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# 12th ANNUAL "DING" DARLING & DOC FORD'S TARPON TOURNAMENT

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## PLEASE BECOME A SPONSOR...

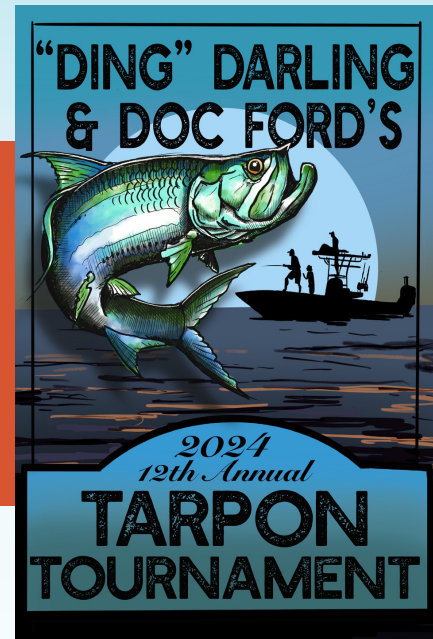
The "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament will be celebrating its 12th anniversary in 2024 and we are asking for your support of this tournament by becoming a sponsor. 100% of the support raised from sponsors goes directly into the conservation work at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

One of 568 national wildlife refuges around the country, the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is the location of the first recorded tarpon caught on rod and reel. To celebrate the historic moment and Southwest Florida's history of fishing, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) and Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille began the "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament.

Unique from most other tournaments around the country, this tournament returns 100% of the entry fees

as cash prizes for participating anglers. The only way the charity (DDWS) raises support for conservation is through its sponsorships and other donations. This tournament is highly regarded by anglers, professional and amateur, as being the best tarpon tournament around. It is our sponsors who truly make the difference in what this tournament can do in helping conservation efforts, including water quality research, at the refuge and beyond.

We hope you will become a sponsor in support of this tournament. This year's tournament will kick off with the Captains' Night on Thursday, May 9, 2024. All sponsors and participants are invited to enjoy food and drinks, along with a silent auction. Friday, May 10, 2024 is tournament day, followed by the "Silver King" Awards Banquet for anglers and sponsors.



There will be a number of guaranteed slots for sponsors of certain levels.

Sponsorships can be a combination of cash or in-kind. Should you have questions when reviewing the sponsor packet, please call tournament coordinator April Boehnen at 440-452-9083 or email at [aprilb@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:aprilb@dingdarlingsociety.org).

**Thank you for your consideration of support.**

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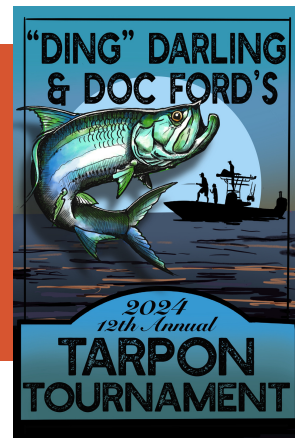
## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

	Silver King (\$40,000+)	Champion (\$25,000+)	Premiere (\$15,000+)	Presenting (\$10,000+)	Platinum (\$5,000+)	Gold (\$2,500+)	Silver (\$1,500+ cash)
Number of complimentary angler spots for the tournament	6	6	5	4	3	2	
Number of complimentary tickets for Captains' Dinner & Awards Banquet	6	6	6	4	4	2	2
Listed and linked to company website on <a href="http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org">www.dingdarlingsociety.org</a>	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Mentioned in DDWS's "Ding" on the Wing e-newsletter (~30,000 readers)	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Mentioned in DDWS newsletter	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Logo posted & linked on DDWS social media	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Promotional materials in captains' bags for all tournament participants	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Listed on tournament shirts	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Listed on tournament banners	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Listed in all event press releases	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Listed in thank you sponsor newspaper ad	×	×	×	×	×	×	
Logo included on all event materials	×	×	×	×	×	×	
On-site recognition during event	×	×	×	×	×		
Member of the Silver King Club	×						



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Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level:

☐ Silver King (\$40,000+)

☐ Champion (\$25,000)

☐ Premiere (\$15,000)

☐ Presenting (\$10,000)

☐ Platinum (\$5,000)

☐ Gold (\$2,500+)

☐ Silver (\$1,500+ cash)

Please indicate how you would like to be listed in advertising, brochures, press releases, and other acknowledgement materials: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We would like to remain anonymous. Please do not publicly recognize my/our gift.

I/We hereby pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society to become a sponsor of the 2024 "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's 12th Annual Tarpon Tournament. Please call 440-452-9083 to discuss in-kind support for sponsorship recognition.

**Please make checks payable to: "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society.**

**Please mail checks to P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957.**

I/We would like to make a gift with a MasterCard, Discover, or Visa:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Special notes: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gifts to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, a 501(c)3 organization, qualify for federal & state tax deductions or credits as laws allow.*

