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The Borthwick gives everyone something to play for - **even in the rain!**



Tim Berezowski in the background with the rest of his group on the tee with a visit from Al Scott.

And the winners are?

We all knew the answer to that question before a full-field of 160 golfers teed it up for the 48th playing of The Borthwick Memorial Tournament on Monday, September 10.

It's our five key charity partners and the thousands of Hamilton and area residents who benefit from the much-needed programs and assistance that the local charities provide daily.

"There's a real benefit to being part of this tournament and giving back to our community," says Victoria Walzak-Mosca, who has been playing in the tourney for nearly a decade and sits on the Board of Directors of Children's Aid Society of Hamilton that has received funding from the HGCC Foundation in the past.

"Not only is it a great day on the golf course, but The Borthwick Memorial Tournament provides an opportunity for the club and our members to have a purpose and a cause to embrace," says Victoria, who part-

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nered with Dean Mosca, Mark Shepherd and guest Rich Poulin to win the tourney by a single stroke at 18-under par. "There are so many individuals and companies that contribute in so many ways to this event. It brings everyone in our little community at HGCC together to improve the lives of thousands of people within our greater community – that is something worth celebrating."

Speaking to the victory, Dean noted that he has been playing in the tourney for a decade and had never had a score better than 6-under until this year. "It was the ultimate frick and frack experience. We needed something from everyone and everybody came through. We made a bunch of monster putts. It was a lot of fun, but it really is about giving back to the community."

Second place at 17-under went to defending champions; Mark Loeffler, Brian O'Donovan, Brandon Dymont and Ken Aquino followed by a two-way tie for third place at 15-under by the foursome of Andrew Jubenville, Sean Bartlett, Matt Peters and Brian Teichgraf and the team of David Lumsden, Joel Ippolito, Joe Monaco and Peter Moylan.

Not even the remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon that moved into the area the night before the tournament dropping more than an inch of water on the course with high winds and cooling temperatures could dampen the spirits of the participants who helped raise north of \$230,000 at this year's event.

Bob Borthwick was here for the first Dick Borthwick Memorial Tournament in 1970 and has rarely missed playing in the event over the years. The Borthwick family moved into the "Pro's House" at the end of the old driving range in 1946 when Bob was just four years of age. He grew up learning to golf here on the three-hole short course and did everything from caddying and picking balls on the range to helping at the front counter before becoming an assistant pro as his father devoted himself to life at HGCC retiring in 1974.

"If he were here today with us, my father would be thrilled to know that this tourna-



2018 Borthwick Champions - Victoria Walzak-Mosca, Mark Shepherd, Dean Mosca and Rich Poulin (absent).

ment is carrying on in his name and that we're raising upwards of \$250,000 each year for charity," said the 76-year-old, who was in attendance as usual with his son Rick and guests Brad Fay and Richard Libby. "The Head Golf Professionals who have followed in his footsteps; Ken Steeves, Gary Mauve, Rob McDannold and David Miller, as well as the organizing committees, have done so much to build this up."

The five key charity partners for 2018 that receive funding from The Borthwick Memorial Tournament through the HGCC

Foundation include:

Ancaster Community Services (ACS) is a community-based agency providing many supportive programs to assist those in need in our growing community. We provide food assistance, transportation programs, counseling, information and referral services, youth programs and volunteer engagement opportunities - www.ancastercommunityservices.ca

Rygiel Supports for Community Living is in its 50th year of serving children and



Rick Borthwick on the tee.



John Peller in the background watching a shot with his guests.

adults who have a developmental disability and most of them also live with multiple physical disabilities. Its mandate is to provide residential support, thereby, providing the person with a home and support for all aspects of daily living - www.rygiel.ca

McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation – The Pediatric Palliative Care Project. McMaster Children's Hospital is the specialized pediatric hospital for the 600,000 children in south central Ontario. The promise of the interdisciplinary Palliative Care team is to provide the best quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families - www.mackids.ca

The Hamilton Community Food Centre (HCFC), a program of the Neighbour 2 Neighbour Centre, is a welcoming and safe community space offering food-based programs that bring everyone together to grow, cook, share, and advocate for good food - <http://www.n2ncentre.com>

The Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton provides support to persons with dementia and their caregivers. It focuses its programs and services around three pillars of service: dementia education, support and counselling services and wellness activities - <https://www.alzhn.ca/>

In 2017, the Foundation provided four key charity partners that receive funding over a three-year period with cheques for \$40,000 each, while ACS receives \$20,000 annually on an on-going basis.

"This is an absolutely incredible event. It has raised a lot of money over the years for families and children in need and there are still so many of them who need our help," says Steve Dunn, who joined HGCC nine years ago and has been attending The Borthwick for the same period of time.



Bob Hill and his group hoping for a hole in one.





He sponsored the Neighbour 2 Neighbour Hamilton Community Food Centre program as a new charity partner for 2018.

“The Community Food Centre is a new program that just opened its doors in the Rolston neighbourhood of Hamilton. It’s designed to help people to learn to cook healthy meals and develop healthy bodies by making educated food choices,” Steve said, noting that about 1,500 area residents including new immigrants, seniors, youth and families are now connected to the centre. “This additional funding is a great start for us. It will allow us to buy food and to further develop the program and engage more people.”

Former Club President, Dick Hamel was also around in the beginning when the Borthwick first raised funds for Branchton Camp for people with developmental disabilities. He remembers first paying off the camp’s mortgage of \$200,000 and then winterizing the main camp building. Over the years he’s watched as the tournament and the HGCC Foundation has found its wings thanks to the hard work and dedication of many members who continue to pass the torch.

“It’s a wonderful thing that the golf club does today, that we can work together to raise more than \$200,000 a year for local charities,” adds Dick, who nominated The Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton for funding through the HGCC Foundation this year. “I’m going to be the new President of the Board (of the Alzheimer Society) in a few days. We’re very grateful for this additional funding. It will be a big boost for us. It will go a long way to continuing the programs we offer for families and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer Disease and for research.”

The Silent Auction brought in a total of \$20,300, but it was the Live Auction lead by Jeff Paikin and Chris Bellefeuille that had members nodding their heads to the tune of \$34,500 for such treats as the Borthwick Wine Locker, eight Buffalo Sabres vs. Montreal Canadiens tickets with transportation, dinner for eight at HGCC with wine pairings, a Tampa Bay Lightning package and golf at



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the Concession GC in Florida among others.

“The Borthwick was a great opportunity to reflect on just what it means to be a member,” says Andrew Jubenville, who was playing in the event for the first time as a member and brought three guests. “I have met a lot of members at the club this year, but to see so many of them step up to support this event in such a big way really demonstrates that this is a community of like-minded individuals who are committed to giving back to their community. That’s a great reason to be a member here.”

“My group loved the event,” Andrew added, noting that finishing third overall was the highlight of the day. “The main reason was due to the course, which two of the three

had never played before. Also, it is a very well-run tournament. Everything was on-time and moved along quickly. They were all impressed with the amount of giving from the course, the members and the guests when they heard how much money is raised for the charities.”

Other lucky winners included; Peter Turkstra, who had the winning key for the diamond ring courtesy of G.W. Thompson Jeweller and Pawnbroker, and Colin Wilson picked up the WestJet fly anywhere tickets for winning the 100-square raffle.

“When my son Jamie and I arrived to register, there were only two squares left on the WestJet board (#91 and #92),” Colin says. “We bought the remaining two squares and I gave Jamie his choice of which one he wanted. Naturally, he took #91 (the year he was born), so I was defaulted to lucky #92, the eventual winner. Thanks Jamie!”

“I’ve played in the Borthwick for about 15 years now,” added Colin, who also won a foursome to play East Lake GC in the live auction. “My father was a regular participant for years prior to that in a foursome that included Dr. Ronnie Barr who happened



HGCC Foundation President, Brian Short with charity partner representatives; Pearl Veenema, CEO McMaster Children’s Hospital Foundation; Donna Marcaccio from Rygiel; Melanie Barlow from Ancaster Community Services; Dawn Vince from Alzheimers Society, Denise Arkell from N2N Food Centre and Al Scott, Foundation Vice-President.



to be in my foursome today. It was nice to hear Ronnie reminisce about playing with dad in those past Borthwick events. It was also nice to introduce a third generation of Wilson's to the tournament. Both Jamie and I hope to carry on the Borthwick tradition for years to come. It's always a fantastic day of golf and camaraderie, but above all, it is a day that allows the club and our community to support some very worthwhile causes."

The Borthwick Committee includes the following members - Jeff Paikin, Co-Chair; Alan Scott, Co-Chair; Matt Abbott, Dr. Ron Barr, Chris Bellefeuille, Paul Courneya, Dr. Clinton Davis, Steve Dunn, Richard T. Hamel, Doug Inch, Dave Lumsden, Tony Mansfield, Brian Short and Head Professional, David Miller.

Later this fall, the HGCC Foundation will invite the committee and five charities to come together for a cheque presentation event to bring closure to this year's Borthwick initiative.

"Overall it's an outstanding event and the amount of money that is raised for charity is amazing," Peter Turkstra said, noting Turkstra Lumber will be back as the Presenting Sponsor for a third consecutive year in 2019.

"It's a stress-free, fun format that is great if you want to bring out guests," added Peter, who entertained 11 guests for the day and won Elton John tickets for his wife in the live action. "Even with the rain, you could not ask for a better day. It's so well run, and food is impeccable. I would just like to thank everyone involved and I'm looking forward to 2019."



The piper plays in the Great Hall in memory of Jim Milligan.



Mark DeBenedictis in action.



Dr. Clint Davis pondering his next move.