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MUSEUM'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT PRODUCES EXCITING FINISH

The Museum's 2007 Annual Golf Tournament was played Saturday, June 30, at the Four Winds Golf Course, Kimball, under a beautiful blue sky.

58 rabid golfers attacked the Course with gusto at 9 a.m. They produced an ending which could not have been more exciting had it been written by a Hollywood screenwriter.

After 18 holes, the team of Jake Strohman, DuWayne Lewis, Ronnie Irvine and Bruce Posthumus turned in a score of 61, to take home the winner's prize. However, two teams finished tied for second place, which required a playoff. Nate McCune, Casey Peak, Gary Small, and Cara Luce won the "shoot out" to place second on the day with a score of 62.

"That was a terrific finish," golf pro Chad Wise said. "It was good for the Museum and good for the game."

This years tournament featured a \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one on hole #17, and three other great prizes on the other par 3 holes. No one was able to claim the big prizes, although four golfers dropped drives onto the green; one coming within four feet of the cup. "We were really hoping someone would do a

hole-in-one today," Jackie Mueller, Co-chairperson of the tournament with Tony Sacco, said. "It was a lot of work but lots of fun, too."

The Museum profusely thanks the following hole sponsors and hole prize donors; High West Energy, High West Communications, First National Bank, Always Manufacturing, Pine Bluffs Auto Parts and Hardware, Texas Trail Market, Bluffs Veterinary Clinic, Wyoming Physical Therapy Dennis Talich dba Farm Bureau Insurance, Robert M. Stevens, dba Bluffs Insurance Agency, Dale T. Lansden, DDS, Pine Bluffs Conoco, Rock Ranch Grille, A&W, Sinclair. Farmer's State Bank, Pal's Pub, Top Dollar, and Uncle Fred's. Please patronize them whenever possible. Their wonderful support year after year has made this tournament a great success.

DUES, DUES, DUES

If you joined the Museum during the months of July through September 2006, your dues are now due for 2007-2008. Kindly make your check payable to the Texas Trail Museum and send it to P.O. Box 545, Pine Bluffs, WY 82082.

Membership in the Texas Trail Museum is easy on the pocketbook:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Silver Shield	\$50.00
Gold Shield	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$500.00

ICE CREAM SOCIAL WAS HELD SATURDAY, JULY 14th

The semi-annual Ice Cream Social, held in conjunction with the Laramie County Public

Library, took place on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at lovely Texas Trail Park, behind the Museum.

Planned and supervised by Pine Bluffs Library Branch Specialist Mary Cushing, assisted by Christina Herd, the day featured cart rides for the kiddies sponsored by the Pine Ranch. Anne Larson and Erick Salverson drove the cart. And of course, lots of vanilla ice cream was served.

Adding to the festivities, the Museum arranged for three tour guides to be on hand that day. Administrative Assistants Becky Martinez and Shyla Stracke, and President Tony Sacco did the honors.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the Texas Trail Museum's Annual Meeting in the books, our attention quickly turned to preparations for opening day and to activities for the summer season.

The Museum consists of the Main Exhibition Hall, the Agriculture & Transportation Building (a/k/a the Bowser Building), the former Brodine-Walker Boarding House, Doc Morris's office, the oldest schoolhouse in southeastern Laramie County, a decommissioned Catholic Church, a Union Pacific Telegraph House, a Switchman's Shack, and a UP Caboose. All needed to be cleaned and made presentable for the public. This has been done to the extent possible, but periodic maintenance is needed throughout the summer months.

The Board also hopes to upgrade the Museum's appearance with trees, shrubbery, and flowers. To accomplish the first of these tasks, a Volunteer Work Day was held, with ten members, including Bob Wilhelm – who outworked everyone there - pitching in to help, after which we all enjoyed hamburgers and cold pop under the trees out back.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

If you believe that preservation of our Eastern Laramie County Heritage is an important goal, please consider helping us today. The Texas Trail Museum is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. Donations are fully tax deductible and can be used as valuable estate planning tools.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1) By making a cash or check donation, or
2) By making an In-kind donation. Items of personal property for either addition to our permanent collection or for sale to fund our new endowment, will be accepted. Examples include common stock, cowboy and American Indian collections of fine art, bronzes, and other artifacts of value.

For further information, kindly contact our President and Chairman of the Board, Tony Sacco, at 307-245-3304 or 307-245-3713.

MUSEUM HOURS

Memorial Day through Labor Day, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Tour Guides are available.

SOME HUMOR

Always a favorite, Mark Twain said these:

"I am opposed to millionaires . . . but it would be dangerous to offer me the position."

"Last week, I stated that this woman was the ugliest woman I'd ever seen. Since then I have been visited by her sister, and now I wish to withdraw that statement."

And this, from Groucho Marx: "I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury."