, and it is our role to continue to provide essential funds to support our community.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s tournament will look a little different. Safety is first and foremost. All tournament activities and interactions will be physically distanced and aligned with Alberta Health Services recommendations. When you arrive at Earl Grey, lunch will be waiting for you on your cart, and all standard golf course precautions will remain in place that remove frequently touched surfaces and high-risk transmission areas. Teams of four will be seated together for your post-round meal at the appropriately distanced tables in the Earl Grey club house. Due to restrictions unfortunately, the live auction, 50-50 draw, and mulligan draws will be removed from the experience this year.

Some aspects of the tournament, however, will not change, including the Vipond golfer-favourite format, the play your own ball best-3-of-4 Stableford. Each participant in the Vipond will enjoy a world-class golf experience while playing the Earl Grey course in its entirety, and great prizes will be awarded to top placing teams.

This year, golf has been one of the few activities that has been made available during these restricted times, and we are thrilled to be able to host this tournament. Due to capacity concerns and in the interest of safety, the 2020 Vipond tournament will be capped at 100 players. Participation in this year’s event may not be for everyone, and we understand the need for you to evaluate your own safety, risk, and comfort levels. Regardless of your choice to participate this year or not, I encourage you to donate to the Vipond tournament and the DDRC to support this cause in a difficult year.

As part of a scaled-back tournament, we have adjusted our team and individual pricing to reflect the experience and ensure an at-capacity, fun, and successful tournament. For pricing and package details, please refer to the **registration form included with this letter**.

Visit us at www.ddrc.ca/vipond, or contact us by email at vipond@ddrc.ca for more tournament information and to learn more about the individuals with developmental disabilities that this tournament supports.

Thank you for considering this incredible experience and supporting the Vipond and the DDRC.

Sincerely,

Jordan Alford, Vipond Earl Grey Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Doug Spark
Howie Crone

Eamon Hurley
Kyle Guild

Erick Mah
Sean Baylis

Glenn Smyth
Shaun Lucas



Vipond Charity Golf Classic Registration Form

Monday, August 31st, 2020 – Earl Grey Golf Club – In support of the DDRC

\$275 per person or \$1,000 per foursome

Includes: lunch, range balls, green fee, golf cart, on course beverage, 3 course dinner, prizes

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start **Play your own Ball – Best net 3 of 4 Stableford Points**

Registration (note: registration will be fully refunded in the event the Vipond is cancelled due to COVID-19)

Company / Team Name: _____

		HDCP	
Player #1:	_____	Factor:	_____
(main contact)			
Phone:	_____	E-mail:	_____
Player #2:	_____	HDCP	
		Factor:	_____
Player #3:	_____	HDCP	
		Factor:	_____
Player #4 :	_____	HDCP	
		Factor:	_____

Donation

100% of donations to Vipond go directly to the DDRC's programs and services

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of:

\$1,000 \$500 \$200 \$100

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Method of Payment

Visa Mastercard Cheque payable to DDRC

Name on card: _____ Card #: _____ Exp. _____

Entry fee amount: \$ _____

Donation amount: \$ _____

Total: \$

Please e-mail Austin Clem the completed form to vipond@ddrc.ca

Mail to: 4631 Richardson Way SW Calgary, Alberta T3E 7B7

Fax 403.240.3230 Call 403.240.7314

We treat all of your personal information with respect. We do not rent, sell, or trade any of our lists. Thank you for your support.

The 2020 Vipond aims to raise \$15,000-\$20,000 for the DDRC. This solicitation costs less than 5% of the expected funds raised.