

Hitting the Links

Angus supporters donate a record amount at the fifth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

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Generous supporters beat the record heat to raise a record amount of more than \$24,000 at the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament July 19 at Thorncreek Golf Course in Thornton, Colo. The Foundation, which supports education, youth and research, hosted the tournament in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo.

The hot temperatures did not keep 69

golfers from teeing up for the 18-hole tournament, before enjoying a *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) steak lunch.

“Due to the record-setting sponsorship support from Angus breeders and friends, along with a new attendance record in golf players in the tournament’s history, the Angus Foundation’s 2005 Annual Golf Tournament was a major success,” said Milford Jenkins, director of development for the Angus Foundation. “Record gross income of more than \$24,000 was raised, adding a significant amount of funds to advance our initiatives in education, youth and

research for the benefit of the Angus breed and the agricultural industry.”

The event sponsor was Opperman Cattle Co., Sandy, Ore. Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., sponsored the awards. Awards included golf bags, balls, putters, umbrellas and gift certificates to the clubhouse.

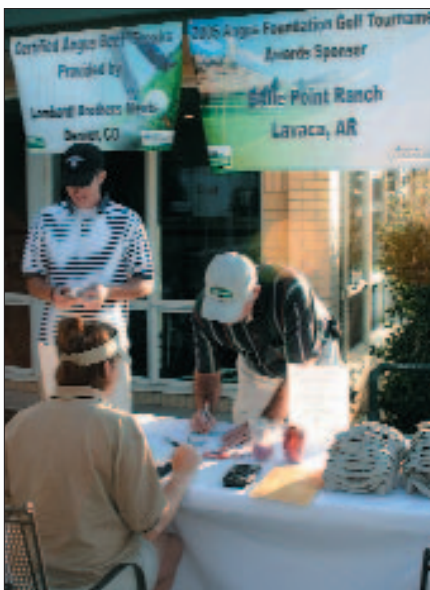
Dick and Diane Beck, Red Lodge, Mont., sponsored the beverage cart, and the golf cart sponsor was Mel Acres Ranch, Chappell Hill, Texas. Lombardi Bros. Meat sponsored the CAB lunch.

And the winners are ...

The winning team included golfers Bill



► Callie Meinhardt (right), Angus Foundation assistant, registers golf players early on Tuesday morning. Each player received a cap and other golf supplies.



► Association members, junior members and industry enthusiasts come together to support the Foundation at the fifth annual event.

► Golfers hit the driving range before the Tournament. The scenic Thorncreek Golf Course features the Rocky Mountains as its backdrop.



► Teams of four prepare for the morning tournament. A record number of 17 teams competed for top prizes.

Rishel, North Platte, Neb.; Tom Corah, Broomfield, Colo.; John Hinners, Denver, Colo.; and Brad Rayl, Hutchinson, Kan.

The second-place team hailed from California and Illinois. Team members included John Dickinson, Sacramento, Calif.; Rick Dickinson, Congerville, Ill.; Jake Parnell, Sacramento, Calif.; and Kris Gudel, Elk Grove, Calif.

Third-place team members included golfers Dru and Trude Uden, Franklin, Neb.; and Brian Esterline and Brigg Jergenson, both of Castle Rock, Colo.

Pin prizes were awarded to the following: Chris Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., shortest drive; William Wing, Brooksville, Fla., longest putt; and Jason Riggs, Brookeville, Md., closest to the pin.

Several junior Angus members took advantage of the reduced rate of \$75 to participate in the golf tournament. Junior members are encouraged and always welcome to participate in this event.

"It was a banner day for the Angus Foundation, and we genuinely appreciate the generous support and participation in this increasingly popular activity where our allied industry partners, youth and Angus breeders can come together and have fun while simultaneously raising money for the Angus Foundation," Jenkins said.

► Nearly 70 golfers teed up for the future of the Angus breed at this year's tournament.



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Taking the prize

► Placing first are (from left) team members **Tom Corah**, Broomfield, Colo.; **John Hinners**, Denver, Colo.; **Brad Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan.; and **Bill Rishel**, North Platte, Neb.



► Claiming second are (from left) team members **Rick Dickinson**, Congerville, Ill.; **John Dickinson**, Sacramento, Calif.; **Jake Parnell**, Sacramento, Calif.; and **Kris Gudel**, Elk Grove, Calif.

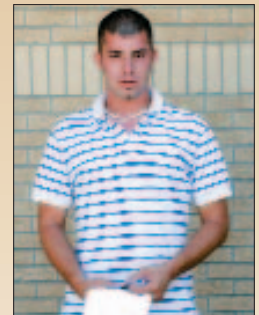
► Placing third are (from left) team members **Trude and Dru Uden**, Franklin, Neb.; **Brigg Jergenson**, Castle Rock, Colo.; and **Brian Esterline**, Castle Rock, Colo.



► **Chris Sankey**, Council Grove, Kan., claimed the pin prize for the shortest drive.



► **William Wing**, Brooksville, Fla., claimed the pin prize for the longest putt.



► **Jason Riggs**, Brookeville, Md., claimed the pin prize for closest to the pin.



► **Above:** Mike Walters (right), Lombardi Bros. Meat in Denver, enjoyed 18 holes of golf before supplying *Certified Angus Beef* steaks for the awards lunch.

► **Right:** Former NJAA Director Amy Wolfrey, White Post, Va., played in the tournament. She was one of several former junior members who viewed the tournament as an enjoyable way to give back to the Foundation, which supports junior programs.

► California junior advisor Kris Gudel, Elk Grove, Calif., concentrates on teeing up. Gudel was a member of the second-place team.



► **Right:** Father-son team of Guy and Clinton Laflin, Olsburg, Kan., work on their putting skills together during the tournament. Several family units came out to play in this year's event.



► **Above:** Players from several states compete for top prizes during the tournament. Each hole was sponsored by at least one generous supporter of the tournament.



► **Left:** Marillyn Schlutz, Columbus Junction, Iowa, concentrates on getting her ball on the green during the best-ball tournament.



► **Above:** Mel Acres Ranch, Chappell Hill, Texas, served as the cart sponsor of the tournament.

► **Right:** From left, regional managers Andy Rest and John Dickinson award Dru Uden with the third-place team prize golf balls and gift certificates to the clubhouse. Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., sponsors awards each year.



► **Left:** Regional manager Andy Rest (left) awards Clinton Laflin with the outstanding coach award during the awards luncheon.

► **Below:** Mark Mitteness, Ada, Minn., is recognized as one of the younger golfers. He and his father and brother regularly participate in the annual tournament.



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