Holland Memorial Golf Tournament Accomplishes 23 Years of Success and Support

The 23rd Annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the WOSC Foundation, Inc. and Western Oklahoma State College went off with its usual success, August 10 at the Greens of Altus. Seventy-two golfers played in one morning flight, marking a change from years past, when a morning and afternoon flight were played. Two teams of eight played each hole after the 8 a.m. shot gun start. By 2:15 p.m. the winners of the entire round and the prize hole winners were declared. There was a tie-score of 58 between the teams of Jay Cross, Cody Toole, Robert Watts and Kacy Marquart and Danny McCuiston, Chelsea McCuiston, Whitney McCuiston and Devin Welch. The tie was settled with a “Western Draw in which a hole number was drawn and the team with the best score on that hole won. The team of Jay Cross, claimed the Champion title, walking away with the coveted Holland trophies and bragging rights. Each prize hole winner received a dozen Titleist golf balls.

Golfers and the volunteers from the WOSC office of Development and Alumni Relations and other Western staff enjoyed ideal weather to participate in the longest running golf tournament in Southwest Oklahoma. Funding raised by the tournament totaled over $11,000 and brought the Jim Holland Memorial Scholarship Endowment total to over $215,000. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. thanks all the local tournament sponsors, co-sponsors, hole, cart and in-kind sponsors for making the tournament a great success. A special thank you also goes to John Woods, his staff at the Greens of Altus, and Luigi's for all of their help and hospitality during the event. Haley Thompson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations remarked, “After 23 years of tournaments, the continued energy and commitment of Jim’s friends, family and the community is truly remarkable. Thanks to the support we have received over the years, the WOSC Foundation, Inc. has been able to award over $100,000 in student scholarships in memory of Jim Holland. As we celebrate another successful year we are truly grateful for all those who make the event possible.”

Tournament Sponsors were: John and Vickie Henry; the WOSC Executive Council: Dr. Phil Birdine, Larry Duffy, Lisa Greenlee and Tricia Latham; Bar-S Foods; Jackson County Memorial Hospital; Linda Holland Copeland and Jay & Christina Holland; WOSC Board of Regents: Brent Howard, Gilmer J. Capps, Dana Darby, Steve Miller, John Hester, Mark Dodson and A. Dean Graumann; Great Plains National Bank; Mid-First Bank; Western Oklahoma State College President’s Partners; K.D. Lackey, Jr.; First State Bank of Altus and Senator Mike Schulz.

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In-Kind Sponsors were Big Dog Sportswear Dr. Pepper; Coca Cola and Pepsi. Trophies were provided in memory of Leslie Robert “Les” Dawson.

The Jim Holland Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established in 1990 to honor Jim Holland, a long time college faculty member and Southwest Oklahoma educator. Jim Holland’s untimely death created a desire for many friends and family members to make contributions to the WOSC Foundation, Inc. in his memory. The Annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament was created in 1991 as a way to continuously fund the scholarship endowment and pay tribute to a man who loved his profession, his students, and golf.