Cancer Society says heartfelt thank you

To the editor

Thanks so much to all those people who supported the annual Canadian Cancer Society daffodil sale. Daffodils are the symbol of hope for the Canadian Cancer Society and a reminder to everyone of the need to raise money in order to fund research, raise awareness about cancer and provide support services to those people who are living with cancer and their families.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this event – we would not have a successful sale without their dedication! We appreciate the Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion for allowing us to store our daffodils at their facility and are grateful to Sobey's for giving us the opportunity to sell our daffodils at their store. The New Tanner provided wonderful publicity and we certainly appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely, Cathy Gerrow Acton Branch Daffodil Coordinator Canadian Cancer Society

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CANCER FIGHTERS: The Paul Murr Memorial Golf tournament committee presented Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society with a cheque for \$60,00 November of 2008, proceeds from their 24th annual tournament held at the Blue Springs Golf Club in May. The \$60,000 brings the total donated to the cancer society, over 24 years, to \$718,000. Holding the oversized cheque in front are Cathy Gerrow and Liz Bailey of the Cancer Society and John McNabb and Wade Vickery of the Paul Murr committee. Standing, left to right, are: George McPhail, Bill Manes, Susan Rauwerda, Lucas Vandermeer, Allan Hall, and Fred Reinders of the committee and Rena Arbic, Linda Neary, Shirley Dyc and Pat Kentner of the Cancer society. - Submitted photo

Annual Murr tourney May

By Frances Niblock

Although the annual Paul Murr Memorial Golf tournament is named after an Acton man who died of cancer, and all profits go to the Canadian Cancer Society, there is nothing maudlin about the annual event, which this year is slated for May 11 at Blue Springs Golf Course.

'Paul was a real happy-golucky guy who enjoyed life and he would not want us to spend the day grieving," Allan Hall, one of the tournament organizing committee members, said on Monday as final preparations for the 25th edition of the tournament were being made.

The idea of an annual tournament to help raise money

for the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society began with Society secretary Marg Hoare who, in 1985, suggested to her husband John that he and some friends should come up with some way to raise even more money than the annual doorto-door canvass for funds.

With a few friends, including Acton businessman Paul Murr, the Acton Cancer Society Golf Tournament was launched with the first event held at a Guelph golf course. That first tournament raised \$3,000.

The event grew in size and popularity – last year it raised \$60,000 for a 24 year total of \$718,000 – and moved to the Acton course in 1991.

In 1988, one of the found-

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diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and his illness, which he fought with courage and dignity, only made his friends want to do more to help fight the disease. Before he passed away in November 1988, Murr was touched to learn that the tournament was being renamed in his honour so he could be there each year, in spirit.

Hall said the event continues to grow in popularity, but they never set out thinking about the future.

"It just continued to grow – people like it because the proceeds go to cancer, it's a reunion day for many players and it is well organized," Hall said.

He said the 12 members

ing members, Paul Murr, was of the organizing committee work well together and the tournament is known as a well-run event with few complaints on a beautiful course.

"All of the elements that make up the tournament we've done in a classy manner, and for some people, it's the only chance they'll get to play at the private course," Hall said.

Organizers expect 250 golfers this year – tee-off spots are still available at 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. For ticket information call John McNabb at 519-853-5615.

To mark the 25th anniversary, each golfer will receive a framed photograph of their foursome, a golf gift set and an anniversary hat.



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