

At 13 under par, Team Spartan captures 14th annual Charity Classic

OKEMOS (Saturday, April 27, 2019) – With temperatures climbing into the high 30s at tee time, the GLAGA Charity Classic foursome of Rick Shafer, Bill Kost, Jesse Clyma and Chuck Roberts quickly laid to rest the notion that cool, crisp weather would keep them from finishing atop the “shamble” leaderboard.

The quartet of MSU employees parlayed a four-hole stretch of 6-under-par on the front nine (holes No. 4 through No. 7) with a five-hole stretch of 6-under-par on the back nine (holes No. 14 through 18) to form the bulk of their winning 13-under-par total of 129 – two strokes better than the runner-up foursome of Karl Bohnhoff, Rick Volkens, Nate Highfield and Steve Rivard, in the field of 14 teams at a chilly, but very playable College Fields Golf Club.

Said Shafer, who earlier in the week had wondered if the tournament committee might consider postponing the event due to the forecast of inclement weather, “Sometimes you just have to grip and bear it.”

And that they did. Congratulations to the winners for an outstanding performance, and thank you to our sponsors (Pop-ity Popcorn and On Target Living) for supporting this event.

Bruce Fossum Collegiate Golf Scholarship update: Applications for the GLAGA scholarship are due July 1. We will award up to \$2,500, based on the number of qualified applicants.

One of last year’s recipients, Kaylee Hirschman of Grand Ledge, is completing her freshman year at Calvin College. She is a member of the golf team and hopes to pursue a career in nursing. Kaylee traveled with the golf team to Orlando, Fla., for spring training and “played many amazing courses throughout last fall and this spring. This summer I was selected to attend a leadership retreat for Calvin athletes in Montana.” Well done, Kaylee – keep up the great work.



Bob and Jack Fossum, son and grandson of the late MSU golf coach Bruce Fossum, pose for a photo before beginning play in the GLAGA Charity Classic at College Fields on April 27.

2019 CHARITY CLASSIC TEAM TOTALS (Par 142)	
Rick Shafer-Bill Kost-Jesse Clyma-Chuck Roberts	-13 (60-69)
Karl Bohnhoff-Rick Volkens-Nate Highfield-Steve Rivard	-11 (67-64)
Matt Johnson-Chris Johnson-Mark Pawlowski-Chad Somerville	-9 (70-63)
Bob Matthiesen-Josh Mersma-Ron Seyka-Joe Campbell	-7
Brad Marshall-Nate Lacross-Larry Meirndorf-Randy Mastin	-3
Keith Kleimola-Wes Benzing-Eric Prater-Ted Johnson	-3
Jeff Freund-Mark Gessner-Doug Kocsis-Steve Wood	-1
Edson Borges-Jerry Laban-Bob Fossum-Jack Fossum	-1
Kyle Peters-Lee Peters-Brad Tippett-Brian Babcock	E
Jon Thompson-Dave Thompson-Joseph Malott-Tony Thompson	E
Russ Cunningham-Eric Sandelin-Tom Menacher-Mark Meyer	+2
Tim Hovey-Dale Hawkins-Cal Brogan-Chris Salisbury	+2
Pete Salens-Chuck DeClarke-William Schneider-Doug Hawley	+3
Ted Johnson-Jacob Perkins-Joe Smith-Steve Gross	+21