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**Avalon Country Club hosts the 26th Annual Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic on May 2, 2025**

**Knoxville, TN** -- The 26th Annual Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic presented by Graphic Creations will be at Avalon Country Club on Friday, May 2, 2025. It is located at 700 Turnberry Circle in Lenoir City. The event benefits the non-profit Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley.

The tournament has 36 four-man teams which will have a shotgun start at 10:00 am. All golfers will have a commemorative photo made with Phillip Fulmer, former University of Tennessee Athletic Director and football coach.

Three former UT football players will be Coach Fulmer's guests at the tourney. Andy Kelly was a quarterback from 1988-1991 who led the team to SEC Championships in 1989 and 1990. He played 15 seasons in the Arena Football League where he set several AFL career records and was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2025. Carl Pickens was a legendary wide receiver from 1989-1991 at UT where he was selected as All-SEC and All-American. He had a successful career with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1992-1999 where he was named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and earned multiple Pro Bowl selections. Fred White played defensive back at UT from 1995-1999 and won the BCS National Championship in 1998. He played safety on the NFL San Diego Chargers team.

You can support Boys & Girls Clubs by participating in the online auction which starts on Monday, April 28th and ends on Friday, May 2nd at 6 pm. Visit [fulmerauction.com](http://fulmerauction.com) to view the auction items that are available. Some of the popular auction items include the 2025 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship at Pebble Beach for two people, a Vol Network Tennessee Football Experience for two people, a Tailgate Tennessee Touchdown Package at Circle Park, a Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort golf package and a Disney World VIP Package.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley is proud of our 26 year association with the Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic," said Bart McFadden, President and CEO of BGCTNV. "Coach Fulmer embodies excellence and service to others with a career dedicated to young people. During the past 26 years, the Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic has raised almost \$3 million dollars for Boys & Girls Clubs which allows our organization to continue to provide the opportunities that young people need to reach their full potential."

All Proceeds benefit the 25 Boys & Girls Clubs in Knox, Anderson, Blount, Loudon, and Claiborne Counties which serves over 7,600 members in grades pre-K through 12. The Clubs offer a wide array of programs that help children achieve academic success, live healthy lifestyles, and develop good character and citizenship. To make a donation or for more information about the event visit [fulmorgolfclassic.com](http://fulmorgolfclassic.com).

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