Brief History of the Hatfields and McCoys Tournament:

In 2000, the TGA came up with a new tournament to be a unique competition among club members. It was to be a spirited event over two days in the fall where two sides would compete.

The name became the Hatfields and McCoys, paying homage to the Kentucky/West Virginia feud of the same name. Most years, it was a primarily a fourball match play event but on occasion, the second round was an individual match play event. The first year of the competition was 2000 but no records remain to validate the results.

One of the primary members behind the new tournament was Chuck Dale. Chuck was a very good player in his own right but unfortunately, he was diagnosed with ALS in 2000. In 2001, his health was such that he could no longer play but he served as Captain for both teams that year. Chuck died in 2002 and the tournament was renamed to the Hatfields-McCoys Chuck Dale Memorial Tournament. His widow, Jeanne Dale, has attended every tournament since the first one. She helps in the presentation of the trophy to the winning team each year.

Once a player is assigned to a side, they are always part of that side. New players are assigned to one side or the other by the Team Captains based on the needs of both sides.

One of the original highlights of the competition was the dinner afterwards where the winning team ate steak, plus they had bragging rights for the year. The losing team ate burgers/dogs. The meal tradition faded away in 2020 with COVID being the culprit but also the fact that many players didn't stick around after play.

The 2026 event was the 26th year of the tournament. While there have been ebbs and flows with one team winning several in a row before the other team strikes back and wins several, it is remarkable to note that after the 2026 edition, the Hatfields have won 13 times and the McCoys have won 13 times!

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