



Golf Tournaments Raise Scholarship Funds

Seven enthusiastic teams played in the inaugural Southwest Kansas Ag Alumni Scholarship Tournament hosted by the College of Agriculture Alumni Board at the Golf Club at Southwind in Garden City on July 19. The proceeds will fund six \$750 scholarships.

"There was a lot of positive response in hosting an event in Garden City, and several of the teams said that they look forward to playing in the tournament again," said Kelsey Holste, (BS '05 agribusiness, MS '09 agricultural economics), Manhattan. "I am in the process of setting a date for July 2014."

Although the existing tournament in May has been successful, Holste realized that most participants and sponsors were in the northeast part of the state. Board members Russ Brown (BS '91 animal science), Wichita, and Holste looked for an opportunity to engage alumni in the southwest corner of the state.

"We presented our idea to the board in August 2012, and the board put together a committee to research potential activities," Holste said. "We looked at ranch rodeos, golf tournaments, shooting events, and were open to other options. The board discussed and approved the golf tournament idea at our February meeting."

Holste worked with Southwind to set a date and establish the initial details. Holste and Brown plus Suzanne Ryan (BS '04, MS '07 animal science), Platte City, Mo.; and Keith Bryant (BS '05 animal science) and Nicole (Harris) Bryant (BS '01 animal science), Scott City; worked diligently to find sponsors and teams to play. Sandy Klein, event coordinator for the College of Agriculture, played a big part in finalizing the logistics and was able to spread event details to alumni.

The May 3 Ag Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament was a success, with 17 sponsors and 18 four-member teams. It raised enough money to fund at least five \$750 scholarships.

Mark your calendar for next year's Wild for Ag Weekend May 2-3, 2014, in Manhattan, and watch for details about the southwest tournament in July.

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