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Golfers take to the course at the 2002 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament to relax and support Angus youth programs.

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Some Angus enthusiasts took a break from their normal routines at the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to “Tee off to the Future.”

Eleven teams of golfers played in the second annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The tournament took place July 9 at the Songbird Hills Golf Club in Hartland, Wis.

“There are enough people who enjoy playing golf, and it is something different. It’s a good time for people who enjoy playing the game,” Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio, says. “I know there are a lot of people who go to the junior nationals who don’t play. But for those who do, it’s just kind of a nice diversion from regular cattle shows.”

The tournament is set up scramble style. Each team member takes his or her turn on the opening drive. The team member’s ball that travels closest to the hole marks the spot from which the next round is hit.

After a morning of golf, the athletes gathered for a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) steak lunch and an awards ceremony. The first-place team, sponsored by Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, and Gamble Angus, Clinton, Tenn., included Jon Davis, Gallipolis, Ohio; Stertzbach; Lydell Meier, Clinton, Tenn.; and Dick Carmichael, Springfield, Tenn. Stertzbach also won the award for being closest to the pin.

“We had a good time. Plus, people have already been giving us heck about trying to defend winning it,” Stertzbach says. “My same team right at this point is going to stay intact for next year, and we are going to play again to try to defend it. We are looking forward to it.”

Second-place team members included Angus breeders Tim Fitzgerald, Alderson, W.Va.; and Mike Wieben, Leesburg, Va. Steve Brandt and Mike McGeorge rounded out the second-place team. Other prizewinners included Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill., longest putt; and Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala., longest drive.

For a good cause

“We really appreciate the support from the sponsors and golfers that we had for this year’s event,” says Christy Walther, retiring National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Foundation director from Mount Crawford, Va. “The golf tournament is an enjoyable way for Angus enthusiasts to spend a day while raising money for the Angus Foundation.”

Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., sponsored awards for the event. Paws Up Angus Ranch, Greenough, Mont., was the cart sponsor. Pheasant Trek, Wilton, Calif., and Holiday Ranch, Terrebonne, Ore., were hole sponsors. Other sponsors included Sydenstricker Angus Farms, Mexico, Mo., and Lewis Maiorino Ranches Inc., Dos Palos, Calif.

Stertzbach says it’s nice to have prizes donated and he adds that it is nice, in turn, to be able to donate to the Foundation. “Anything that helps the juniors is a good thing,” he says.

The Angus Foundation supports youth, education and research. For more information about the Angus Foundation, logon to www.angusfoundation.org.



► Lydell Meier, Clinton, Tenn., concentrates on completing a drive. Meier was a member of the Champion Hill-Gamble Angus team that claimed first-place honors in the National Junior Angus Association’s second annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.



► Christy Walther, retiring NJAA Foundation director, thanks the golfers who participated in the tournament. After 19 holes of golf, the players were treated to a *Certified Angus Beef*® steak lunch before the awards ceremony.

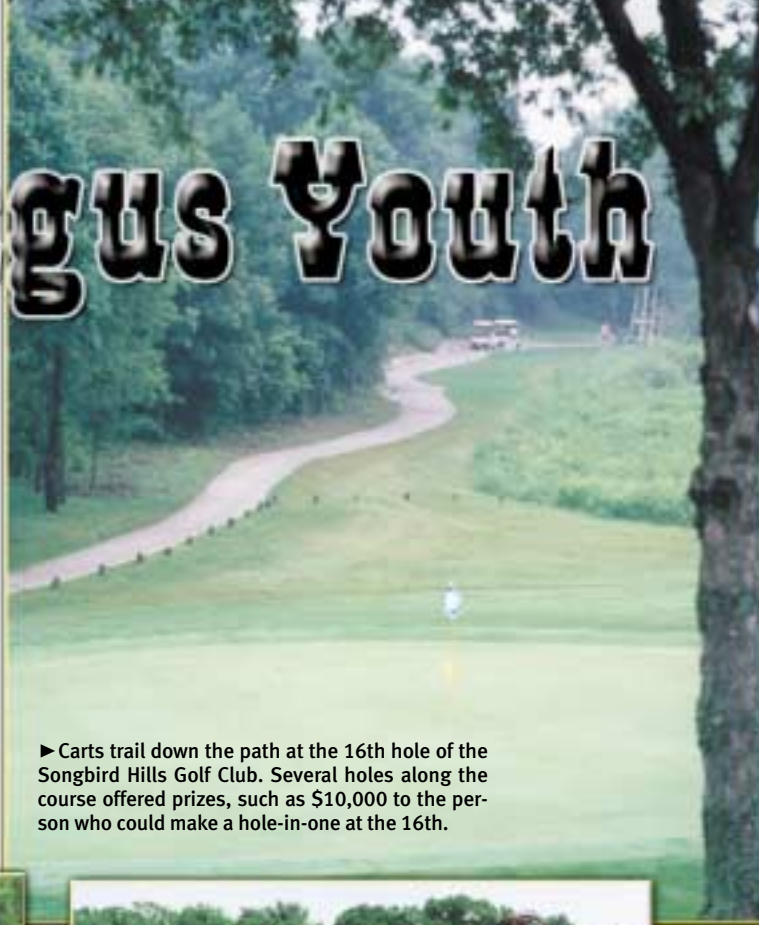


► The mist remained heavy for the first hours of the golf scramble at the 2002 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. Eleven teams signed up to support the juniors and to vie for the championship title.

Golf and Angus Youth



► Tim Fitzgerald, Alderson, W.Va., watches as his ball soars over the pond on the 7th hole at the Songbird Hills Golf Club in Hartland, Wis. Fitzgerald returned with a new team to the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament after winning the tournament's debut in Colorado at the 2001 National Junior Angus Show.



► Carts trail down the path at the 16th hole of the Songbird Hills Golf Club. Several holes along the course offered prizes, such as \$10,000 to the person who could make a hole-in-one at the 16th.



► From left, awards sponsor Rick Taylor, Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., stands with first-place Champion Hill-Gamble Angus team members Lydell Meier, Clinton, Tenn.; Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio; Jon Davis, Gallipolis, Ohio; and Dick Carmichael, Springfield, Tenn.



► Winning top prizes of the day are (from left) Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala., longest drive; Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio, closest to the pin; and Doug Parrett, Champaign, Ill., longest putt. Rick Taylor, Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., was an awards sponsor.



► Pheasant Trek, Wilton, Calif., and Holiday Ranch, Terrebonne, Ore., were hole sponsors for the tournament. Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., sponsored awards, including golf bags for the winners. Paws Up Angus Ranch, Greenough, Mont., was the cart sponsor. Other sponsors included Sydenstricker Angus Farms, Mexico, Mo., and Lewis Maiorino Ranches Inc., Dos Palos, Calif.



► Jon Davis, Bruce Stertzbach and Lydell Meier watch where their team's ball has landed. The golf tournament is played scramble style. Each team member takes a swing, and the team picks up from where the ball that falls closest to the hole lands.

