

Northern Lakes College Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 28 – The entrants were excited, the prizes were plentiful and the weather was perfect at the Northern Lakes College 4th Annual Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Tournament. All of the proceeds raised at the tournament support Northern Lakes College student awards, and this year's event raised nearly \$14,000.00.

This year the tournament was held at the beautiful Eagle Point Golf Course in Wabasca, Alberta. All golfers enjoyed gift packages, food and refreshments, an exclusive silent auction, and different prize challenges throughout the course. The tournament, played in a traditional best-ball format, included 72 golfers from all over the province, making up 18 teams. After a competitive afternoon of golfing, the Kudu team won top prize, followed closely by Chris Carter's team and The Max Fuel Team.



In Photo Left to Right: Inier Cardinal (Board Member, NLC), Margo Auger (Laricina Energy), Ann Everatt (President, NLC) and Silas Yellowknee (Councillor, Bigstone Cree Nation)

Many sponsors helped make this event a success, including Schroder Oilfield Services, Noralta Lodge, BVL ClearStream, MD of Big Lakes, MD of Opportunity No. 17, Husky Energy, the Student's Association of Northern Lakes College, Canadian Natural, Osum Oil Sands Corp., Woodland Operations Learning Foundation and Max Fuel Distributors.

Although the Million Dollar Hole-in-One qualifier and shoot-out garnered the most attention, there were many other competitions including the Putting Challenge and the Ultimate Skills Challenge where

players could swing away for cash and prizes. Other stops included a Noralta Lodge sponsored lunch hole with salmon tortillas and bison sliders on the menu. A few holes down, players could hit the Student's Association tiki hut for delicious treats including fresh fruit kabobs and bite-size desserts.

In total, five lucky players got a chance to shoot for the million dollar prize; four qualified in a closest to the pin qualifier, with the fifth player winning the chance to participate through a random draw. As on-lookers watched in anticipation, the five players took their shots, with the fifth and final shooter, Jason Yellowknee, coming just inches away from hitting the hole-in-one.

Among the golfers was Tom Todyruik of Myshak Sales and Rentals. "I wanted to give a big thanks again to Northern Lakes College for the great day. Excellent job done by the volunteers, Eagle Point Golf course and organizers. One of the best tournaments we have been to in several years." This excitement and enthusiasm was echoed throughout the day by both players and volunteers.

Northern Lakes College President and CEO Ann Everatt, who also played at the event, added, "I want to thank all of our sponsors, golfers, the volunteers from the College staff and the staff of the Eagle Point Golf Club who supported this event to raise funds to support our students as they pursue their post-secondary credentials. It was a wonderful day, a beautiful course and a good time was had by all."

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