

Fore FFA Golf Tournament Raises \$15,000

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — The third annual Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament and Dinner held at the Fox Chase Golf Course in Denver raised more than \$15,000, according to Kerry Hoffman, state secretary of the FFA Foundation.

The event was started three years ago to help fund the FFA Foundation and support state FFA activities. Support has been strong and growing.

"We had a tremendous outpouring of support from sponsors, golfers, ag teachers, and chapter members that allowed us to surpass our goals," Hoffman said, "That allowed us to raise over \$15,000 to support Pennsylvania FFA Activities."

A total of more than 203 people attended the golfing and dinner event. Some people opting not to

golf attended the evening dinner and auction of donated items.

More than \$8,000 was raised at auction.

This year individual FFA chapters were given the opportunity to earn some direct funds. Each chapter was allowed to donate items for auction, with half the proceeds returning directly to the chapter.

For Garden Spot FFA Chapter, participation in that resulted in enough funds to send an additional chapter member to the FFA annual national leadership conference in Washington D.C.

Hoss's Steak and Sea House has served as host sponsor for the event. Bill Campbell, CEO of Hoss's, and others grilled steaks and prepared baked potatoes string beans, rolls, deserts, etc., while FFA members served guests, helped with running the golfing event, and also helping with the auction.



The officers of the Pennsylvania FFA take a break from helping with the Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament to get together for a photograph. Sitting, from the left are Heather Benner, statewide vice president; D. Joshua Troxell, state reporter; Darla Herr, state president; Lloyd Bier, state sentinel; and Jennifer Grimes, state secretary. Standing, from the left is Jeremy Bartles, western region vice president; Tonya Anthony, state secretary; Shannon Horst, state chaplain; Margi Erway, north central region vice president; Mark Heeter, south central vice president; and Carrie Hetrick, eastern region vice president.



Jennifer Grimes announces the winners of some prizes in the Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament, while Kerry Hoffman, state secretary of the FFA Foundation prepares to hand Grimes the names of the next winners.



Tied for second place in the Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament is this team representing Hostetter Management, a swine industry business. From the left is Mark Mosemann and Jerry Hostetter. Missing from the photo is Greg and Dwane Hostetter.



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The event is organized by a committee co-chaired by Nancy Campbell, of Hoss's, and Sam Sherk, of Penn-Ag Industries. Other members include Bob Laufner, an agriculture teacher at Garden Spot High School, Glenn Wenger, of Wenger Farm Machinery, Kerry Hoffman, and Richard Gardner.

The grand champion sponsors of the event were Hatfield Quality Meats, which is also celebrating its 100th anniversary, and Wenger's Farm Equipment. The reserve grand champion sponsor was Lancaster Farming, while the show champion sponsors were Lancaster County Holiday Inn and Commonwealth Bank.

Hole-in-one sponsor was M.H. Eby, with insurance provide by John H. Steffey Inc. Pontiac/Buick. A new car offered to the

golfer with a hole-in-one on hole 6 went unclaimed.

Pepsi sponsored the beverage cart with golfers and diners consuming 38 cases of sodas, water and other beverages.

Reilly Creppage and Co. Inc. sponsored the longest, drive contest, while K.B. Printing sponsored a putting contest. Successful Farming Magazine sponsored an award for the longest putt on hole 18. There were also 21 different hole sponsors, and nine team prize sponsors.

The better-ball, shotgun tournament got a little late start as heavy rains in the area threatened the use of the course. However, except for observing caution in driving carts, there were no play problems.

The winning golf team actually made a repeat performance, having finished first during the first

event in 1993. Representing Fickes Silos was Jamie Fickes, Doug Lehman, Gerald Piper, and Matt Mentzer.

Tied for second place were teams representing Evergreen Farms, of Seven Springs, and Hostetter Management, a swine industry business. Playing for Evergreen Farms were Aris Dirodio, Rob Bokwuewicz, Abe Harpster, and Shane Crawford. Playing for Hostetter was Jerry, Greg and Dwane Hostetter and Mark Mosemann.

Hoffman said the event continues to grow every year. "One of the golfers wants to be a sponsor (for next year)," she said. "(The event) helps itself to grow."

Those wishing more information on the tournament or about the FFA Foundation can call Hoffman at (814) 353-9230.

Chester Beef Club Holds Show

GLENMORE (Chester Co.)—Members of the Chester County 4-H Beef Club gathered recently for their annual summer show held here at the Devereux barn.

Youth from ages 8-19 led their steers into the show ring for competition in four weight class divisions and three showmanship classes.

In the lightweight division, local winners included 1) Jonathan Howe 2) Becky Byrne 3) Jason Marsch. Medium weight division winners included 1) Kasey McAllister 2) Phillip McAllister 3) Lewis Sanchez. Lighthouse weight division winners included 1) Matt McAllister 2) Nathan Howe 3) Torraine Kelly. Heavyweight division winners included 1) Sara Howe 2) Adam Byrne. Grand champion of the show went to Matt McAllister. Reserve grand champion of the show went to Jonathan Howe.

Judge for the day was Fred Weaver of Lancaster County. In judging the steers, some of the requirements he's looking for are how much muscling they have and how lean in fat they are.

In the showmanship contest, competition is based on the animal's grooming, training, and the members' overall presentation of

the steer to the judge. Senior division 14 years and older winners were: 1) Matt McAllister 2) Jonathan Howe 3) Kasey McAllister. In the junior division, 13 years and younger, 1) Sara Howe 2) Adam Byrne 3) Jonathan Marsch, and first year members 1) Lewis Sanchez 2) Becky Byrne 3) Wasba Leland.

The 4-H members have been raising their project animals since last November, which not only includes the daily care of their steers but teaches them the responsibility of recordkeeping,

and the performance of their animals until the project is finished.

The club will attend several shows throughout the summer months. The next show is the Goshen Fair on Saturday, August 5, at 7 p.m. The conclusion of the beef project will take place with a final show and sale of the 4-H steers at the Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds on Friday, August 18, with the show starting at 9 a.m. followed by the sale at 1 p.m.



Winners of the Chester County Beef Show, left to right, Jonathan Howe, reserve champion; Fred Weaver, judge; and Matt McAllister, grand champion.