



TUG 18th Annual Golf Tourney

By *Wende Boddy* 
and *Richard Dolewski* 

Wende says: “My day usually starts with a double-double-decaf, however starting so early—I thought a French vanilla latte was in order... So, sipping my coffee during the drive to Glen Eagle for the TUG golf tournament on September 14th, I could not believe that this was our 18th year!”

“I was reminiscing about the places we have held this event and the people who have joined us

every year for those 18 years. I personally have known them as single, married, with children, then grandchildren, and not retired yet—but that’s the next step if they are lucky.”

“I was trying to work out how much we have collected for the various children’s charities over those years. I would have to say that it

is quiet substantial—at least eighteen thousand dollars!”

“This fun-filled event is ever so far away from the technical side of TUG and makes a nice break from the day-to-day stuff that never seems to end. But I’m not complaining. I love what I do—even though not every day is covered in roses. (Those pesky caterpillars seem to pop up all the time.)”



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Richard Dolewski

After breakfast it was 8:30 am—time to get going! We had 60 players this year, all of whom turned up on a cool cloudy overcast morning. After a quick muffin and coffee the day began.

We had 8 sponsored charity holes, each with great prizes being raffled, with all proceeds going this year to Bloorview Kids Rehab, www.bloorviewmacmillan.on.ca.

Wayne Cooke from End to End Networks assisted **Dave Burnett**, our very own



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Bloorview Kids Rehab is Ontario’s largest children’s rehabilitation facility. It is located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was founded in 1899, by a group of community-minded women who met in Toronto to discuss the creation of a “Home for Incurable Children”. As of 2005, the Centre provides hospital care, outpatient clinics, an integrated kindergarten school programme, assistive technology services and community outreach activities to about 6,500 children and youth with disabilities and their families each year. It is associated with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Prior to 2006, the centre was called the Bloorview MacMillan Children’s Centre.



Wende Boddy

The fabulous prize table

celebrity *blind golfer*, who again helped out by allowing some of the players to beat him on the closest-to-the-pin competition, and for collecting the most money. (Thanks Dave!) Wayne presented the winner (**Neil Woodhams**) with the prize—an MP3 player. Another winner was **John Armstrong** who won a night at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel.

Garth Tucker from i3 Tech Group presented **Paul Montgomery** with a digital camera, and **Tammy Murphy** from DynamicDR presented **Jim Vanderburgt** with the other digital camera.

Richard Dolewski from Storagedata presented a fabulous home stereo system to **Doug Wallace**.

Stephen Quan from IBM Canada System i presented a car emergency kit to **Wende Boddy**, and a representative from Datamirror donated a sizeable gift certificate to another lucky winner.

Then on to the *elimination draw*, where \$10 buys you a chance to win the grand prize of a fabulous weekend getaway for two in Niagara Falls—if your name is drawn last. We had almost everyone “having a go” as each name was eliminated to the cheers and hissing of the crowd. Then we were down to the last few players, who were brought up to the front of the room. **Grant Cooper** was next to go but still had a smile as he won a digital camera from i3 Tech Group. Only two players left standing... They had to face each other, shake hands, draw their swords, and battle each other!

Kerrieh Ernst was next eliminated but was happy with the consolation prize—a personal DVD player from Storagedata. And so... the big winner of the Niagara weekend prize was **John Armstrong**.





Wende Boddy (center) with the "Fearless Foursome" (L-R) : Chris Roach, Todd North, Jim Vanderburgt, and Harry Huie

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Now it is award time, and a changing of the guard was in order from the "Saffrons" who won last year. This year the *Gord Jackson Memorial Award* (donated by Bruce Saville) was awarded to the "Fearless Foursome:" **Chris Roach, Todd North, Jim Vanderburgt, and Harry Huie.**

A special thanks from Bloorview Kids Rehab, *enabling kids with disabilities*. Total money collected for Bloorview is \$1735. Thanks again to the sponsors who donated time and prizes. We could not do it without you!

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Elimination draw winner
John Armstrong

BTW, during the awards dinner, Richard took a vote to see if the players preferred September or June for the tournament next year. It was unanimous. See you June 2007!

