24th Annual Jim Holland Memorial Tournament Continues with Success

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, 71 golfers took to the Greens of Altus for the 24th Annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament, sponsored by the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. and Western Oklahoma State College, is the longest running golf tournament in Southwest Oklahoma and is responsible for raising $228,261 for the Jim Holland Endowment including this year’s amount of $13,122.

The tournament began at 8:00 a.m. with two teams consisting of up to four members playing each hole. Prize holes were played at the last nine holes with each prize hole winner taking home one dozen Titleist golf balls. By the end of the tournament two teams came out on top. The team of Blake Henry, Jeff Henry and Glen Wilson tied with the team of Bill Starr, Johnny Roberts, John Ray and Larry Alexander. The latter of the two teams chose to honor the memory of longtime tournament participant and supporter John Henry by conceding to his past team members. John Henry was also honored by the addition of the “Henry Don” Putting Contest held throughout the day. Taking home the honor of the closest putt for the “Henry Don” contest was Blake Henry.

Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary, Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. stated, “I am extremely pleased with the support of our 24th Annual Tournament to honor the memory of our friend and longtime educator of SW Oklahoma and Western Oklahoma State College. Nothing would please Jim more than to see the outcome of this tournament in providing funds for scholarships in his memory for deserving students of Western Oklahoma State College. It is truly amazing of the number of patrons that have funded and supported this tournament in Jim’s memory for each consecutive year for the 24 years it has existed. Not only is the tournament one of the longest running tournaments in Oklahoma it has become one of the most popular tournaments, due to the heritage of scholarship funding and encouragement for Western Oklahoma State College. It is not a tournament where the participants win dollars; it is a tournament where each participant is a winner in helping students achieve their goals in higher education. “

One of the most important reasons for the continued success of this tournament is all the support that is received from the Altus Community and the Sponsors. A special thank you goes out to the entire staff at the Greens of Altus for all their help and hospitality before and during the event. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. would also like to thank all of the many supporters who continue to help make this tournament a huge success.

Tournament Sponsors were: Larry and Sharon Duffy, Vickie, Jeff and Blake Henry, WOSC Executive Council: Dr. Phil Birdine, Lisa Greenlee and Tricia Latham; Bar-S Foods; Jackson County Memorial Hospital; Linda Holland Copeland and Jay & Christina Holland; WOSC Board of Regents: Gilmer Capps, Cindy Clayton, Dr. Dana Darby, Mark Dodson, Brent Howard, Steve Miller and Lindsey Treadwell; Great Plains National Bank; Mid-First bank; WOSC President’s Partners; K.D. Lackey, Jr.; First State Bank of Altus; NBC Bank and Senator Mike Schulz.

Tournament Co-Sponsors were: Wilmes Ford-Lincoln Superstore; Wilmes Chevrolet Buick GNC; Willis Granite Products; Cap & Jacquelyn Chesser; Johnny Roberts Dodge and Bill and Ruth Starr.
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In-Kind Sponsors were: Big Dog Sportswear; Coca Cola; Dr. Pepper; Quartz Mountain Golf Course; Val’s It’s About Time; Elmer General Store; WOSC Alumni Association. Donations: Bob Beers and Jeffery Schaffer.

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.