The Northshore Schools Foundation is proud to announce Triplehorn Brewery as the winner of the first Beer vs. Wine Pairing Fundraiser held at Lombardi’s Italian restaurant in Mill Creek on September 12th, 2015.

Saturday night, 35 supporters of public education attended a sponsored dinner at Lombardi’s Italian restaurant in Mill Creek, dining on delicious dishes created by Chef Matt Romeo, and paired with Triplehorn Brewery beers and Gooseridge wines. The mission, which was accepted by all attendees, was to choose whether the beer pairings or the wine pairings matched the best. All proceeds from the event benefit students in the Northshore school district through programs and grants sponsored by the Northshore Schools Foundation.

Competing for what is now being called “our version of the apple cup,” as announced by Lombardi's Proprietor, Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, was a play on the Foundation logo and the glasses used for tasting. Gooseridge winery and Triplehorn Brewery spared head to head over each course, with a winner take all approach. The four course menu featured exquisite Italian dishes including Chef Matt's handmade Gnocchi with wild mushrooms and Lamb Ossobuco.

Triplehorn Brewery specialty beers included Falcon Cloak Golden Blonde and Folkvang irish Red Ale, with best selling Cabernet and Chardonnay, from Gooseridge. The competition was neck and neck until the last course, with the winner decided by just a few votes.

“It was so much fun seeing the thought and attention spent on the pairings,” said Northshore Schools Foundation Executive Director Carmin Dalziel. “Northshore is such a generous community and local business support of our students and public education is astonishing. Lombardi’s, Triplehorn and Gooseridge collectively contributed tens of thousands of dollars to our local community. The support from this particular event will help serve students district wide by increasing access to books, science equipment, & instructional support.”

The Beer vs. Wine concept was started by Lombardi’s five years ago at its Everett Marina restaurant, to benefit the Everett Community College Foundation. In this year's competition, Triplehorn Brewery was named the winner as well, competing against Woodinville shining star, Patterson Cellars.

The Northshore Schools Foundation builds partnerships and raises funds to support academic success and excellence for all Northshore students. For more information about the Foundation or this event, please visit [www.NorthshoreSchoolsFoundation.org](http://www.NorthshoreSchoolsFoundation.org)

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