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## Local foursome breaks golfing Guinness World Record

BY RYAN ST. PIERRE

After 13 hours and one minute of golf, Mike Pailey, Bill Moffat, Craig Baker and Chad Gray were Guinness World Record holders.

They started at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning and had 24 hours to play as many holes of golf as they could. The foursome managed to play 181 holes in just over 13 hours, bettering the previous record by one hole.

Pailey, who brought the idea up to his friends, was surprised by the amount of holes they were able to play before sundown.

"We got very fortunate today with the weather," said Pailey. "This way we were able to get nine rounds in during the day, which was two more than we expected."

It was a good thing the men were able to complete so many rounds during the



Chad Gray, Mike Pailey, Craig Baker and Bill Moffat are seen here after completing their record breaking 181st hole of golf.

day because, although they were equipped with glow-in-the-dark balls and golf carts with headlights, golfing at night is quite the challenge according to Pailey.

"The glow equipment is nice to have and we couldn't

play without it," said Pailey. "However it makes things a lot harder because the ball doesn't go nearly as far."

A large number of people from around the community, including friends and family of the foursome, were

involved to make the whole thing possible. Although they were physically exhausted well before they broke the record, Baker was thankful for the support from the people around them.

"I'm exhausted, but I feel good and I'm ready to get back out there," said Baker just after the record was broken. "The weather was good but we couldn't have done it without all the people around us."

The foursome played for the entire 24 hours completing a total of 13 rounds, or 234 holes. Gray admitted that by the end they were

running off of two things.

"A little bit of Red Bull (energy drink) and a lot of motivation from the people around us," said Gray. "They were key, that's for sure."

It was a memorable experience for everyone involved and Bellevue Golf Club was more than happy to host the event. Other golfers were allowed to play throughout the day and were very courteous when asked to step aside and let the men play through.

Bellevue Vice President Pauline Malott enjoyed the experience.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Malott. "They golf here all the time and it's really exciting to host an event like

this."

Despite the fun and pride that came with breaking the record, it meant a little bit more. The foursome decided to make the day a charity event, sponsoring the Transition to Betterness, a foundation that provides cancer patients and their families with a comfortable hospital setting. They raised around \$4200 before the day even began, and will continue to raise money throughout the week.

Moffat was just glad to be a part of it.

"It's been a great experience," said Moffat. "We really want to thank everyone that helped us."

## Tribute to the Barn



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Essex 73's Captain Nick Mariani and Kingsville Comets Captain Cam Vegh face off during a ceremonial puck drop prior to the 73's home opener Sept. 16. The first "Tribute to the Barn" event celebrated the 1967-68 Bantam B "Dean Construction" OMHA Champions, who were represented by Archie Doan, centre left, and coach Bill Waldron.

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