Annual “TD Bank Golf Tournament to benefit NMCC Foundation” raises more than $18,000 for student scholarships

Aroostook County - Northern Maine Community College students will be the beneficiaries of more than $18,000 in scholarship funds raised through the TD Bank Golf Tournament to benefit the NMCC Foundation held on August 11 at the Aroostook Valley Country Club in Fort Fairfield.

Just over one hundred golfers teed off for the annual scramble. An additional dozen people joined the golfers for a dinner and silent auction that followed play at AVCC. Joining in the festivities was Larry Wold, president of TD Bank-Maine.

“It is great to be here with you today and for TD Bank to join forces with the Northern Maine Community College Foundation to host this tournament,” said Wold to those gathered before the 11:00 a.m. tournament shotgun start. “Most of you gathered here today benefit directly from the work of the community college each day. Many of the employees that make your businesses run are graduates of NMCC. There is no better resource for education, training and workforce development in our state than the community college system.”

Wold’s comments were echoed by Michael J. Kelley, TD Bank regional vice president.

“TD Bank is extremely pleased with our continuing partnership with the NMCC Foundation. Our annual golf tournament provides a wonderful opportunity to join together for a day of fun with our customers, employees, NMCC staff, sponsors, and NMCC Foundation donors to raise much needed financial support for the Foundation,” said Kelley. “Our sponsors and supporters have remained very generous. The proceeds from this tournament are all about the future of our youth and we all remain proud and honored to be a small part of that future.”

This marked the sixth year TD Bank has partnered with the NMCC Foundation to host a golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for students attending the College.
“We are most grateful to Mike Kelley, Ray Hews, and many others at TD Bank for their work on this annual event. We appreciate the participation of the players and all the sponsors and supporters of the tournament. It not only gives support of the institution, but it directly affects the students, which is what it is all about,” said Brian Hamel, NMCC Foundation Chair.

Overall tournament champions and winners of the TD Bank Cup, with the first place low gross, was the 3-some team made up of Bradlee Boyles, Greg Palm and Tim Belden of Presque Isle, with a score of 60. The winners of first low net for the scramble were Denis Paradis, Chad Cyr and Dale Dubay of Fort Kent with a score of 49.4. Second place net went to John Pelletier of Van Buren, Jeff Pangburn of Presque Isle and Robert Poiesz of Madawaska, with a score of 52.4. Third low net went to Ray Hews of Presque Isle, Ralph Miller of Portage and Greg Smith of Presque Isle, with a score of 53.4.

Other awards were presented to golfers for their achievements during the day. Closest to the pin for the men was Jeff Irving of Caribou on hole number 8 and Jason Woollard of Mars Hill on hole number 15. Sheila Nemer of Ashland earned the distinction for the women on both holes 8 and 15. The longest drive winner on the 18th hole for the men was Bill Getman of Presque Isle, with Nemer again winning for the women. Best dressed was awarded to Jennifer Flynn of Presque Isle, and the winner of the $159 putting contest was Dan Levesque of Ashland.

The honors were announced at the dinner following the tournament. Aside from presenting awards to the top golfers, the event featured a silent auction, which raised over $5,000.

The auction included items donated by Amanda Blade, LMT, Arby’s Restaurant, Aroostook Centre Mall, Aroostook Valley Country Club, Ben’s Trading Post, Bradley’s Citgo and Car Wash, Celebrities for Charity, Chandler Farms, County Farms Market, County Physical Therapy, LLC, Cushman’s Embroidery, Dead River, Dee Sock, Dow Theater Company, H&K Tutoring, Hampton Inn of Presque Isle, Harry’s Motor Sports, Hedrich Vending, Inc., Jessica Gal, Larry LaPlante, Katahdin Trust Company, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Morning Star Art & Framing, Northern Maine Community College, Paradis Shop N Save, Pat’s Pizza, Phil’s Florist, Pizza Hut, Rathbun Lumber Company, Subway, Sunrise Beads, Swamp Buck Restaurant, S.W. Collins Company, TD Bank, and WAGM-TV. Additional cash donations were provided by Irish Setter Pub and Country Collectibles.


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Michael J. Kelley (left), regional vice president of TD Bank, NMCC Foundation board member and key organizer of the annual TD Bank Golf Tournament to Benefit the NMCC Foundation, presents the winning tournament trophy – the TD Bank Cup - for first place low gross to (center left Greg Palm, Bradlee Boyles, and Tim Belden of Presque Isle. Tournament organizer Ray Hews of TD Bank, Brian Hamel, NMCC Foundation Board Chair, and NMCC President Tim Crowley join in congratulating the team.

Jennifer Flynn of Presque Isle (center) was voted “Best Dressed” at the Annual “TD Bank Golf Tournament to benefit Northern Maine Community College Foundation” held at the Aroostook Valley Country Club on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Pictured with Flynn are teammates Ryan Umphrey (left) and husband Rob Flynn (right).