



THE HGCC INSIDER

The Borthwick **Draws a Big Crowd** Giving Nears a Record High!



Jamie McCullough, Peter Turkstra, John Chun and Shawn Sider enjoyed a great day on the golf course, posting the low score at 18-under.

A record number of 45 teams made it a day to remember at the 49th Annual Dick Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament on September 9.

The support from the membership, family and friends made it another wonderful day for five local charities as the spirit of giving and hope for a better tomorrow in our community shone as bright as the sun.

"It was my first time attending The Borthwick and I was blown away by the amazing

way the HGCC membership came together for our community," says Robyn Knickle, Director of Development at Neighbour to Neighbour. "The funds received from The Borthwick allow us to continue advocating for, teaching with and cooking fresh food for so many at the Neighbour to Neighbour Community Food Centre. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all participants, sponsors and organizers for their enthusiasm, generosity and leadership."

From morning registration and the buying of 200 lucky keys, until bidding closed on the silent and live auctions, everyone enjoyed a wonderful day at the club. There was even some impressive golf played by some groups, and the others had fun, dropping by Cowbell Brewing Co. and Triple Bogey Brewing Co. for a cold one. It could only have been better had someone had won one of those enticing hole-in-one prizes from Arctic Spas Burlington, Knar Jewellery and Mercedes Benz Burlington. But it certainly was fun trying!



Peter Turkstra, the Presenting Sponsor for The Borthwick for the past three years, and his three guests took top honours at 18-under.

"It's not about us. We're here to support our community and help those in need - that's what is important to us," says Peter, who played with John Chun, Jamie McCulloch and Shawn Sider. "These charities play a significant role in assisting thousands of people in our community. They are the real winners today and we just appreciate all their hard work and dedication throughout the year to provide these important programs and services."

Three teams tied for second place at 17-under: the foursome of Mark Loeffler, Brian O'Donovan, Ken Aquino and Brandon Dymment, the squad of Mark DeBenedictis, Randy Gold, Chris Stogios and Ted Charuk and the group of Marc Ayotte, Chris Kwiecien, Geoff Tierney and Steve Bryant.

"We should have cheated more," said DeBenedictis in praising Gold, who had the game of his life at HGCC. Benedictis, the Dinner Sponsor, pocketed a men's Tudor watch from Knar Jewellers in the live auction. "I love the event and being a member at HGCC. I have so much fun when I'm here that I just want to support the HGCC Foundation and the charities. The staff is terrific, the food was delightful and the course was amazing. If it wasn't for the free beer, we might have had an extra birdie or two!"

While HGCC Controller Denise Contestabile hasn't quite crunched all the numbers, it's looking like \$245,000 has been raised at this year's Borthwick. That's a little higher than last year and brings a smile to the face of Borthwick Co-Chair Al Scott.

"On behalf of The Borthwick Committee, we very much appreciate the support we receive from the staff, members and friends of the tournament and we thank them. Forty-nine years and going strong. We have raised millions of dollars for local charities over the years and we look forward to carrying on that tradition," Scott says.



Cowbell Brewing Co. was a popular stop for many foursomes.



Joe Saputo, John Vitulli, Andy Pooni, George Limberis, Tony Deluca and Anthony Valeri.



Ted Charuk, Randy Gold, Mark DeBenedictis and Chris Stogis gave it their best shot at winning a hot tub!



George McCarter and his team including Adam Borisko, Erin Dunham (member), James Lefebvre and Louis Grilli.

Four charities will receive \$40,000 each annually through the HGCC Foundation. Rygiel Supports for Community Living and McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation are in their third and final year of funding, while the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton and the Neighbour 2 Neighbour program at Hamilton Community Food Centre are in their second year of the three-year commitment. Ancaster Community Services also receives \$20,000 annually.

"Being part of The Borthwick for the first time was inspiring," says Alicia De Jong, a Community Resource Facilitator at Rygiel, who kept a close eye on 4 South all day, as competitors vied for a hole in one. "There was a definite feeling of community and togetherness throughout the day as we gathered for the benefit of the vulnerable people in our community. The support that the tournament has raised for the community over the past 49 years is incredible and sends a powerful message that we can make a difference when we pull together."

Over a three-year period (2017-2019) Rygiel will receive \$120,000 from the HGCC Foundation through funds raised at The Borthwick. This money is being used to help launch a new residential location for people without support, and it will also assist families in need of respite support.

"The tournament provided us with a terrific opportunity to connect with and thank so many members who support all of these worthwhile charities," De Jong adds.

For the second time in three years, Brian O'Donovan proved that he's luckier than your average golfer. Not only did Brian and his teammates finish T2 at 17-under to win golf bags, but Brian won the Lucky Key \$5,000 diamond ring for a second time.

"Two years ago, I bought eight keys and put them on Mark Loeffler's account because I wasn't a member at the time," noted O'Donovan, who is now a member of HGCC. "I won the ring on the second key and gave it to my wife. This year, I bought eight keys and won it with the third key I tried. I took it home and gave it to my wife. She was thinking of purchasing a ring for another



finger, so it worked out. Who doesn't like diamonds?"

"This is my favourite event of the year at HGCC. I have played with the same three guys for the last three years and we always have a fantastic time. We do it to support the charities and have a little fun along the way," says Brian, who went 50/50 with Ken Aquino to purchase the four-course dinner for six at Ancaster Mill, including wine pairing in the live auction. Ken also picked up the priceless 2019 RBC Canadian Open multi-player signed golf bag and Rory McIlroy-signed flag with framed photos.

It looks like Jim and Sheila Drury, meanwhile, are planning a little road trip or two. In the live auction Jim won the foursome at East Lake GC in Atlanta, as well as a threesome with Fred Bennink at the Concession GC in Bradenton, Florida. He also added tickets to a Leafs vs. Lightning game in Tampa in February.

Club President, Sean McDonough was the winner of the "Fly Anywhere with WestJet" lucky square draw and Stephen Pauwels won the lucky square draw for a \$1,000 in Pro Shop credit.

We're still trying to figure out what Paul Valeri is going to do with all that cheese he picked up in the silent auction: 40 kilograms of imported Reggiano Parmigiano cheese!

For their part, Cowbell Brewing Co. donates five cents from the sale of every can and pint to support partners in local communities. In Hamilton that goes to the McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation to support a specific project.

"It was great to be part of The Borthwick golf tournament for the first time," says Cowbell Brewing Territory Manager Chelsea Roshko. "Not only are we brewing high-quality great beer, but together we are making a difference one can, one pint at a time, and that's exciting to be part of. Thanks for having me!"



Chris Bellefeuille, Keegan Therrien, Stu Aird and Steve Dunn.



Brandon Dymont, Mark Loeffler, Ken Aquino and Brian O'Donovan couldn't avoid a Triple Bogey.