



1st Annual Northern Arizona National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament

It was a gorgeous late summer day when seventy-two golfers teed off at 8:00am for the *1st Annual Northern Arizona National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament*. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, Section 501(c)(3) organization, headquartered in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Created by Congress, the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives.

The tournament was held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the StoneRidge Golf Course in Prescott Valley. The event was organized and chaired by Captain Joe Kelley and hosted by personnel from Central Yavapai Fire District who volunteered their time for this worthwhile cause. Captain Kelley stated there were teams of four from Chino Valley Fire, Daisy Mountain Fire, Green Valley Fire, Williamson Valley Fire, Salt River Fire, as well as Central Yavapai Fire District. In addition there were teams of foursomes from various businesses including YRMC emergency room physicians, a group of retired firefighters from Phoenix Fire Department, Asphalt Paving & Supply, Layton Construction, Perlman Architecture and LEA Architecture from Scottsdale just to name a few.

Liberty KIA of Prescott Valley was the "Hole in One" sponsor where there was the potential to win a new 2010 Kia Soul, however, no lucky winners this year. Buffalo Wild Wings sponsored the popular "Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin' Hot Sauce Challenge". Participants donated \$5 to take a shot of their hottest hot sauce without taking a drink of any beverage until they teed off at the next hole. This popular event raised \$145.

A delicious lunch was included in the tournament registration and numerous raffle prizes were donated by various businesses which totaled over \$9,000. The silent auction netted nearly \$2,500 and the total net proceeds donated to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation totaled over \$12,000. Way to go! CYFD is looking forward to an even bigger turn out next year. Practice that golf swing!



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Silent Auction Winners:

Autographed Sundogs Jersey: Corey Noeldner
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