

# Industry Appreciation Day a success

On Monday, June 1, the annual Industry Appreciation Day outing hosted a record 114 golfers and a higher number for lunch and dinner. This is a premiere event for the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable Action Committee (BRAC).

McMinnville Country Club (MCC) hosted this event and fully supported all the golf and meal activity. BRAC and the existing industries Committee planned the event. Members of this committee are Debbie Kell, Debbie Sain, Rodney Boyd, Neal Cox, Fred Greene, Gene Sparkman, Rachel Gauger, and Todd Herzog.

June 1 truly was a "Chamber of Commerce" day. Weather was warm, but with a nice breeze and low humidity. Registration started at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon buffet with grilled hamburgers & chicken began at 11 a.m. A shotgun start to the tournament began at noon. Goodie bags were provided all golfers which included a sleeve of Bridgestone golf balls, long tees, first aid kit, a pen from Motlow College, a Ben Lomand golf hat, etc.

Among the 114 golfers were Commissioner of Labor for Tennessee, Mr. James Neeley, and our County Executive John Pelham. Special guests included three ladies from the Chamber of Commerce of Manchester.

In 2008, this event enjoyed the financial support of 15 primary sponsors. This year, even with a very difficult economy, this 20 year old plus event was supported by 18.25 sponsors. Our highly appreciated sponsors for the 2009 Industry Appreciation Day are:

1. Ben Lomand Telephone
2. Caney Fork Electric
3. Citizen's Tri-County Bank
4. Denning & Cantrell
5. Dr Pepper - McMinnville
6. First National Bank
7. Homeland Community



- BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE**  
**Todd HERZOG**
8. McMinnville Electric System Bank
  9. State Farm Insurance (Norm Barnes)
  10. TVA
  11. McMinnville Lawn & Garden
  12. Edward Jones - Dave Wideman
  13. Shelter Insurance
  14. Security Federal Savings Bank
  15. River Park Hospital
  16. Regions Bank
  17. West Warren-Viola Utility (1/2)
  17. Kidd Ford (1/4)
  17. Farrar, Holliman, & Medley (1/4)
  18. A&K Termite & Pest Control (1/4)

We appreciate the support of these firms for Warren County business and industry. On this special day, everyone enjoyed southern hospitality extraordinaire.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 7 (par 3) was Justin Lusk. Steve Stanger won that honor on hole No. 14. The tournament was a scramble with all members of each team trying to help each other. The top three winning teams for this year's tournament are as follows:

The first-place team shooting a net score of 62 (10 under par) and winning a scorecard playoff with another 62 team was:

- Neal Cox (Existing Industry Committee member)  
Commissioner James Neeley  
Sam Martin (claims to be a very young 79)



Pictured working at the recent Industry Appreciation Day registration desk at McMinnville Country Club are, from left, Melody

Edmonds, Rachel Gauger, Debbie Sain, Debbie Keel, and Shot Nunley.

Jacob Wilson

The second place team also shooting a 62 (10 under par) was:  
Terry Kidd (MCC President)  
Jerry Merritt  
Marty Cantrell  
S. Willet

The third place team shooting a 63 (9 under par) was:

- Steve Biles  
Paul Moore  
Gene Sparkman (Existing Industry Committee member)  
T. Young

After a sit-down strip steak dinner with all the fixin's, the golf prizes were announced and distributed. Then came an annual highlight of the Industry Appreciation Day - the drawings for many/many door prizes for the participants. This was under the watchful eye of Rachel Gauger who spent countless hours helping to arrange the event and specifically the door prizes.

Special thanks go to MCC President Terry Kidd, Allen

Hitchcock, Paul Howard, and staff for making sure this event went off as desired. Thanks to the two "Debbie's" for helping to coordinate the team pairings and event plan - Debbie Kell & Debbie Sain.

Other special guests included Dr. MaryLou Apple, president of Motlow State Community College and Tennessee State Senator Eric Stewart. The McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce was represented by President Alicea Weddington, current Board Chair

Ray Cantrell, past Board Chairs Rodney Boyd & Todd Herzog, and current Board members Tony Powell and John McLain (Chair-Elect).

Honoring the existing industry of Warren County is a top Chamber priority. On this June 1, there was nothing more important. This was a day for everyone to fully enjoy each other and the moment of this event. June 7, 2010 is the next opportunity to participate in this fellowship. Please star that date on your calendar. This is a special event.