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## Barstool Open Narrative

The Venice Barstool Open is an event created to bring economic impact to Downtown Venice during the off-season. Not only did it benefit a non-profit (VMS), but it brought a substantial economic impact to the downtown restaurants and bars in a very slow season. The event includes 400 “golfers” who putt their way through the “course”. It is a fun event for those 21 and over, to 9 of our downtown businesses. It was well-received when it started, and was asked to be brought back. For a few years it was run by Venice MainStreet, and then given to Venice Nokomis Rotary Club. Nick Sperry (then VMS) is now a club member of Venice Nokomis Rotary and created the event. The restaurants and Venice Nokomis Rotary have requested that it be brought back to our downtown. It takes place within restaurants and bars, or within their permitted café spaces, so there isn’t a city space that needs to be permitted and rented. There is a request for a few additional officers to increase the police presence. This is a “pub crawl” as the attendees go from establishment to establishment. Each business builds and creates a putt-putt hole, and attendees go from hole to hole. Between extra staff and volunteers we ensure no open container, and it was an incident-free event in the past. We plan for it to remain incident free, and a fun event for the community. The request would be that it take place on August 22, 2026 or August 28, 2026.



## Barstool Open Timeline:

### Friday August 21:

5:00 – 8:00 PM Packet Pickup at one of the sponsors locations with Live Radio Remote – (Daiquiri Deck, Café Venice or Made in Italy) the packet will contain scorecards that have the hole number on it & the Map of holes 1-9

### Saturday August 22:

7:00-10:00 AM - Restaurants and Bars prepare for the day with their putt-putt holes

10:00 AM – Starters (volunteers) head to their post (hole that they are assigned to keep the groups moving along)

10:30 AM – Nick (DDI) has a debrief with VPD to let them know the route

11:00 AM – Shotgun Start whistles blow and the event begins

11:00 AM – 3: 00 PM – Nick and team navigate the course for prizes and does safety checks throughout the event

3:00 PM – Score Cards are collected and trophies are given at the lead sponsors establishment. (Made In Italy in the past) After Party was there, Nick will notify VPD where the after party will be held, so they can have a focus of the concentration of people

3:00 – 5:00 PM After Party and Event End



Epiphany Cathedral

KMI Octavino

Centennial Park

Daiquiri Deck

OVP / Seed & Bean  
Bella Vino

San Marco

TJ Carney's

Cafe Venice /  
Made In Italy

Abby's  
/ Venice Wine & Coffee

Burgundy Square/ Bodrum






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