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RE: 38th Annual Camp Classic Honors Fishing Legend Ron Lindner

Confidence Learning Center (AKA Camp Confidence) hosted the 48th Golf Classic and 38th Fishing Classic with amazing success and took time to honor legendary fisherman, Ron Lindner in a unique way. These longstanding events were blessed with amazing weather and full rosters for both golf and fishing.

Each year the Camp Classic events is the third weekend of June, which also falls on Father's Day weekend. After a full day of incredible fishing, the event launched the Camp Classic Ron Lindner Memorial, which was given to a person in the community who is a constant walking ambassador for the programs of Confidence Learning Center. This annual award will be given to a person who has attended camp, a person that loves camp, a person that is a shining ambassador for the experiences at camp. This award is a tribute to a legend, Mr. Ron Lindner. Ron was not only a legendary fisherman; he was a walking ambassador for the programs at camp and is a true example to other fisherman on ways to continue to support Confidence Learning Center through our Camp Fishing Classic, as well as, in other tournaments throughout the year and even fishing outings with our Campers—such as Fishing Has No Boundaries.

In front a full crowd of fisherman and many members of the Lindner family, Sarah Smith had the privilege to say, “The Staff at Confidence Learning Center are humbled, honored, and blessed award the first recipient to Michael Lindner!”

In conjunction with the Fishing Classic, the Golf Classic also gave out a very special award; the John Beyer Memorial Award. This year's recipient was Mr. Chris Cunningham –State Director of Minnesota for Tito's Handmade Vodka-- whose dedication to not just Confidence Learning Center, but to the non-profits in the Brainerd Lakes Area and beyond is impeccable. “When you look at Chris' dedication to the non-profit world, we couldn't think of a better recipient this year, Jeff Olson, Executive Director of Confidence Learning Center.

The event continued with an online auction that ran from June 11th- June 19th that boasted over 200 prizes! There was something for everyone!

The weekend was wrapped up with the Fishing Classic weigh-in and a cook out. “The Campers really were the winners this weekend – although there are bragging rights that definitely will be heard,” Sarah Smith, event coordinator stated. “A huge thank you to all the sponsors, staff, participants and supporters of this great event.”

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The Camp Classic event is held the third weekend in June every year, and is the largest in-house fundraiser hosted by Confidence Learning Center; a 501c3 nonprofit located on Sylvan lake, it is an outdoor education/recreations center serving people of all ages with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Award list to follow.

2021 Golf Awards:

The Classic Over-All:

First Place: Jerad Clough, Jared Hoppe, Jack Freeman, Sam Gaerets

First Place (Tie): Tyler Glenn, Gary Sloan, Tyler Sloan, Tony Klapperick

Third Place Team: Scott Bender, Joel Clough, Justin Heitcamp, Brad Holland

Closest to the Pin #2: Tim Asche

Longest Drive, Woman #1: Ashley Pietig

Longest Drive, Men #13: Pete Dahl

Closest to Pin #14: Kathy Buxton

Longest Putt #18: Tony Klapperick

Skins: Mark Pietig, Scott Krieger, Ross Neubauer, Ben Duhn

9-Hole Pine Beach West

First Place Team: Brian Smith, Travis Hahn, Chris Nelson, Collin Macdonald

Longest Putt #4: Dinah Sundberg

Closest to Pin #6: Katie Lee

Longest Drive (men) #8: Shane Meyer

Longest Drive (women) #8: Kelly Ceynowa

Fishing Classic Awards:

Awards are given in four divisions within the tournament based on a total of three fish per division; each team is listed with a guide and two participants:

Each winning team is listed by Guide first, then participants

Mixed Bag Division (with one walleye, one bass & one northern)

First Place: Berg, Aeilts, Aeilts

Bass Division

First Place: Hunter Wendt, Nagel, Tashuck

LUNKER: Berg, Aeilts, Aeilts

Pike Division

First Place: Edinger, Siering, and Siering

LUNKER: Edinger, Siering, and Siering

Walleye Division:

First Place: Travis Roach, Chris Cunningham, Alkenson

LUNKER: Blasing, Blasing, Olson