

26th Annual Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament donates \$14,845 to St. Anne Institute

Another fantastic year! After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic our loyal golfers and sponsors came back! At our 26th annual Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf tournament we once again 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.

As it has been for the past 18 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 146 golfers this year and that set the wheels in motion for an extra special year. When that \$14,845 donation is added to the previous 25 years donations it results in our golf tournament being responsible for over \$177,550 to local charities! It is no secret that the people who have been coming to this tournament for most of those 26 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. The day started out with sunshine and temps in the mid 60's and rose to the mid 70's during the day. 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 (Munro) Farrigan and Alissa Munro were our foursome photographers for the day while Judy Cocca and Barbara Munro were our witnesses at the Hole-In-One event on the 15th hole.

I just want to take the time to thank our Charity Golf Tournament Committee without whom none of this gets done: Vince Colonna, 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. Behind the scenes Matt Kelly helped us a lot with setting up and tracking credit card payments and website related work as well. He even came up with a slight but nice revision to our Scottish Games logo replacing the mace with a golf club. Simple but really well done. It was so cool that we used it as the imprint on our tee bags that each of the golfers received that day. Thanks Matt.

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 Smithwick's 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 24th 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, a golf course in tip-top shape and all of that at the most reasonable price.

For the fifth 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 Mackey volunteered their time to raise approximately \$1,050.

Special thanks also go out to Mike Barker for donating \$380 of his 50-50 winnings back to St Anne Institute. Mike is one of many long-time friends who drive up from Dutchess County every year to golf in our tournament. Thanks so much Mike!

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 a great "Welcome back" for a golf tournament that is near and dear to our hearts.

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Stadium Golf Club, \$300 donation to St Anne Institute

Other contributors:

Bank of New York Mellon donated a sleeve of Titleist golf balls to all of our golfers

The OTW donated a free pizza gift card to all of our golfers

Scissors III & Co. donated a basket containing high end personal beauty care products

2022 Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament Winners

A Flight:

1 st Place	Lou Fedullo and Chris Fedullo	Score of - 63
2nd Place	Mike Cole and Chris Giglio	Score of - 63
3 rd Place	Rich Murray and Garrett Murray	Score of - 64

B Flight:

1 st Place	Mike Hanelt and Matt St Pierre	Score of - 66
2nd Place	Devlin Forsyth and Josh Fabian	Score of - 68
3 rd Place	Tom McBride and Rick Agresta	Score of - 70

C Flight:

1 st Place	Tom Colonno and Mike Frazier	Score of - 70
2nd Place	Rick Potter and Rob Potter	Score of - 71
3 rd Place	Chris Waskiewicz and Mike Miller	Score of - 72

D Flight:

1 st Place	George Jr. and George Dushensky III	Score of - 71
2nd Place	Andrew Dushensky and Kevin Smith	Score of - 80
3 rd Place	Fred and Lori Deichman	Score of - 81

Longest Drive Men – Rob Potter

Longest Drive Women – Lori Deichman

Closest to the Pin on Hole 5 – Rick Agresta (2'4")

Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 – Kevin Cole (6'9")

Closest to the Line on Hole 10 – Gerry Decker