



## HGCC Foundation ready to step to the forefront of the club's charitable activities



## FOUNDATION

The Hamilton Golf & Country Club Foundation is looking to increase member awareness throughout 2017.

After several years of diligent work behind the scenes to receive its charitable status from the Province of Ontario, the HGCC Foundation took its first steps in 2013. For the past four years, it has remained in the background of the club's charitable activities, but that is about to change as it's board looks to increase the foundation's profile in the coming months.

"I'm still somewhat surprised by the number of members who I talk to that don't know that the club has a charitable foundation that oversees distribution of funds raised by our charity golf tournaments," says HGCC Foundation Vice-President, Al Scott. "Our desire for 2017 is for all members to learn more about the excellent work the foundation is doing to support local Hamilton and area charities that are recommended by members themselves."

For 2017, the foundation board has created a clear "Mission Statement" moving forward that states our goal of, "Giving back to the community where we live, work and play." The HGCC Foundation Board of Directors operates at arms length from the club's Board of Directors. Foundation Board members for 2017 include; Brian Short, Chair; Al Scott, Vice-President; Nancy Fram, Ward Campbell, Chris Bellefeuille and Chris Hamel, as well as ex-officio members, GM/COO, Peter Holt and Club President, Scott Shannon.

For the first time, there is now a foundation logo that is being introduced this spring to help clearly identify and promote foundation events and initiatives. The foundation will also have a presence on the HGCC web site before the end of May to increase awareness of its activities.

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Funding for the foundation comes from two charity golf tournaments. In 2017, the foundation will present both the 47th Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Turkstra Lumber and the 14th Golf for a Cause Golf Tournament sponsored by ONE for Freight – David Carruth. Other events may be added in the future.

“I think it’s wonderful to see both tournaments working together to support our charity partners,” Fram says. “I have been on the foundation board for the past four years and I know from personal experience that the club is having a positive impact on many less fortunate people in our community through the fine organizations we partner with.”

Over the past four years, the foundation and its charitable partners have benefited from increasing support from the two

tournaments starting with the disbursement of \$199,000 in 2013, \$210,000 in 2014, \$236,000 in 2015 and \$234,500 at the end of 2016.

The foundation will support six charities in 2017 - three returning charities from last year and three new charities.

The foundation plans to profile each one in upcoming issues of The HGCC Insider, so members better understand how their charitable contributions are being used by the local community organizations.

Sincerely,

Brian Short, Chair  
Al Scott, Vice-President

## RETURNING CHARITIES

**1. An Instrument for Every Child** is a unique and innovative musical program offered by the Hamilton Music Collective that provides elementary school children in Hamilton’s inner city schools with the opportunity to learn to play an instrument - [www.aninstrumentforeverychild.ca](http://www.aninstrumentforeverychild.ca).

**2. 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](http://www.ancastercommunityservices.ca).

**3. The Eva Rothwell Resource Centre** at Robert Land provides programs and services that help individuals living in the Keith (North Hamilton) neighbourhood to reach their full potential, improve quality of life and enhance social well-being - [www.robertland.org](http://www.robertland.org).

## NEW CHARITIES FOR 2017

**4. Rygiel Supports For Community Living** is in its 50th year of serving children and 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](http://www.rygiel.ca).

**5. McMaster Children’s Hospital Foundation** – The Pediatric Palliative Care Project. McMaster Children’ Hospital is the specialized pediatric hospital for the 600,000 children in south central Ontario. The promise of our interdisciplinary Palliative Care team is to provide the best quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families - [www.mackids.ca](http://www.mackids.ca).

**6. De Mazenod Door Outreach program** strives to feed hungry families, marginalized adults and inner city youth who struggle daily with many faces of poverty. This compassionate, non-profit ministry also works with established social agencies to help those who need assistance with clothing, housing, medical support and counselling - [www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 13th

Men’s Opening Day/Course closed

### May 14th

Mother’s Day Brunch & Dinner

### May 16th

Men’s Night Opening BBQ

### May 17th

Mega Demo Day

### May 21st

Junior Opening Day

### May 23rd

Ladies Hole in One Luncheon

### May 27th

Mixed Opening Day

## Men’s Board Events

With the recent wet weather and resulting lack of golfing activity around the course, Board Event registration has been extended to Sunday, May 14th at 5 pm.

David Brownlow and Boyd Mickle, Co-Chairs

Men’s Board Events

## Nicol Thompson Spring Mixed Tournament

Join us in celebrating the new golf season at HGCC.

If you want to get into the swing of things then dress for dinner in your gala ensemble, or just put on your cheerful spring outfits (Jackets required) and join in the fun.

Saturday, May 27th

**Shotgun:** 1:30 pm

**Four person event:** Men’s and Ladies’ Net Best Ball with team score.

Cocktails and appetizer stations at 6 pm

Dinner/Prizes @ 7:30 pm

Dancing immediately following

Click [HERE](#) to view the Nicol Thompson Menu!!