

16th Annual Scottish Games Charity Golf Tourney to Benefit St. Anne Institute

When we arrived at the Stadium Golf Club at 6:30 AM on Friday, June 11th it could not have been more beautiful. The sun was rising in the sky and the dew was on the grass and it was picture perfect. Little did I know then that we would end the day with our largest donation ever. A full field of 144 golfers arrived for the 8:30AM shotgun start and everything went off like clockwork from the registration to the presentation of our \$8,050 donation to St. Anne Institute. Our Committee is once again extremely grateful to all of our golfers and sponsors.

Since 1887, St. Anne Institute (<http://stanneinstitute.org>) has been helping children and families develop the confidence and skills they need to overcome crisis in their lives. The Institute's total program is designed to meet the needs of children and their families through a comprehensive range of independent but interrelated services including: residential and non-residential treatment for adolescent females, a special education preschool and a community-based treatment program that specializes in sex abuse prevention and intervention for males and females of all ages and their families. To date, the Golf Tourney has donated \$74,500 to local charities and all of our golfers and sponsors should take great pride in that!

Many of those golfers and sponsors have been with us for all or most of the past sixteen years (a list of our sponsors accompanies this article). This year we're happy to welcome a new sponsor to our tournament family. Big Top Tent Rentals became a sponsor this year. All of the tents that you see at the Scottish Games are provided by Mike West and his fabulous company. They are already a part of our Scottish Games family and gracious enough to expand that relationship to help us with our charity golf tournament. Beth Caputo and Mike's staff are so professional and hard-working that I never hesitate to recommend them to anyone from small party to huge events.

While we have so many great, loyal sponsors, I'd like to spotlight one of them in particular this year. The State Employees Federal Credit Union (SEFCU) has been a loyal supporter of both our Golf Tournament and our Scottish Games for many years. SEFCU and the Orchard Tavern are our two biggest Acemaker sponsors. Michael Castellana, the President /CEO of SEFCU joined us as part of two foursomes of golfers from the SEFCU family. SEFCU's continued success is due in no small part to the fact that they realize the importance of giving back to the community. It's with that in mind that I wish to congratulate SEFCU for being voted as the "Best Bank and Credit Union" by a Times Union readers poll for a fourth consecutive year. It's great to see a company that cares about the community, like SEFCU does, being recognized by that community for their good work.

The prize raffle held at the banquet following our day of golf usually represents a large share of the donation and this year was no different. The quality of our donated prizes is probably the primary reason for the raffle's success. We want to especially thank DeCrescente Distributors, St Anne's Institute, Mike Noonan from the Orchard Tavern and Lori Deichman from Scissors III for all the wonderful gift donations that they provided. One of our golfers is Ewald Maassmann, the President of the Blackhead Mountain Lodge and Country Club and Ewald was nice enough to donate a golf package to the raffle for the third year in a row. This year that prize raffle raised \$2,000. The staff from St Anne's Institute came prepared to help throughout the day by selling both raffle tickets and 50/50 chances. This year that 50/50 raffle amounted to a \$750 prize. But...thanks to one of our loyal golfers, Mike LaRoche, \$550 of that prize was returned to St Anne Institute as a donation. We love you Mike and thanks so much!

My beautiful daughter Jennifer Munro played the bagpipes at the hole in one contest throughout the day and my lovely niece Nicole Munro returned as our foursome photographer. Thankfully, our good friend Judy Cocca agreed to return this year as our roving photographer and could be seen all day long, all over the course in pursuit of just the right shot. Judy's and Nicole's pictures can be seen by going to our website at <http://www.scotgames.com>. We also welcomed

back the smiling face of Mary Ann Coli as our witness at the Hole-in-One contest. Mary Ann had to take last year off but thankfully came back to us this year. Another thing that our golfers look forward to each year is a performance from the award winning pipes and drums of the Schenectady Pipe Band at the banquet. As usual they were primed for the occasion and performed admirably.

We had excellent golf contests and simply awesome food and drink served up by Sean and Dave from the Stadium Golf Club. You'll see the banner from the Stadium Golf Club gracing our field today. We can always count on owners Greg and Michele Hennel for their support. Please take my advice, if you are planning a tournament or a banquet of any kind be sure to call the Stadium at 374-9104 and talk to Michele. This year I have first-hand knowledge of just how good they are. My daughter Christine and her husband Tony had their wedding ceremony and reception there and Michele and her staff were absolutely brilliant! On special days like that you need to work with someone who cares about the event as much as you do. Entrust your special days to the Stadium Golf Club. I promise you will not be disappointed.

Once again this year golfers were offered the chance to play the Jack Munro Memorial Fund Par 3. Jack's son Mike Munro organized that event and Jack's wife Ruth and their two daughters Maureen Mix and Karen Murphy did the registration work at the Par 3 12th hole. Jack's passion was teaching beginning bagpipers and just about \$800 was raised this year's tourney and will be used to award a brand new set of bagpipes to a beginning piper. This year's presentation will take place on Saturday during the Scottish Games ceremonies. The entire Munro family is happy and proud that Jack's name continues to be associated with one of the things he loved most, teaching bagpipes. It's also fitting that this Scottish Games Tourney is the primary fund raiser for the memorial fund since Jack was not only one of the tourney's founding members but one of it's most lively and colorful participants. Jack was famous for perfecting the Hawaiian shirt and kilt ensemble. In fact, at the Jack's Par 3 event one of the prizes coveted by our loyal players is an outrageously, colorful Hawaiian shirt. We love you and miss you Jacky!

Congratulations to this year's golf contests winners who are listed along with this article. More details about our 2010 Golf Tourney along with pictures and contact information can be found on our website at <http://www.scotgames.com/>. Another vote of thanks to our own Dee Taylor who has worked diligently along with Brian Lenihan from Network 42 (www.network42.com) and Craig Hall from LOGOSPRINT (www.logosprint.com) to maintain and upgrade the Scottish Games website.

Last but not least. I would like to thank the members of our volunteer golf committee and others who donate of their time and money to make this event a success. The committee members are noted below.

Be sure to keep Friday June 10, 2011 marked on your calendars for next year's tourney. Just contact me at rmunro@nycap.rr.com if you wish to be put on our mailing list for 2011. All the best from the Capital District Scottish Games Golf Tourney Committee!

Bob Munro, Committee Chairperson

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2010 Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament Winners

A Flight:

1 st Place	Adam Bunkoff and Chris Reihis	Score of 63
2 nd Place	Lee Elmendorf and Tom Diefenbach	Score of 66
3 rd Place	Mike Noonan and Steve VanBuren	Score of 66

B Flight:

1 st Place	Mark Hurley and Mike Hanelt	Score of 66
2 nd Place	John Martin and Harry Amman	Score of 67
3 rd Place	George O'Brien and Matt Moran	Score of 68

C Flight:

1 st Place	Sue Travellyan and Angela Fedullo	Score of 71
2 nd Place	Sean Kirker and Gerry Decker	Score of 72
3 rd Place	Kevin Roe and Tom Fitzgerald	Score of 72

D Flight:

1 st Place	Chris Waskiewicz and Chet Waskiewicz	Score of 71
2 nd Place	Matt Kelly and Dave Lockart	Score of 73
3 rd Place	Bill Sznesnat and Danielle Traeger	Score of 73

All ties were settled by the Course Pro using USGA Match Rules

Longest Drive Men

Longest Drive Women

Closest to the Pin on Hole 5

Closest to the Pin on Hole 8

Closest to the Line on Hole 10

Mike Kelly

Sue Trevellyan

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