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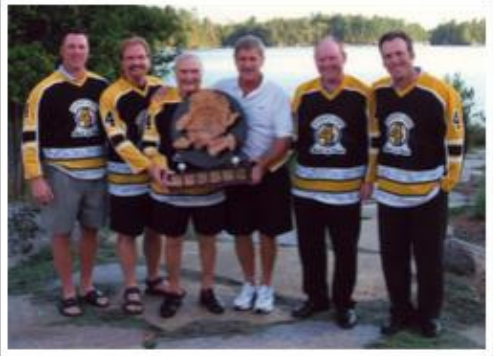
Bobby Orr Celebrity Golf Classic supports new education program

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PARRY SOUND - Bobby Orr was in Parry Sound last month to host the fifth Annual Bobby Orr Celebrity Golf Classic at the Ridge at Manitou, a special event which raises money each year to support the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame and the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts.

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The winning team at the Bobby Orr Celebrity Golf Classic proudly show off their trophy including, from left, John Campbell, Robert Tudhope, Lorne Tudhope, tournament host Bobby Orr, Brock Tudhope and Scott Cowx.

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A number of hockey celebrities joined Mr. Orr for the Golf Classic, including hockey commentators Don Cherry and Ron MacLean from Hockey Night in Canada, Pierre McGuire, Bob McKenzie and Gord Miller from TSN's That's Hockey, and hockey players (past and present) Pete Conacher, Stu Gavin, Chris Kontos, Walt McKechnie, Manny Molhotra, Pierre Pilote, Gary Sabourin, Derek Sanderson, Darrel Sittler, Jason Spezz, Rick Vaive, Mike Walton, plus Parry Sound's own Terry Crisp and Floyd Thomson.

Also on the course were golf pro Scott Cowx and singer Michael Burgess who serenaded the group after dinner.

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Twenty teams of four golfers were each joined by one of the celebrities for the day. There was an opportunity for each team to have their photo taken with Bobby Orr and Don Cherry at the third hole, and to see, up close and personal, the trophies Bobby Orr was awarded over the years.

The Golf Classic raised \$75,000 for the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame and the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts.

This money will be used to launch an education program for both schools and sports teams, introducing young people to Parry Sound's sports heritage and to the performing arts.

It will also support upgrading the interactive games in the Hall of Fame to handle the additional use created by this education program and will support the completion of the new gift shop. In past years, the Golf Classic proceeds have purchased a projector, screen and sound equipment, making the hall an even more attractive venue for performances, conferences and public meetings.

Jon Green, organizer of the Bobby Orr Golf Classic, said "This year's tournament was a great success. Each golf team member had a wonderful time getting to know their host celebrity, the course at the Ridge was fantastic, and the clubhouse was perfect for everyone to meet and chat over dinner after the game."

The three lead sponsors – ICI Canada, Affinia Group and SK Precision and Hydraulics – contributed substantially to the success of the day as did the many other companies who donated prizes.

A local team, Team Tudhope, won the 2006 Bobby Orr Celebrity Golf Classic. Team members were Lorne Tudhope, Robert Tudhope, Brock Tudhope, and John Campbell who played with golf pro Scott Cowx.

"Bobby Orr's generous donation of his time and his contacts to pull together this event each year is a wonderful gift to our community," said Lynn McGuigan, executive director of the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame and the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts. "The new education program would not have been possible without this support. We look forward to piloting the program this fall."

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