

Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club golf tourney big hit

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PALMYRA – For organizers of The Penobscot Nation’s Boys & Girls Club’s first ever golf tournament held on Saturday, Aug. 11, the event proved to be one of the most fun fundraisers they have had the pleasure of hosting.

“This was our first attempt at a golf tournament, and it was a huge success,” said Carla Fearon, director of the Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club. “I think it’s going to grow.”

She hopes next year will include more teams and raise more money to help sustain the programs offered by the Boys & Girls Club.

The event featured golfing with Olympic Gold Medalist Snow Boarder Seth Wescott, Maine State Powerlifting Champion Troy Varnum and Penobscot Tribal Chief Kirk Francis. The day began with a continental breakfast, included complimentary snack boxes and gift bags and ended with a barbeque luncheon and award ceremony. This year's tournament featured some great prizes and auction items, and Pat Bouchard won the featured live auction item – in September, Bouchard will be a VIP guest at a golf tournament with baseball great Cal Ripken, Jr.

“We operate strictly under grants and individual donors and sponsors,” said Fearon. “We can’t live off just grants, so we have five fundraising events each year.”

These events include a dinner dance and silent auction in March, two Polar Bear Dips, a wine and cheese social to build endowments and request donations, and now the golf tournament. Each fundraiser helps fund a different aspect of the club, from getting food for the kitchen to funding its Club Tech, arts and crafts, game room and After School Homework Help Power-Hour programs, and so much more. The club is staffed by 12 employees and is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the summer, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the school year.

For more information about the Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls club, call 817-7355.

Tournament Results

Net Score

1. Kirk Francis, Kirk Francis Jr., Joe Knapp, Ryan Maddux
2. Camden National Bank (Tom Moore, Andy Snow, Cathy Maher, Danny Maher)
3. John Neptune, Fred Francis, Mark Chavaree, Reggie Cardnal

Gross Score

1. Coca-Cola (Russ Perry, Tom Berry, Chris Emerson, Joe Alvarez)
2. Troy Varnum, Pat Bouchard, Mike Lagasse, John Goode
3. Seth Wescott, Eric McClure, Jay McClure, Jay Lasher