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John Adams introduced the speaker, Ben Kimball, US Golf Association Senior Director of Championships, who provided a preview of the 2026 U.S. Senior Open at Scioto Country Club, taking place on July 2-5. Ben is in his 7th year in this role, and has worked on many USGA championship events over the years, including the Walker Cup, the U.S. Amateur Championship and the U.S. Women's Golf Championship.

Ben discussed how the sense of history and the standards at Scioto Country Club make it an ideal venue for the U.S. Senior Open. Scioto is hosting its third Senior Open and fifth USGA championship. Bob Jones (1926 U.S. Open), Bruce Fleisher (1968 U.S. Amateur), Dale Douglass (1986 U.S. Senior Open) and Gene Sauers (2016 U.S. Senior Open) have all won at Scioto. Ben described the original 1916 course design by Donald Ross, and a restoration to bring the course closer to the original design.

Eleven champions, including two-time titleholder and defending champion Padraig Harrington, are among the 2,780 entries accepted by the USGA for this year's U.S. Senior Open. Harrington, the 2022 and 2025 winner, and 10 other U.S. Senior Open champions are fully exempt from having to qualify for the championship. The U.S. Senior Open is open to professional golfers, and amateurs with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, who are at least 50 years of age by the start of championship play.

Ben addressed whether certain professionals are planning to play; one big question relates to Tiger Woods, who has not yet made a decision.

Ben explained that the purse, at \$4 million, is the largest of any major senior championship event.

Ben described how 1,500-2,000 volunteers participate in a typical U.S. Senior Open, and volunteers are still needed for this year. The USGA staff who are "on the ground" number 75-100 at any point in time.

Ben anticipates tens of thousands of spectators. There will be national TV coverage by NBC, for about 20 hours, available locally, i.e., no blackouts. The USGA makes an effort to keep portions of the championship accessible in terms of price; for instance, depending on the day, the base price of gallery tickets ranges from \$28-\$61.

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## GREETERS

### April 21

Jack Cotter  
Eve Petricoff

### April 28

David Zadnick  
Tim Irwin

### May 5

Robert Hunt  
Jim Henson

## REGISTRATION DESK

### April 21

J.D. Dickerson  
Mike Brady

### April 28

Kevin Brown  
Janine Hummer

### May 5

Ted Foster  
Brendan King

## CALENDAR

### April 21 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Ann Bischoff, President & CEO,  
Dr. Carl Backes, Board Member  
– Star House “Battling Youth  
Homelessness”

Host: Rich Simpson

### April 28 - Scioto CC/ZOOM

Dr. Andy Thomas, chief clinical  
officer, and Elizabeth Seely,  
chief administrative officer for  
the hospital division, The Ohio  
State University Wexner Medi-  
cal Center – “Introduction to the  
New University Hospital”

Host: Herb Gillen

### May 5 - Boat House/ZOOM

Liz Brown, CEO and Makiva  
McIntosh, Chief Advancement  
& Engagement Officer of YWCA  
Columbus

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**APRIL 21ST**  
Scioto Country Club / ZOOM

## THE MEETING



**John Krauss** opened the meeting, which was held at Scioto Country Club and on Zoom.

**Angela Lanctot** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Stacy McVey** and **Joni Ross** were guests of **Don Ross**.

**Lynne Deshler** was a guest of **John Krauss**.

**Dave McKee** was a guest of **Tom Westfall**.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Jack Cotter** thanked the speaker at that morning’s Roundtable Session, **Vimal Buck**, senior researcher at The Ohio State University’s Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence, who was also a guest at lunch.

**John Ness** thanked the Club for the \$7,600 raised to provide a new truck for the Bed Brigade, partly from a gift induced by the Community Service Committee and partly from gifts from various Club members individually. The truck will be delivered soon. John also thanked the volunteers who assembled 20 beds on the prior Saturday.

**Milt Lustnauer** recognized the latest members whose gifts put them in the 125 Club: **Tom McClain**, **Ralph Griffith** and **Larry McVey**.

**Mike Zieg** noted that the annual fundraiser is coming in 4 weeks, at 6 pm on May 12 at the Bob Crane Community Center. **Anne Crosskey** asked members to respond to the e-vite; only 30 have done so, so far.

**Jessica Grisez** provided a reminder of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation’s Heart of UA event, taking place on April 26 at 5:30 pm, honoring **Greg Guy** and **Lisa Ingram**. Tickets can be purchased on UACF’s website.

**Andrew Theado** recognized Student of the Month **Hana Moussad**, sharing details of her accomplishments, including the founding of a club to help families in need, her mentoring of younger students, her work in theater, her academic excellence, and her overall personal growth. She will be attending Kent State University in the fall, to study interior design.

**John Krauss** provided a reminder of the District Conference happening April 24-25 at the Hilton at Polaris.

John asked that members submit payment of the latest bills, by April 30.



## SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

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