

27th Annual Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament donates \$12,755 to St. Anne Institute

Another great year! Despite the threat of dangerous Air Quality readings from Canadian wildfires we were able to host yet another successful year. At our 27th 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 past 19 years our charity of choice was St Anne Institute in Albany, NY. 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 136 golfers that set the stage for an extra special year. When that \$12,755 donation is added to the previous 26 years donations it results in our golf tournament being responsible for over \$190,300 to local charities! It is no secret that the people who have been coming to this tournament for most of our 27 years and the sponsors who continue to support us 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 how lucky we are 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 day started out as overcast with cool temps in the mid 50's. We did have a 20-minute rain shower about half way through the day but then the sun peeked out and the temps went up to a comfortable mid 60's. To kick things off just prior to our 8:30 shotgun start Mike Munro played a few piping selections. Then a rendition of our national anthem from, yours truly, Bob Munro before sending our golfers on their way to a fun filled day. 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. Judy Cocca and Barbara Munro (my beautiful wife of 50 years) 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 Colonna, Joe Bradley, Bill Munro, Lou Schenck, 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.

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 25th 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 sixth 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 \$1,100.

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 for a golf tournament that is near and dear to our hearts.

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John and KellyAnne Murray Charitable Foundation, a new Hole Sponsor

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Schenectady Pipe Band Association, Hole Sponsor

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

Other contributors:

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

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

2023 Capital District Scottish Games Charity Golf Tournament Winners

A Flight:

1 st Place	Mike Cole and Mike Macarevey	Score of - 63
2 nd Place	Dan Cole and Matt Cole	Score of - 64
3 rd Place	Mike Barker and Brian Barker	Score of - 64

B Flight:

1 st Place	Bill Gettman and Tom McBride	Score of - 65
2 nd Place	Mark Hurley and Jason Schoonmaker	Score of - 65
3 rd Place	Mike Hanelt and Dave Ghent	Score of - 67

C Flight:

1 st Place	Mike Gray and Rob Gray	Score of - 72
2 nd Place	Jim Cooper and John Degener	Score of - 74
3 rd Place	Bob Mineau and Jack Ray	Score of - 74

D Flight:

1 st Place	George Jr. and George Dushensky III	Score of - 70
2 nd Place	Matt Kelly and Iain Munro	Score of - 71
3 rd Place	Rick Jaked and Peggy Jaked	Score of - 72

Longest Drive Men – Mike Munro

Longest Drive Women – Lori Deichman

Closest to the Pin on Hole 5 – Steve Murray

Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 – Mark Newman

Closest to the Line on Hole 10 – Bill Szesnat