2025 Golf wrap up

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce held the 7th Annual BLCC Golf tournament on July 10th at Pebble Creek in Becker. “Swinging through the Decades” was the theme for the year. With 23 teams teeing it up for an 18-hole round, it was a perfect overcast day to network and “FUNdraise” for the Big Lake Chamber.

The day began at the check in tent along with opportunities to “help” their score and purchase raffle tickets for prize giveaways later. Breakfast goodies were available from Kwik Trip. Iced coffee, sponsored by J’s Junction, on a warm day was appreciated.

The golfers found their way to their cart where a gift bag provided by Ona Rawson EXP Realty contained goodies from local businesses. Ian Holmes, Golf Services Manager, gave a welcome speech and explained the rules for the day. Julie Brandt, Executive Director of the Big Lake Chamber welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

Sharply at 11 am, they all carted off to their starting hole to begin the day. Throughout the course, many holes featured a sponsoring business who offered games, snacks, and prizes as they networked and played. Sponsors included: Old National Bank, Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Homes, Connexus Energy, National Bank of Commerce, Cargill, Sherburne State Bank, McPete’s Sports Bar & Lanes, Minnco Credit Union, Big Lake Spud Fest, Sovran and CentraCare. This year a Hole-in-One contest on hole #4 was offering $10K, sponsored by Deanstech Business Technology, but no winners. Other hole sponsors included Edward Jones-Tim Suchy, Data Success, Inc., Real Broker, LLC with Stacey Stanley, and Renewal by Andersen. Queen Bees’ Floral & Garden helped sponsor the drinks and was a bogey sponsor as well.

Also, on a number of holes were individual contests. The winners were: Long Drive- Men: David Wankel, Long Drive- Women: Lauryn Green; Closest to the Pin -Women: Kathy Swanson; Closest to the Pin- Men: Aaron Cosellian. Long Putt was won by Brittany Harris.

Once again, it was a tie breaker for the top spot based on hole #2. Mayor of Big Lake, Paul Knier and his team came in #1, with Old National Bank taking the #2 spot. 3rd place was the National Bank of Commerce team.

Once all teams were in, a great appetizer buffet was provided by Old National Bank as the Platinum sponsor. A few drinks, comradery, and laughs were also enjoyed. The program, led by Brandt announced the golf winners and all the generously donated raffle item winners. Thanks to all the sponsors, players and business volunteers for your help!

We are looking forward to another FUN time in 2026! All are welcome to join in the FUN!