

Fore FFA Event Garners Nearly \$20,000 For Foundation

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Kerry Hoffman, who serves as FFA Foundation secretary and event coordinator, said, "(The event) was an unbelievable success, not just from a standpoint from fundraising, but we had outstanding participation and support from local FFA chapters and Foundation board members and a lot of really great people."

According to Hoffman, the strong turnout and support has presented some logistics problems that are to be worked out for the 1997 version.

"The event has grown to the point to where we will need to go to two courses next year," she said. "It's outgrown one course."

The Fore FFA Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction was created out of a need to secure dependable funding in light of repeated attempts by state budget-makers in previous years to eliminate state support.

While state support in this year's budget is line-itemed at \$50,000 for the FFA Foundation, the funds raised through the golfing and dinner/auction event

allows the Foundation to support FFA activities better and to provide more educational and personal development opportunities for the youth involved in FFA.

"Although we are blessed with continued support from the Legislature, everyone recognizes the restrictions on state spending," Hoffman said. "The event has proven to demonstrate the real support from the agricultural community and those who value the contributions of the FFA."

In fact, several local state legislators were involved in this year's event, either participating in the event or helping to plan it.

Hoffman said that there actually was more expressed desire to participate in the golfing event than could be accommodated.

She said the FFA Foundation Golf Tournament Committee, co-chaired by Sam Sherk of Penn-Ag Industries and Nancy Campbell (wife of Hoss's CEO William), is to evaluate the success of the event and review possibilities for growth.

"This is not a bad problem to have to consider," Hoffman said.



The officers of the Pennsylvania FFA, less its president Andrew Young who couldn't attend, gather for a group photo at the putting green bench at Fox Chase Golf Course in Denver. From the left, seated, are Heather Lehman, treasurer; Elizabeth Hollenback, secretary; Aimee Hauck, reporter; and Kristina Watson, southcentral regional vice president. From the left, standing, are Mike Clark, state vice president; Joy Young, eastern regional vice president; Dan Geissinger, chaplain; Bobby Jo Robbins, north central vice president; and John Ewing, sentinel.



Auctioneer Glen Wenger, of Wenger's Farm Machinery in Myerstown, takes offers on this detailed, hand-crafted gun cabinet that was made by the Chestnut Ridge FFA Chapter and donated to the auction to raise funds for the state FFA Foundation.



Amanda Bomgardner holds the halter of her registered Holstein calf, that "sold" to Bill Campbell, CEO of Hoss's Steak and Sea House.



A couple of the more than 150 patrons of the 1996 Fore FFA Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction peruse a portion of the many items donated for sale to support the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation and all the youth it supports.



In a special award presentation, Bill and Nancy Campbell receive a statue of a golfer by Pa. FFA Secretary Elizabeth Hollenback on behalf of the Pennsylvania FFA in gratitude for all the consistent support and help the Campbells and Hoss's Steak and Sea House have provided the state agricultural youth over the years.

