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Golfing for a Good Cause!

Yakima, WA... 136 golfers participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) Golf Tournament presented by Wilbur Ellis Company and Valent USA held July 17, 2008 at Apple Tree Golf Course in Yakima. The tournament raised close to \$40,000 in support of charitable activities coordinated by WAEF, most notably the industry's scholarship program.

"Since the Foundation's inception I've been a strong supporter. A better educated community is a stronger community," shared tournament chairman Peter Verbrugge. "It's apparent my peers and friends in the industry feel the same way. Support for the Foundation is high and belief in their work is strong, as evidenced by tournament players and sponsors."

Taking home top golfing honors for their low gross score was the team of Jason Champoux, Gary Remsberg, Aaron VanWyle and Mike Wold sponsored by Keyes Fibre. Low net score was achieved by the AmericanWest Bank team of Brian Johnson, Scott Carpenter, Mike Saunders and Bob Wells.

Three players tied for first place in the Keyes Fibre Putting Challenge, each making a hole-in-one were Scott Andrews, Jim Holt and Tim Baity. Other course competitions included long drives won by Jedean Corpron and Curt Mathison; and closest to the pin contests won by Scott Swanson and Kevin Martin. The raffle grand prize ticket holder was Ken Ruud.

Tournament presenting sponsors were Wilbur Ellis Company and Valent USA. Other major sponsors included: Northwest Farm Credit Services, banquet sponsor; Michelsen Packaging, lunch sponsor; Keyes Fibre, putting challenge sponsor; Macro Plastics, beverage sponsor; AgroFresh Inc., cart sponsor, NuFarm, raffle sponsor, Pace International, Hole-In-One sponsor; and Rabo Agrifinance, driving range sponsor.

This year's hole sponsors were Bank of the West, Columbia Valley Fruit, CFC International Apple Company, Doubl-Kold, Excel Fruit Brokerage, Isolcell, Moss Adams, NW Farm Credit Insurance Services, Papé Material Handling, Paramount Export Company, Rainier/Zirkle Fruit, Sage Marketing, Simplot Grower Solutions, Sinclair

Systems, V.K. Powell Construction, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Weyerhaeuser, Yakima National Bank and Yakima Valley Growers – Shippers.

Team sponsors were Allan Brothers, American West Bank, Aweta Auto Line, Bank of the West, CPC International Apple Company, Dolco Packaging, Keyes Fibre Corporation, Larson Fruit, Matson Fruit, NW Farm Credit Insurance Services, Papé Material Handling, Sage Marketing, Simplot Grower Solutions, Sinclair Systems, Sorma USA LLC, Starr Ranch Growers, Strand Apples, Sunfair Marketing, Tree Top, Inc., Van Doren Sales, VK Powell Construction, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Weyerhaeuser and Yakima Valley Growers – Shippers.

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