

Altwater: Coffing, Lepp to appear at Toledo Golf Show

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Even though the temperatures are below freezing and snow is on the ground, the Toledo area golf scene is heating up.

The Toledo Golf Show will be held Feb. 16-17 at Tam-O-Shanter in Sylvania. It will allow for more room for exhibitors to display their golf wares and for golf fans to move about easily.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17. Tickets are \$5 at the door for adults and free to children younger than age 12.

Golfers seeking the latest in technology, equipment, golf attire and travel information should plan to visit to the show.

Local golf retailers, golf courses and golf professionals will be on hand to help with advice and tips to improve every golfer's game.

Golf Channel's Big Break Sandals winner, Carling Coffing, will be on hand noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 to sign autographs and meet with fans.

Although Coffing was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when she was just 5 years old, it has not prevented her of pursuing her dream of becoming a golf professional.

She was a member of the Ohio State University women's golf team and received a bachelor's degree in communications broadcasting in 2008.

Most recently Coffing co-hosted "Tee It Up Ohio" a popular Sports Time Ohio program that features golf courses and events around Ohio.

James Lepp, runner-up of Big Break Greenbrier last year, will also make an appearance, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17. Lepp won the 2005 NCAA Division I golf championship as a member of the University of Washington golf

team. Since turning professional, he has won two events on the Canadian Golf Tour.

Lepp is one of the founding members of Kikkor Golf, one of the fastest growing businesses in golf. Kikkor manufactures and sells comfortable and street cool golf shoes for men and women golfers.

The Toledo Golf Show also gives golf fans a chance to visit with the best golf resorts from around Michigan and the Midwest to help plan their next golf travel adventure. Several golf destinations will be on hand to answer questions and provide money saving quotes.

If you are a snowbound golf fan in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan, make plans to visit the Toledo Golf Show next weekend at Tam-O-Shanter.

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