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**LOCAL GOLFERS RAISE FUNDS FOR COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

JOSHUA TREE, Ca – The Copper Mountain College Foundation held its Annual Golf Tournament on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Roadrunner Dunes Golf Resort in Twentynine Palms, marking twenty-four years of community participation in this charitable event.

Each year, the CMCF Annual Golf Tournament raises funds to support the programs of Copper Mountain College while providing supporters with plenty of good-natured competition during the two-day event. This year's winner in the Championship Flight, for golfers playing without handicaps, was Gene Swella with a score of 140, followed by Gary Stephens with 157 and Steve Spear with 169.

In addition to the Championship Flight there were three other categories where players received trophies. In the Ladies Flight, Kay Rawle came in first with 133, followed by Patty Bowers with 153 and Maggie Chaffer with 154. The Callaway Flight, for golfers without established handicaps, was extremely close with both Randy Councell and John Coefield coming in at 151, and the third place finisher, Bill Hendry, coming in one point behind at 152. In the case of a tie, USGA rules call for a Card Playoff which resulted in Randy winning the top spot despite the dead heat. Winners of the Handicap Flight were Mark Elliott with 147, Bert Swift with 151 and Paul Smith with 158.

Syndee Slayton, Interim Executive Director of the Foundation, said, "We really appreciate how the community came out to support our event this year. We generated more in sponsorships and had an even wider variety of wonderful prizes to give our golfers." Adds Jane Smith, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, "It's a great opportunity to have fun while benefiting the important work we do to support education in the Basin."

Longtime golf tournament supporter and CMC Trustee Owen Gillick, observed that this year's event reflected the enthusiasm and deep-rooted support the golf community has for this tournament. "We have players here today who started out with us twenty-four years ago, at our very first tournament. This is a very special event to many people and we look forward to celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament next year."

For more information on this event or how you can become involved with the CMC Foundation, please contact Syndee Slayton at 760.366.5296. You can also visit the Foundation online at [www.thecmcf.org](http://www.thecmcf.org). For general information on Copper Mountain College visit [www.cmccd.edu](http://www.cmccd.edu), or call 760.366.3791.

*Photo attached: Golf 4-21-08 II- From Left, back row: Randy Councell, Paul Smith, Gene Swella, Gary Stephens, Maggie Chaffer, John Coefield, Bert Swift From Left, front row: Jane Smith, Mark Elliott, Syndee Slayton, Steve Spear, Kay Rawle*