

# Sponsors Make Fox Run Pro-Am A Success

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The value of Pro-Am sponsors is often overlooked. Because of them we are able to attract the best professional talent on the Dakotas Tour, improve the enjoyment of the event for all golfers, and help raise funds for the local charities our event supports. That support, both financial and otherwise, is irreplaceable.

This year's Thrivent Financial Charity Pro-Am raised funds for three local charities: Yankton Area Special Olympics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and The Wounded Warrior Project. All three of these organizations are directly helping folks in our community, and we consider it a special privilege to be

part of these efforts.

Once again our professional field was incredibly strong. Some new names this year also provided a little electricity to the tournament. Andre Metzger won our event for the second time in the last three years, shooting a three-day total of 198 (18-under) and running away with a six-shot victory over Nick Delio.

Tad Leistico won the individual amateur title, shooting a 7-under 209. USD golfer Dakota Clark finished second at 218. Taylor Gusso won the individual net amateur title with a net 16-under par 200. Bill Pierce and Mike Zimmerman tied for second at net 15-under.

Golf Course Superintendent Rockie Wampol and his crew once again did an outstanding job of preparing the golf course for the event. Mother Nature interrupted with a 2-hour rain delay on Saturday, thus requiring Saturday's round to be completed Sunday morning, while simultaneously starting Sunday's round. If this is confusing, join the crowd.

Were it not for the extra effort and patience exhibited by Rockie and his staff, the confusion created by an extended rain delay would have derailed an otherwise successful event.

As well, Jim Gevens is deserving of proper recognition for his dedication to making this

event go well. When the rains came and over 100 golfers rushed in from the course Jim Gevens was there to direct traffic and get everyone safe and dry in a timely fashion. I had numerous compliments about Jim's performance, and they're well-deserved.

I also want to thank Yankton High School Golf Coach, Brett Sime, for his commitment and effort to ensure our pro-am was a success. The logistics involved in an event of this size, played over three days, and with all the various games and competitions built into the event's format are daunting and often mind-boggling, to say the least. Without Brett's experience in this area, chaos and confusion would be the order of the day. Oh yeah, his value was also amplified due to the rain delay, and he came through with flying colors.

I am also grateful for the hard work and commitment from the food & beverage staff at Fox Run Golf Course. When you're serving food and beverage for 200+ golfers per day, something ALWAYS goes wrong. And when it did, they handled it professionally and with a great deal of composure. There are too many to name, but suffice it to say their roles are critical in making our pro-am what it is today.

Two-hundred and ten golfers hit thousands of range balls per day in an event of this size. The outside services personnel once again spent their entire days picking the driving range, cleaning the golf balls, fill-

ing the range dispenser, and then doing it all over again. Three-day pro-ams are impossible to host if you don't have hard-working outside services personnel, and we have just that.

Almost last, but definitely not least, a big thank you goes out to our many volunteers: Paula Keehr, Matthew Schaefer, Karol Kittelson, Deb Bodenstedt, Mike Groetken, and Glen Malchow. This event could not have been a success without the many hours all of you contributed.

Lastly, thank you to W.D. Metheny and his staff with Thrivent Financial down at 420 Broadway. Their investment and efforts have turned a pro-am golf tournament into a community-impacting event. The folks at Thrivent Financial are great examples of what is required to make a community thrive and not just exist.

Fox Run Golf Course is a great place to work and play, and that enjoyment starts and ends with the staff we have. As always, I cannot thoroughly convey my gratitude to everyone that made this event go so smoothly, in spite of Mother Nature's curveballs. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## School Librarians Attend Third Annual School Library Boot Camp

Kathleen Bergeson of the Yankton School District, Yankton, recently attended the third annual School Library Boot Camp.

Boot Camp was held on the campus of the University of South Dakota on July 20-23. Classes were centered on the theme "ShaZam! The 4Cs in the 21st Century School Library." School librarians, teachers and paraprofessionals from across the state were critical thinkers as they communicated, collaborated and created projects based on the Common Core State Standards and best digital practices.

The Boot Camp projects will be implemented during the 2014-2015 school year for students, staff and parents. Projects cover a variety of topics and focus on information literacy and digital citizenship for all ages.

Research shows that an effective 21st Century school library program leads students toward greater achievement.

Boot Camp attendees came from schools in the communities of Aberdeen, Bison, Centerville, Freeman, Hayti, Hot Springs, Huron, Madison, Miller, Pierre,



Kathleen Bergeson of the Yankton School District attended the School Library Bootcamp at USD July 20-23.

Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Stephan, Sturgis, Vermillion, Winner and Yankton.

Coordinated by the State Library in conjunction with USD, Boot Camp is a two credit course for undergrad-

uate and graduate students. Plans are already underway for the class to be held at Black Hills State University in Spearfish for 2015.

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## Animal Shelter Donation



Accepting the donation is Staci Hoebelheinrich representing Homeward Bound. She is shown with Dick Kulbel (center) and Duane Frick, trustees of the Otto Ulrich Memorial Trust.

Homeward Bound Pet Rescue (a private, non-profit organization) was recently awarded a donation from the Otto Ulrich Memorial Trust.

Otto was an animal lover and a frequent visitor to Fish-N-Stuff (location of Homeward Bound Pet Rescue).

Otto would bring his dog in to be groomed and would sit and hold puppies, kittens or anything else that would crawl up his leg.

The generous donation afforded the pet rescue the opportunity to purchase a bank of kennels, which will be used to quarantine animals when they are first brought

into the rescue to ensure they are free of disease and parasites.

Homeward Bound Pet Rescue has a no-kill policy and has found homes for more than 8,000 animals.

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### MEETINGS

#### OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway group meet July 17, 2014, at Lyle Bar, Newcastle, Nebraska. Members present at the meeting: Marci Broyhill, Dakota City, Twyla Witt, Nebraska Tourism/National Byway Liaison and Partners, Al Brock, Valentine, Rose Reimert, Newcastle, Quintin Reimert, Newcastle, Dugan Smith, National Park Service, Missouri National Recreational River, Yankton, Larry Halstead, Lynch, Florence Breuklander, Newcastle, Molly Keleny, National Park Service, Missouri Nation Recreational River, Yankton, Sally L. Snowe, Wynot, Marilyn Janovec, Niobrara, Gary Kimm, Corps of Discovery, Yankton, Rhonda Kneiff, PRI & Sunny Brook Camp, Newcastle/Sparks, and Marita Placek, Lynch.

President Rhonda called the meeting to order with introductions. The secretary's report read and approved and the treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Rhonda gave the membership report. Susan McEvoy, Valentine, won the free membership given away during the trail ride. Need a membership committee for 2015.

Al reported the Trail Ride for the benefit of the Oak Creek Ranch Boone and Crockett Shriner Camp was very successful. The Outlaw Trail presented a check for \$800 to the Shriners. President Rhonda complimented Al for planning and conducting a great ride and all he does to promote the Outlaw Trail.

The Outlaw Trail has received an invitation to participate in the Nebraska Horse Expo in Lincoln Nov. 14-16. Please let Al know if you are interested in going and manning a booth.

Dates for "See the Byway the Quiltway," dates were set for Oct. 10-12, 2015, were set. Selecting a committee and other details were tabled until the August meeting.

Nebraska Tourism will have a booth at the State Fair. Outlaw Trail is looking for volunteers to work in the booth during the State Fair. Parking and admittance to the Fair will be paid for. If you're interested, please let Rhonda know.

Twyla gave her report and requested letting her know of local

events going on in your towns so they can be posted on the Tourism's website. The date for Nebraska Tourism State meeting is Oct. 22-23 in North Platte. She has also talked to the NDOR about replacing the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway signs that have been stolen.

Dugan passed out information on the Missouri River and what the Games and Parks is doing on both side of the river from Ft. Randall to Sioux City.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Hilltop Lodge Motel Meeting Room, 2531 Walnut St., Niobrara.

#### ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 held its regular monthly meeting on July 15, 2014, at the VFW Post Home with members Brandt, Darcy, DeBoer, Happe, F Johnson, D. List, Huisman, DeBoer and Monfore being present. All saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes and the financial report from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Membership: Director Brandt stated that we are at 98 members so far for the new year with a goal of 217 and we finished last year at 219.

Boys State: Director Darcy had stated that he had received 2 letters from our Boys Stators and they are willing to speak at the membership dinner.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson reported that Pine Ridge Indian Reservation will be coming to Yankton on July 18 to pick up bicycles and other sporting stuff.

Americanism: Don List reported that grocery delivery is going steady nothing else to report.

POW/Mia: Director Brandt reported that there were 4 identified since the last meeting.

New business: Post received a thank you card from Allie Tiesse, Allie was Post 12's first Trooper Academy cadet.

John Darcy had talked about the Wessington Springs Post losing their home and Finance Officer DeBoer made a notion to make a donation to their rebuilding fund motion carried.

Mid-Winter conference will be in Huron this year, more info will be coming.

Also Don List has stepped down from the Membership Director position and Adjutant Brandt will be taking it over.

Thank you Don for a job very well done.

The next meeting will be Aug 19, 2014, at 730 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

Post No. 12 members are welcome anytime.

#### LILLEHAMMER LODGE NO. 1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge No. 1-633 of the Yankton area met July 19, 2014, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was opened by Secretary, Diane Reese leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway and also the flag Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

The financial report was given by Clarice Holm.

Suzie Leffers, a representative of the Orphan Grain Train from Norfolk, Nebraska, shared information about the work they do at disaster areas and the fund-raisers that they have held in the area, especially at Hartington, Nebraska. They do disaster assistance all over the world. A donation from the Lodge was given to their fund.

The members are invited to attend the 13th annual Opdalslag Heritage Festival, Sept 13-14 at Centerville. Preregistration is required by Sept. 1, for the meal functions. Forms are available from Carol Broderson or Diane Reese. Persons interested in genealogy, as well as good food (bake sale, too), and great programming, are welcome to attend.

Information is also available from the Borgund Lodge of Rapid City for their Lille Norge Fest, Nov. 22. They have sent raffle tickets and information for prepaying orders for rosettes, krumkake, and lefse.

The next meeting will be Aug. 23 (due to Riverboat Days) at 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch.

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