



WSPF HAPPENINGS

JULY-AUGUST 2008



Golf Tournament A Tremendous Success

June 30, 2008

What a record breaker all the way around. Not only was it the HOTTEST tournament (high of over 104 degrees), and the BIGGEST tournament with 44 teams, but it also generated **record profits of nearly \$60,000**.

Meadow Springs Country Club proved to be a tremendous host once again and happy, yet dehydrated golfers walked away with amazing tee prizes of binoculars and Ashworth sports watches. This year's tournament winner was **Strebin Farms** (who shot a 58). That is a pretty great score for guys who allegedly work all summer! :) Our last place team this year was **Syngenta**. Think of it this way, they got their money's worth (per stroke that is!).

Regardless of your scores, please accept our THANKS for your faithful participation and generosity. This record high funding helps the WSPF accomplish great things for the potato industry including scholarships, internships and grower education and training.



**Save the Date for Next Year
Monday, June 29, 2009**

TAKING NOMINATIONS—

2009 Industry Leadership Award

The Washington State Potato Foundation is currently seeking nominations for the Industry Leadership Award. This award recognizes an individual from within the potato industry whose efforts and leadership have made a significant and positive impact in agriculture, specifically within the potato industry.

The individual should be retired from the industry, yet his/her accomplishments should demonstrate on-going benefits.

Nominations should be submitted to Industry Leadership Selection Committee c/o Kellee Balcom **before December 19, 2008**.

A nomination form must be submitted which includes a description (not to exceed 250 words) that depicts how the individual has:

- an established history of making a positive difference and promoting pride in the agricultural community
- demonstrated exemplary leadership capabilities, and
- shown a faithful and steadfast commitment to the Washington potato industry.

Past Industry Leadership Award Winners

- 2004: Dennis Conley
- 2005: Gary Pelter
- 2006: 1956 Wa State Potato Commissioners
- 2007: Pete Taggares Sr
- 2008: Otto Geisert

WSPF: Faithful Sponsors of Potato Field Day

For 8 years standing, the WSPF has underwritten the cost of lunch and miscellaneous expenses associated with Potato Field Day (aka Seed Lot Trials) at the WSU Research Unit in Othello, Washington.

"2008 Field Day was another great year with over 220 folks in attendance," says Mark Pavek, WSU Research and Extension Horticulturist.

"We appreciate the opportunity to get growers together and see the impact of research efforts as well as take part in a host of education and pesticide certification efforts."

The Foundation is honored to participate in this tremendous resource for Washington Potato Growers.



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ADMIN DETAILS

- In June, the WSPF received our annual audited review of 2007 financial statements. There were no significant findings.
- Simplot enjoys the benefit of WSPF first Excellence in Agriculture Intern. Derek LaFave, WSU completed a fifteen week internship as a Crop Advisor.
- Join the WSPF for the Industry Leadership Banquet and Casino night in Kennewick, **Tuesday, January 27, 2009.**

Location
TBD.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK ARE WELCOME.
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