



31st Annual Lake State Classic in the Books

The 31st annual Lake State Golf Classic in support of the Lake Superior State University Foundation Development Fund and Laker Athletics was held in a new format this year. The *Play at Your Pace* format took place between July 17th and August 28th. Teams were split into two divisions, those that played at Wild Bluff Golf Course, and those that played at other courses around the state.

The change was made to comply with state orders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Including this year's net proceeds, over \$635,000 has been in raised in support of the University and its students.

In addition to the new playing format this year, sponsors still had the chance to participate virtually. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan was the title sponsor of the event with proceeds from their sponsorship earmarked to support the Bud Mansfield Student Emergency Fund. Spence Brothers and War Memorial Hospital were presenting sponsors, while mBank joined the event as a major sponsor. All four are long-time supporters of the event.

This year's event featured a virtual silent auction. Items included a trip to Mackinac Island, autographed Dylan Larkin and Justin Abdelkader Red Wings jerseys, Laker apparel, and more. Teams also could purchase mulligans in support of Laker golf.

"I am proud to be a part of a community which, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic, stepped up to support the Classic, and continue to make a difference in the educational experience of our students," stated LSSU Foundation Annual Fund/Athletic Development Director Andrew Rubinstein. "I am looking forward to being back on the course with everyone together next summer."

Taking first place with a score of 59 was team Roman Craig & Associates, which included Ernie and Adam Maas, and Shawn and Jerry Worden. Second place was the team from Central Savings Bank with a score of 62. The team consisted of Ron Meister, Erin Albrecht, John Allison, and Rob Landis.

First place in the second division was team Ritch Lewis with a score of 62, including Ritch Lewis, Dave Bohnett, Scott Schauer, and Mel Lewis. They played The Majestic at Lake Walden for their course of choice honoring the memory of Mike "Shank" Schauer who was a long time classic supporter. Second place was the Laker Bros with a score of 65. The team included Bob Kjolhede, Bart Kjolhede, Mark Blazejewski, and Mike Blazejewski. Bob and Mark are Laker basketball alumni. They played at the Crystal Mountain Betsie Valley course.

LSSU greatly appreciates all of the sponsors, companies, and individuals for their generosity and making the event a resounding success.