



Top O' The Day Tee-Off

Boasts Record Number of Golfers

By Kimberly Cook

Carrington's CrossRoads Golf Course was bustling with activity on Aug. 17, when 122 golfers gathered to participate in the sixth annual Dushinske-Jamison Top O' the Day Tee-Off Scholarship Golf Scramble. The scramble is sponsored by the North Dakota Water Education Foundation (NDWEF), and proceeds benefit the Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment. The endowment was established by the NDWEF in memory of Russell Dushinske and Warren Jamison for their many years of dedicated service to water development in North

Dakota. Each year, two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students attending a North Dakota college or university and whose families have taken an active role in state water resource management.

Golfers began to register at noon, enjoyed a sack lunch, and then the 30 teams were off with a 1 p.m. start. The 18-hole course was filled with contests and promotional items, provided by businesses from across North Dakota and the United States who sponsored the holes. Despite the cool temperatures, constant wind, and periods of rain throughout the day, golfers "stayed the





course” and all teams completed the scramble. The event concluded with dinner and an awards ceremony at the CrossRoads clubhouse. Prizes were awarded to the first, third, and fifth place teams, as well as for contests featured on many of the holes. Participants on the winning team, shooting a 57 – 15 under par – were Ryan Opdahl, Carter Van Beek, Larry Ash, and George Helmstettler, all of Jamestown.

“We’re grateful for those who come year after year, from near and far for the tournament. In spite of the cold, wet weather, we had another great year; this being the best turnout of golfers so far,” says Diane Jamison, wife of the late Warren Jamison, who was joined on the course by family and friends. “It is nice that golfers can see the wonderful course Carrington has to offer,” Jamison adds.

Stacey Gussiaas, administrative assistant for Garrison Diversion, was instrumental in making the scramble a success. Under her direction, Garrison Diversion staff members, along with NDWEF employees, helped run the event.



Winners

First Place: Ryan Opdahl, Carter Van Beek, Larry Ash, and George Helmstetter

Third Place: Jenni Short, Laura Short, John Erickson, and Brock Smith

Fifth Place: Leigh Wagner, Matt Larson, Dick Trondson, and Trevor Leidy

Contests

Shortest Drive (Men): Dylan Rudel of Fessenden

Shortest Drive (Women): Brianne Isle of Carrington

Longest Drive (Men): Ryan Opdahl of Jamestown and Todd Sando of Bismarck

Longest Drive (Women): Betty Ament of Jamestown

Closest to Pin Second Shot: Kelly Trautmann (address unknown)

Longest Putt: Joel McMaster of Bismarck

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