



25th Annual Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament donates \$12,500 to St. Anne Institute



At our 25th annual Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf tournament we had it all: fabulous golf course, bagpipes, kilts, great food, imported beers, individual piper and full pipe band performances. Yes all of those things and more are what you get when you play in the Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament. If this sounds like fun to you then email bobmunro23@gmail.com to put your name on the email list for 2020.

As it has been for past 17 years our charity of choice was St Anne Institute in Albany. St Anne Institute is a private, not for profit, secular residential and community based preventive service agency committed to providing the highest level of care and rehabilitation services in the briefest time to children and families throughout New York State. Our golf committee has visited their facilities and we've always left there feeling like we have definitely made the right choice when we see, first hand, the good work that they do.

We fielded our maximum of 144 golfers this year and that set the wheels in motion for an extra special year. When that \$12,500 donation is added to the previous 24 years donations it results in our golf tournament being responsible for over \$162,700 to local charities! It is no secret that the people who have been coming to this tournament for most of those 25 years and the sponsors who continue to support it are very special. Yes they enjoy golf, having a good time and having a few good beers on tap but above and beyond all of that, they care about helping others who may be a bit down on their luck or have more than their share of crosses to bear. The Scottish Games Golf Tournament Committee is constantly reminded of this on an annual basis when they see the generosity and the selfless attitude that seems to grow from year to year. We are so lucky to have somehow attracted this wonderful bunch of golfers and sponsors.

The weather even cooperated. All week long the forecasters were predicting doom and gloom but the day started out with a beautiful sunrise and temps in the mid 60's. There were a couple of misty drizzles

during the day that actually felt good and left us after a couple of minutes. To kick things off just prior to our 8:30 shotgun start Mike Munro kicked into a few piping selections to send us on our way to a fun filled day of golf. Brian Munro and Kennie Farrigan also lent their piping talents at the hole-in-one contest tee box. You could hear the skirl of the pipes in the distance and it made everyone truly feel like they were in a special place. Jenn Farrigan and Alissa Munro were our foursome photographers for the day while Eva Graziano and Barbara Munro were our witnesses at the Hole-In-One event 15th hole.

I just want to take the time to thank our Charity Golf Tournament Committee without whom none of this gets done: Vince Colonno, Joe Bradley, Bill Munro, Lou Schenck, Lee Elmendorf and Mike Munro. There's a lot of work involved in organizing, advertising and managing a charity golf Tournament of this size. They make sure that everything gets done and all the bases are covered and these guys do it every year without expecting any recognition. But they have to be recognized on this our 25th Anniversary. To honor our anniversary we decided to design a 25th Anniversary Beer Tankard. I asked Matt Kelly, who does the ordering for our souvenir tent at the Games, to work with our vendor to come up with a design. The goal was to have a Scottish Games Anniversary Logo on one side and a cartoon golfer of some kind on the other. Well, once Matt's creative juices started flowing, the result was a surprise to me because the cartoon golfer was a very humorous caricature of me, Bob Munro. The face was done so well that all our golfers knew right away that it was me. Thanks Matt for striving to keep that personal touch in everything you do. You're the best.

It is a bittersweet moment when we start thinking of people who are no longer with us who were instrumental in making this happen so many years ago, like my brother Jack Munro. I'm sure he was smiling down on us in his Hawaiian shirt and kilt. We are blessed to have been able to continue on with this special tournament for so

long and hope we can do so for many years to come.

While all the golfers were outside enjoying the day, the Stadium Golf Club staff was busy preparing a delicious banquet and tapping more of the Guinness and Newcastle and Lite beer so that everyone could grab a cold one as they came off the course and readied themselves for the banquet. This is our 23rd year at the Stadium Golf Club. Michele and Greg Hennel are like family to us now and why change locations when they already provide us with the best possible tournament at the most reasonable price. Greg asked me if I recalled when we used to get together in the old Stadium Clubhouse and try to bleed him for every dollar we could. I said yes I remember that. Well, after all, we are Scottish LOL.

For the fourth year in a row the Schenectady Pipe Band Association Par 3 contest was held on the 12th hole. The event had golfers of all skill levels competing for some special prizes if they were able to put the ball on the green with their first swing and some pretty nice prizes for the off the green group as well. Donna Dardaris, the SPBA President, Kim LaBelle the SPBA Treasurer along with Dona Marie Munro, the SPBA Secretary and Sue and Steve Mackey volunteered their time to raise approximately \$1,000.

Special thanks also go out to Joe Deso from the Central Insurance Agency for donating \$200 of his 50-50 winnings back to St Anne Institute. You're a good man Joe!

I've noted below the winners of this year's tournament contests and also our sponsors who we hope you will honor with your patronage. The committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of the golfers, sponsors and volunteers for what was another extremely successful year and celebration of a special milestone.

Bob Munro-Tournament Chairman



Our 2019 Sponsors

- DeCresente Distributing, Acemaker Sponsor, Scottish Games Sponsor & \$1200 donation to St. Anne Institute
- SEFCU, Acemaker Sponsor & Scottish Games Sponsor
- JAMCORE Home Improvements (518) 470-9001, two Acemaker Sponsorships
- The Orchard Tavern, Eagle Sponsor
- Haughey Insurance Agency LLC (518) 399-1583, Eagle Sponsor
- Scissors III & Co., raffle prize donation
- Albany AOH Division 5, Hole Sponsor
- Albany Rebels Gaelic Football Club, Hole Sponsor
- AMSURE, A division of ATCFSI, Hole Sponsor
- Big Top Tent Rentals, Hole Sponsor
- Bradley Painting Inc., Hole Sponsor
- Capital District Celtic Cultural Association, Hole Sponsor
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, Hole Sponsor
- Clan Mackay Society, USA, Hole Sponsor
- Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, Hole Sponsor
- Detailed Image (www.detailedimage.com), raffle prize donation
- Driver & Greene LLP, Hole Sponsor
- El Loco Mexican Café, Hole Sponsor
- Gabriel's Super Market, Hole Sponsor
- Lia Toyota of Colonie, Hole Sponsor
- NDGAMEDAY.com, Hole Sponsor
- Polish American Citizens Club, Hole Sponsor
- Recovery Room Sports Grill, Donation of two \$50 gift cards
- St. Anne Institute, Hole Sponsor
- St. Catherine's Center for Children, Hole Sponsor
- Schenectady Pipe Band Association, Hole Sponsor
- Stadium Golf Club, \$300 donation to St. Anne Institute
- Ulster Federal Credit Union, Hole Sponsor

2019 Winners

A Flight

- 🏆 1st Place: Brian Barker & Mike Barker
Score of 63
- 🏆 2nd Place: Bill Hackett & Rob Vogg
Score of 64
- 🏆 3rd Place: Dick Dandrow & John Albarielli
Score of 65

B Flight

- 🏆 1st Place: George O'Brien & Matt Moran
Score of 64
- 🏆 2nd Place: John Martin & Harry Ammian
Score of 66
- 🏆 3rd Place: Carl Wheler & Jeff Wheler
Score of 70

C Flight

- 🏆 1st Place: Joe Dellarocco & Steve Wezoloski
Score of 70
- 🏆 2nd Place: Rand Booth & Jeff Smith
Score of 74
- 🏆 3rd Place: Tom Colonno & Mike Frazier
Score of 75

D Flight

- 🏆 1st Place: Devlin Forsyth & Marc Schwager
Score of 68
- 🏆 2nd Place: George Jr. & George III Dushensky
Score of 74
- 🏆 3rd Place: Andrew Alliger & Jimi Schrimsher
Score of 75
- 🏆 Longest Drive, Men - Kris Monforte
- 🏆 Longest Drive, Women - Sue Trevellyan
- 🏆 Closest to the Pin on Hole 5 - Harry Ammian
- 🏆 Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 - Russ Stoffer
- 🏆 Closest to the Line on Hole 10 - Tim O'Neill