

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 21 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Don Pekral, May 6; Steve Ebberts May 7; Kit Kelley & Brad Wilson, May 10. Don was present to hear the club's interpretation of the birthday song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth baseball leagues are filling up. Coach meeting was May 5th. 44 Teams in the league. The 6th – 8th girls league are looking for more players. Volunteer needed for Summer Concession Stand Coordinator.

North Topeka News: Pilings for the US 24 highway bridge over the Soldier creek ran into waste building materials from the 1993 flood. Remains found on the Menoken Road dikes project are not human. The south bank of the Soldier Creek dike between Menoken Road and Highway 75 must be raised 12-18".

Many thanks for Mike Bates and his helpers on updating kitchen at the club's Event Center.

Community Blood Drive, 11 – 3:00 pm, June 28 at Westridge Mall. Donors receive a Royal's t-shirt & game ticket.



Mark your calendars for Friday, July 25, 2025. That is the date for the Sunrise Optimist 39th Annual Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic at Lake Perry Great Life Golf Course.

<u>Program:</u> Rick Brading & Scott Petersen, Seaman High School Track

Rick taught for 42 years and has coached girl's track and cross country for 3 years after his retirement from the classroom. Some notable events are pole vault, 4 x 4 and hurdles. Boy's track has many notable participants in long jump and other races. There are several events that girls and boys will be competitive at future regional meets. The regional qualifier's meet for state competition will be at Andover. At this regional meet, there are 18 track and field events. Seaman will likely be the top 4 competitors in 16 events.

Upcoming Events:

<u>May 13</u>: Seaman High School Soccer Coach Kyle Seevers and 4 students

<u>May 20</u>: Daniel Ruda, Seaman Middle School Counselor

<u>President's Quote</u>: "In one minute you can change your attitude and in that minute you can change your entire day."

Spencer Johnson (writer)

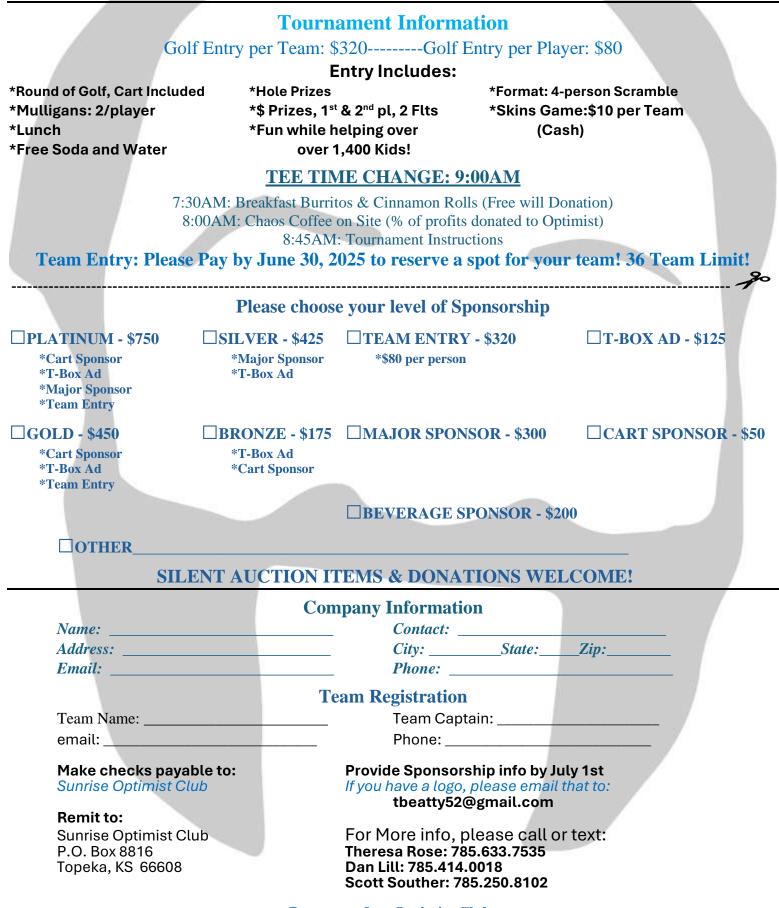


39th Annual Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic July 25, 2025 @ Lake Perry Golf Course Prizes on Every Hole!

Tournament Host: Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka

This tournament raises money to fund the many programs geared to enrich the lives of the youth of North Topeka and the surrounding area. Our outreach is directed to the youth of our community. We provide programs and opportunities for them to acquire new skills as they grow to become productive citizens and responsible adults. We "Bring out the best in kids" by creating hope and a positive vision of the future.

THANK YOU in advance for your dedication to helping our youth.



Purposes of an Optimist Club:

To aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of oneself in service to others will advance the well-being of people, the community and the world.