

Ray Goodfellow Golf Tournament: A day of golf, laughs and giving back!

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It wasn't ideal weather conditions on Wednesday June 27th, for the 3rd annual Ray Goodfellow Golf Tournament. It was cloudy, wet and a gloomy day to say the least. These less than ideal conditions did not deter the Matcom team from marching ahead and participating in what turned out to be a great day of golf. This charity golf tournament was in support of Children's Wish Foundation and the Ray Goodfellow Memorial scholarship fund. For those that may not know, Ray Goodfellow was a well-respected industry leader. He was the owner of Whiskey Jack Cranes Inc. and president of Crane Rental Association of Ontario, who hosted this year's event which raised over \$18,000.

Even though the weather looked bleak to start the day off, the rain clouds stayed at bay and everyone enjoyed 18 holes. To maintain a level of dignity for everyone at this tournament, the game played was "best ball". For many of us rusty golfers, myself included, this was an absolute necessity!

Unlike most competitions, this tournament wasn't about having the best score, being the best player or finishing five under par. The tournament was about enjoying the day together and most importantly supporting deserving causes. Matcom did its part to help these causes by sponsoring one of the Oyster Bars at the tournament.

The five of us from Matcom, had the pleasure of meeting and playing with industry executives, titans of industry and even a few notable celebrities. Stanley cup winner and former Maple Leaf star Doug Gilmore attended, along with TSN announcer Rod Black. Both delivered memorable, hilarious and motivating speeches during the closing ceremonies.

One standout moment of the tournament was watching the "get-away" golf cart. About halfway through the tournament a cart went soaring down a large steep hill and right smack into a pond! You could say they had some very 'subpar' parking abilities. It seems that one of the drivers of the cart forgot to securely lock the parking break. Here at Matcom as many of you know, safety is a priority. We double check and triple check everything! It seems like these guys could have used a refresher course using our safety techniques! Out of respect, the golf party shall remain nameless and I know they would be grateful! Thankfully, no one was hurt; other than a few people's feelings and some water damaged equipment!

After the laughs had died down and the games were finished, we attended dinner and closing ceremonies. Here we learned more about the Children's Wish foundation, one of the largest Canadian wish granting charities for children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. This organization has been making children smile for over 30 years. Alynna a mother of one of the Children's Wish recipients named Jack, spoke about his battle with cancer and their involvement with the foundation. Children's Wish was able to grant some of Jack's wishes, including a trip to a space station and Disney Land! Seeing her appreciation, along with Jack's, as he sat in the crowd, it became very clear that such an organization needs more awareness and support. There is nothing more important than helping a child in need and nothing comparable to seeing the joy in a child's eyes.

The Matcom team was proud to sponsor the 2018 Ray Goodfellow Charity Golf Tournament and look forward to sponsoring and supporting again. For more pictures of the event see our twitter feed @thematcomgroup.

