



FULFILLING POTENTIAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



**THOMPSON
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Foundation

CHAIR'S REPORT

This past year, we succeeded in raising \$4.4 million for students, buildings and programs at TRU. This achievement would not be possible without the continued support of our generous donors and the work of our dedicated volunteers and staff. At fiscal year end, the foundation's student assistance endowment totalled \$20.1 million.

Highlights of the year included a major gift of \$1 million to endow scholarships and bursaries across all faculties and another \$1.5-million pledge from a private donor toward the new Nursing and Population Health building. These announcements were made at the 25th anniversary Gala to a sold-out crowd of 310 guests.

In November, \$614,000 was awarded to 574 students at the annual Foundation Awards, making it our most successful ceremony ever.

The foundation breakfast profiled new initiatives in the Faculty of Education and Social Work to 300 business leaders and donors. A pledge from the Stollery Charitable Foundation of \$550,000 toward the new Nursing and Population Health building was announced to kick off the 2016/17 fundraising year.

Our success is possible only through the support of our loyal donors. A sincere thank you to all of our supporters who give the gift of education. You are helping us develop Thompson Rivers University into a world-class institution in addition to making a real difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely



Rick Sallis
Chair, TRU Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At Thompson Rivers University, our priority is expanding opportunities for our students and our researchers, and building an environment that will allow them to flourish. We do this by providing quality education and practical experience that attracts students from our region, across Canada, and around the world.

As a donor and supporter of TRU, you are a critical part of our students' success.

Our student bursaries help students obtain a quality education, regardless of their financial ability to pay. Our scholarships encourage the best and brightest. Whether it is a student who is struggling to support their family while completing their education, or a researcher who needs funding to complete the ground-breaking study that will change the field, your support helps them find their TRU potential.

Through your donation, you have had a profound impact in our community. As we approach our 50th anniversary as an institution, we're looking forward to what we can achieve in the coming decades with the help of our funding partners; individual supporters, businesses, alumni, and, of course, government.

We look forward to your continued involvement in making our university an outstanding place to learn, discover and grow. Thank you for supporting TRU.

Sincerely,



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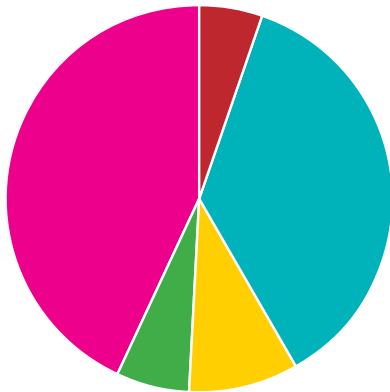
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2016/17 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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\$4,470,634

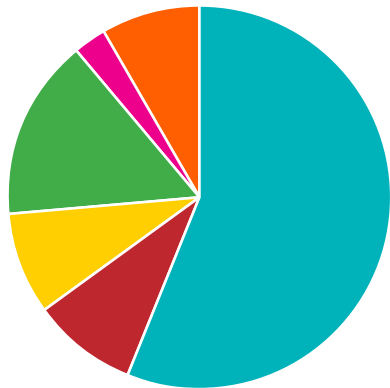
OPERATING EXPENSES
\$336,792



GIVING BY CATEGORY

● Alumni	\$234,441
● Corporations	\$1,661,249
● Foundations	\$394,674
● Government	\$278,233
● Individuals	\$1,902,037

TOTAL **\$4,470,634**



DISBURSEMENTS

● Bursaries & Awards	\$1,462,198
● Buildings	\$231,774
● Department Initiatives	\$220,375
● Gifts In Kind	\$401,115
● United Way and IndoCan Links	\$73,102
● Operating Transfer	\$210,636

TOTAL **\$2,599,200**

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

2,136 awards benefitting **1,643** students

\$1 million donation from a private donor to endow scholarships and bursaries across all faculties

\$225,000 donation towards the new TRU Community Legal Clinic

\$2 million in private donations for the new Nursing and Population Health Building



Bachelor of Education student Marie Sandy



Dean Airini, Faculty of Education and Social Work

2016/17 CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF BY CELEBRATING THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

More than 300 community supporters attended this year's breakfast themed Be Inspiring, Be Inspired held at the Campus Activity Centre. The event profiled new initiatives in the Faculty of Education and Social Work (EDSW) and the campaign for student assistance. Dean of EDSW Airini outlined a few of the top priorities including:

- First-generation awards: increase student success by creating study awards, scholarships and bursaries for students from the first generation of families to attend university.
- Knowledge makers: establish an endowment to help Indigenous students become researchers who make a difference. The goal is 60 Indigenous masters and doctorates in 60 months.
- EDSW graduate study awards: expand the number of grants, scholarships and bursaries available for graduate students to foster innovation and leadership in education and social work.

The overall goal is to increase the number of students receiving financial support for education and social work studies from one per cent to 10 per cent.

"Our faculty helps students find a path that connects with their potential, whether that's through our unique professional training in education and social work, university preparation studies, or First Nations language educator training," said Dean of EDSW Airini. "If you need a front door to what universities make possible, then the opportunities are here in education, social work and academic access programs like UPREP and ESL."

Bachelor of Education student Marie Sandy spoke to the audience of 300 business people and donors, describing the positive impact that financial support has had on her education and her goal of becoming a leader in her community.

"The ability to continue on with my education is a gift. I had such a scare this summer over my funding, but I persevered with award applications and successfully received a much-needed bursary," said Sandy. "Without the help of donors who provide awards and bursaries, my dream of continuing on to become a Secwèpemc language teacher, and helping to revitalize the Secwèpemc language, would not be a reality."

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STUDENTS FIRST

Student success is our primary drive. We want to ensure that our students have the support they need to succeed in their personal, academic and career endeavours. To this end, we are raising funds for more scholarships, bursaries and awards for students in every faculty and department.

TRU students were worth more than \$1 million at the Nov. 24 annual foundation award presentations.

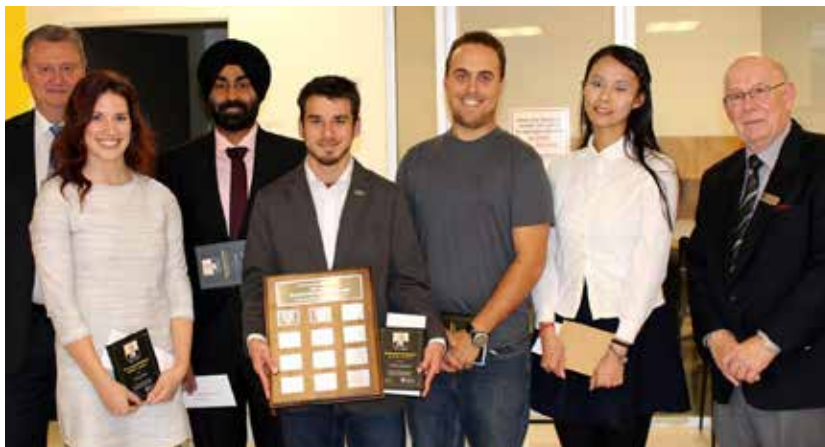
In the 2016/17 fiscal year, 25 new annual awards and eight new endowed awards were introduced, totaling 957 foundation awards given out and \$1,067,243 distributed. Another 37% was dispersed by March 31, 2017, for a grand total of \$1,462,198.

The presentation awards themselves included 574 students sharing in more than \$614,000 at the TRU gym. That's an increase of \$75,000 from the previous year,

making it the most successful campaign for student assistance yet.

Third-year nursing student Katrina Boisclair thanked the room full of donors and spoke candidly about how grateful students are to receive such an impactful gift.

"My story is not a unique one. Whether we work, support families of our own, focus on academics, or some combination of those, all of us struggle in different ways to finance our education, which makes receiving an award such an amazing experience," she said.



Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, AVP Research and Graduate Studies (left) and Ken Lepin (right), congratulate recipients of the 2016 Ken Lepin Graduate Student Awards, including (from second left) Kelsey Boule, Gunveet Singh, Lachlan Gonzales, Jared Maida and Ziwei Wu.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Kamloops philanthropist Ken Lepin presented \$35,000 in awards to nine graduate students at a ceremony on Oct. 11. This is the second year the awards have been offered.

"In all walks of life, we need advanced graduates to help business, organizations, governments and industry make research informed, evidence-based decisions. Awards like these are cause for personal and collective celebration," said Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies.

Recipients of the 2016 Ken Lepin Graduate Student Awards each receive \$5,000 and recipients of the 2016 Ken Lepin Prize of Business Excellence, Entrepreneur and Communication (MBA) receive \$2,500. The awards provide financial assistance to students entering their first or second year of a full-time graduate studies program, either on campus or online. The awards are bestowed on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in course work and research, as well as leadership activities.



KAMLOOPS MARATHON BACKS THE PACK

Founded and organized by TRU, the Kamloops Marathon continues to support student athletes.

The fifth annual event became known as the Sport Chek Kamloops Marathon this year, thanks to a three-year title sponsorship deal with Canada's largest sporting goods retailer.

"We are thrilled to partner with TRU as the title sponsor of the Sport Chek Kamloops Marathon. We look forward to growing the marathon and celebrating the dedication and training runners go through to achieve their better," said Sport Chek district manager Howard Toering.

A certified Boston Marathon qualifier, the Kamloops Marathon has grown annually and includes a full and relay marathon, half marathon, and an 8-km and 3-km family fun runs. Proceeds from those participating in the 3-km family fun run will go towards Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Charities.

The event held Sunday, July 24, 2016, saw an increase in participation, with more than 600 local and international runners laced up to run.

More than \$5,000 was raised for WolfPack athletic scholarships. The amount raised was bolstered when Ken Ginnan, winner of the full 42-km race with a time of two hours, 49 minutes and 52 seconds, donated his \$500 cash winnings back to TRU.

With Sport Chek's \$25,000 sponsorship, organizers look forward to continue to build this event that celebrates our community, health and athletic excellence.



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HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

TRU recognizes and promotes the relationship between learning and health, leisure and well-being. We support students in an environment that fosters personal growth and achievement.

In March of 2017, it was announced that TRU will be building a new Nursing and Population Health Building. The Province of BC will contribute \$8 million and TRU, with the help of donors, will provide \$22.6 million toward the construction of the new facility.

More than \$2 million has already been raised privately, including major contributions from the Stollery Charitable Foundation and an anonymous donor who will be announced when the building is named.

The 44,000 square foot stand-alone building will house the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Health Care Assistant and the new Master of Nursing programs. Those programs support TRU's efforts to meet the need for nurses in the Thompson-Okanagan and throughout BC. The new building will feature multi-disciplinary simulation labs, classrooms and collaborative study spaces and TRU will be able to implement patient simulation technology in the new building.

"This represents so much more than a building, this will provide a sense of place for nursing students, a place for them to learn, grow, work and play," said Nursing Dean Donna Murnaghan, adding that it means big things for the future of not only nursing students but for the community and region.

"TRU will attract the brightest students in nursing and health to a learning environment that incorporates high-calibre advanced technology, equipment and resources. TRU, Kamloops and all the communities TRU serves will greatly benefit from graduates who have the knowledge and expertise to deliver the best care possible to the population," said Murnaghan.

Nurses and health-care assistants are high-demand health professions, according to the 2025 B.C. Labour Market Outlook. The outlook forecasts that almost 30,000 nurses will be needed throughout B.C. over the next 10 years. The projected demand for nurses is due in part to an aging population.

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2018. Completion of the new building is anticipated for spring 2020 and with student occupancy in fall 2020.

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RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Thompson Rivers University supports research excellence through our Office of Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies. One of TRU's priorities is the development and mobilization of scholarship, research, training, teaching innovation, professional practice and creative capacity.



Brianna Iwabuchi

Each year, two \$7,500 Environmental Science and Natural Resource Science Fellowships are awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to research and potential for future contributions in their field. Funding for these two fellowships comes from an endowment originally established with the Foundation in 2007.

The 2016 award recipients Stephanie Winton and Brianna Iwabuchi just wrapped up two field seasons and are now back at TRU compiling research data and getting close to completing their Master of Science in Environmental Science degrees.

Under the supervision of Dr. Karl Larsen, Winton has spent the past two years researching the impact of road mortality on populations of the Northern Pacific rattlesnake in the South Okanagan. Her study site, south of Penticton in the White Lake basin, is a near-pristine habitat for rattlesnakes—except for the secondary highway that runs through it. Research suggests that road mortality is one of the greatest threats faced by most reptiles and amphibians. Winton's research will contribute to the development of strategies

to reduce this human-caused mortality and be used to enhance management and conservation activities.

"This award allows me to spend some extra time in the field, and to continue to focus on and strengthen my research," she said.

While Winton heads to the semi-arid grasslands of the Southern Interior, Iwabuchi goes further afield.

"I study marine invertebrates, despite being stationed in the desert," she said, explaining that her project blends field work with lab-based studies.

Under the supervision of Dr. Louis Gosselin, Iwabuchi has spent the past two summers at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on Vancouver Island, determining how well marine invertebrates in the intertidal areas withstand changes in climate conditions. Iwabuchi, who graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology, has her sights set on a PhD, allowing her to continue her research into the effects of climate change on marine ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest.



Stephanie Winton

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SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY

Sustainable Industry is at the heart of Thompson Rivers University's identity. TRU has maintained a commitment to the innovation, evolution and research that defines a modern university, but has never forgotten its roots. As Cariboo College, UCC, and now TRU, this institution was built on a passion for harnessing and empowering student success, collaborating with and responding to industry, and making our communities, and the world at large, better.



New Industrial Training and Technology Centre

Construction has already started on a new \$30-million Industrial Training and Technology Centre located behind the existing School of Trades and Technology building on campus.

The Government of Canada is contributing \$13.25 million and the BC Ministry of Advanced Education is providing \$7.03 million toward the project's \$30-million cost. TRU and donors, including Western Economic Diversification Canada, will contribute \$9.72 million. Construction completion is expected by fall of 2018.

The funding allows TRU to build a new 5,344-square-metre Industrial Training and Technology Centre where industrial trades and technology programs can be expanded by an additional 550 full-time equivalent student spaces (FTEs), for a total of approximately 2,050 FTEs. The funding also goes toward the renovation of space in the existing School of Trades and Technology building.

"Thompson Rivers University has worked closely with local industries and employers to determine the skills sets they need," said TRU President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver. "The new centre will co-locate trades and science programs together to provide unique benefits supporting TRU's contribution of relevant and applicable research to various industry sectors in Canada and provide rewarding careers for our students."

Currently, there are more than 1,500 seats in construction trades, mechanical trades, industrial electrician and industrial instrumentation technology programs at TRU. The additional 550 seats will include more seats in existing programs, as well as seats in a new power engineering diploma, a new HVAC/refrigeration technician program and an industrial process technician and instrumentation engineering diploma.

The renovated space in TRU's trades building will be used by the architectural and engineering technology program, which will allow the program to expand to offer a fourth year and will have dedicated labs, classrooms and faculty offices within the current trades building.



Trades student demonstrates equipment at the Groundbreaking ceremony.



FACULTY OF LAW

In April 2016, Thompson Rivers University officially opened the doors to the first part-time community legal clinic in the BC Interior. One year later, it was made into a full-time operation. Partial financing of the clinic is made possible by a \$225,000 grant from the Law Foundation of BC. Plans for funding are ongoing and the Faculty of Law continues to explore other funding opportunities.

Not only does the full-time clinic address the need for low-income people to access justice and legal services, but it also gives TRU Law students a chance to earn credits and learn how to use their practical legal skills.

Extensive research led to the development of a clinical service for law students and the community that is currently located in the Centre for Senior's Information. The Brocklehurst location offers a wide range of resources and programs for seniors and others. Soon the community legal clinic will be opening a second location as it expands the number of legal staff working with the students.

Since its inception in 2016, 20 students have worked in the clinic. In the fall 2017 semester, 12 students are slated to join the clinic, interviewing clients and providing advice under the supervision of a lawyer. All students are required to have taken TRU's Community Lawyering course.

The program enables students to use the law as a tool for social justice by working with community agencies and local non-profit organizations to increase access to justice. To date the clinic has served over 200 clients.

In March, the clinic became an incorporated society with TRU as the sole member of the organization. Ted Murray, the clinic's founding supervising lawyer, is now the full time executive director. In fall 2017, an additional part-time supervising lawyer will join Murray to support clinic students.

Service at the clinic is free for clients who meet financial eligibility requirements. The initial focus of the clinic is on residential tenancy and housing issues—issues for people who live in condos, mobile homes, senior residences, assisted living homes, trailer parks or for those with questions regarding elder abuse. The clinic cannot assist with certain legal areas such as family law, personal injury and corporate matters.

"If clients meet the financial eligibility requirements, and their issue falls within an area of law the clinic is allowed to operate in and is not too complex, then we can review their file and offer summary advice," said Murray.

The clinic's eligibility requirements preclude other lawyers and firms from losing business, as the cases taken by the legal clinic are not eligible for legal aid.

GALA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS WITH \$2.5 MILLION

Amid the excitement of celebrating the Foundation Gala's 25-year anniversary, the announcement of \$2.5 million in anonymous major gifts may have stolen the show.

The first announcement was a \$1 million donation from an anonymous donor that went to student scholarships and bursaries across all faculties.

"This community continues to amaze me. The people of Kamloops rise up and empower our students and our university, creating personal opportunity and stunning new facilities," said VP Advancement, Christopher Seguin. "This city has some of the most caring and generous donors in Western Canada, and their continued support lets TRU grow and evolve."

A second gift for \$1.5 million was also announced, and is earmarked for the naming rights to the future Nursing and Population Health Building. That donor also wishes to remain anonymous for the time being.

The sold-out event on February 11 drew 310 guests and raised another \$68,000 for students through ticket sales, sponsorship, silent auction and raffle ticket sales. In the Gala's 25 years, a net total of \$1.2 million has been raised, noted Foundation Chair Rick Sallis.

The event's fairytale theme, Once Upon A Time, featured unique decor, a five-course meal, entertainment by the Academy of Dance, the Dave Coalmine Band and Project X Theatre, as well as a grand prize raffle for a seven-night European river cruise.

Several student clubs also benefitted from the event. Respiratory therapy students co-ordinated the valet parking and the TRU cheerleading team managed the coat check, with each group getting the proceeds.

Next year's Foundation Gala is slated for February 17, 2018.



President Alan Shaver addresses the crowd at the 2017 Foundation Gala.

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Thank you to these donors who have made contributions this past fiscal year (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017).

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WILLIAMS LAKE PROGRAM GETS FINANCIAL BOOST

To meet the demand for early childhood educators in First Nations communities, Thompson Rivers University in partnership with the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council will receive \$382,264 in funding over two years from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for the delivery of an Early Childhood Education diploma program at the Williams Lake campus.

The British Columbia 2024 Labour Market Outlook Report has identified early childhood educators and assistants as one of the top labour market demand occupations in the Northern Interior.

“We are very excited to be offering the complete Early Childhood Education diploma program this year in Williams Lake.”

The region is expected to require 1,370 ECE workers over the next eight years, with more than half of those required in the Cariboo sub-region.

“We are very excited to be offering the complete Early Childhood Education diploma program this year in Williams Lake. Our community is in desperate need of early childhood educators and we are proud to be able to offer the courses and credentials required to meet this need. Offering this program in Williams Lake will allow people to get the programming they need to fulfill their career goals with minimal disruption to their personal lives by allowing them to study at home without having to leave their families,” said Dr. Ray Sanders, executive director, Williams Lake campus and regional centres.

The ECE program combines in-class learning with hands-on experience through practical field work. It also provides an exemplary model of innovative practice and opportunities for classroom-based research so students can acquire the teaching skills to become effective educators of young children.



GIVE TO TRU AND GET YOUR WILL UPGRADED FOR FREE

For a limited time, the TRU Foundation is offering a free service for you to get a simple will drawn up or have an amendment or codicil made to your existing will, for no charge.

This offer is available to the first 50 donors who include TRU in their will and want to take advantage of this service. Gifts can be a percentage of the estate residue or a specific amount. No gift is too small; every donation makes a difference to our students and TRU.

Here's how it works:

We have partnered with Gerald Watson of Watson & Haines. He is giving the foundation a discounted rate to prepare simple wills. You can contact Gerald at 250-372-8803, ext. 203 to make an appointment and there will be no charge to you. Gerald will be compensated by the TRU Foundation for his services.

What will your TRU legacy be? Give the gift of education by leaving a planned gift to future generations of Thompson Rivers University students.

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 2 AND 3 A TRU DAY OF GIVING

This is TRU's first giving day. This 36-hour online giving campaign gives TRU alumni and donors a chance to give back, to make a difference and to impact current and future students. Donors can direct their gifts to scholarships, bursaries and programs across all faculties.

Our goal is to raise **\$36,000 in 36 hours**.

From 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, alumni and donors can make an online gift at tru.ca/giving day or by calling us on these days during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 250-828-5264. Donations of all sizes make an impact. Gifts will be matched through generous contributions from individual and corporate donors.

Watch our website at tru.ca/foundation for more information. Thank you for your support!



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TRUly United

Stronger Together

EMPLOYEES GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

The third TRUly United Campaign smashed the goal of \$175,000 by raising \$192,320 in this year's campaign. This is the third year that the TRU Foundation and the United Way of Thompson Nicola Cariboo have joined forces to raise funds from TRU employees.

This year, 592 employees participated in the campaign that raises money for student awards and for community programs supported by the United Way. Employees contributed through payroll deductions, payroll lottery and fun events around campus including WolfPack games, raffles in departments, 50/50 draws and lunches. Funds were generously matched again this year by the Kelson Group.

In a new joint initiative with the United Way, TRU created a new knowledge mobilization officer position. This new position will connect TRU research to regional community needs to produce tangible and actionable outcomes.



A few dozen people gathered for the TRUly United 2016 campaign kick-off on Oct. 17, 2016.

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RAISED IN 2016



MUSIC IN THE ROUND

Guests had a great evening of jazz music and fundraising at the annual Music in the Round event held in April. The event raises funds for the Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music (KISSM) and TRU student awards. It's a unique partnership between the Faculty of Arts and KISSM. The event is held in the amphitheatre of the Brown Family House of Learning, where the unique acoustics make it a great venue for musicians. Latin jazz guitarist John Gilliat headlined the event.



GOLF

The annual Foundation Golf Classic was a fun filled day of food, games, camaraderie and fundraising. Held at The Dunes golf course in August, this year's event raised more than \$40,000.



The winning team at last year's Foundation golf tournament: Scott Reeves, Ken Olynyk, Wayne Hendry and Curtis Atkinson



Golfers having fun on the course: David Parsons, Lyle Norrie, Blaire Rota, Shea Sanchie.



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