

# Fourth annual Markham-Stouffville golf classic Tourney scores an ace for hospital fund



**EYE ON THE BALL:** Wally Barrett eyes his next shot on the green during Monday's golf tournament at Meadowbrook.

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The Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund received a booster shot this week, as the fourth annual Economist and Sun-Stouffville Tribune and Canadian Tire golf tournament added another \$15,000 to the cause.

Since its inception, the tournament has raised almost \$60,000 for the hospital.

This year's event was held under sunny skies at the Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club. The tourney was sold out once again this year, and the field of 144 golfers struck out on the links after a shotgun start, Monday afternoon.

Notables including MPP Don Cousens, Edmonton Oiler Keith Acton and Meadowbrook president Keith Bray competed. But it was a rising young golfer from Markham who stole the show from past winner Wayne Jackson and other top golfers.

## Pashko wins

Dave Pashko, 19, shot a 68 on the day to take the low gross trophy.

Far off the pace at 74 was Dave Dart.

Tied for third were Charlie Cole and Keith Bray, who logged



77 scores on the par 72, 7,000 yard course.

Helen Schell won the women's low gross, with 126 for the afternoon's activities.

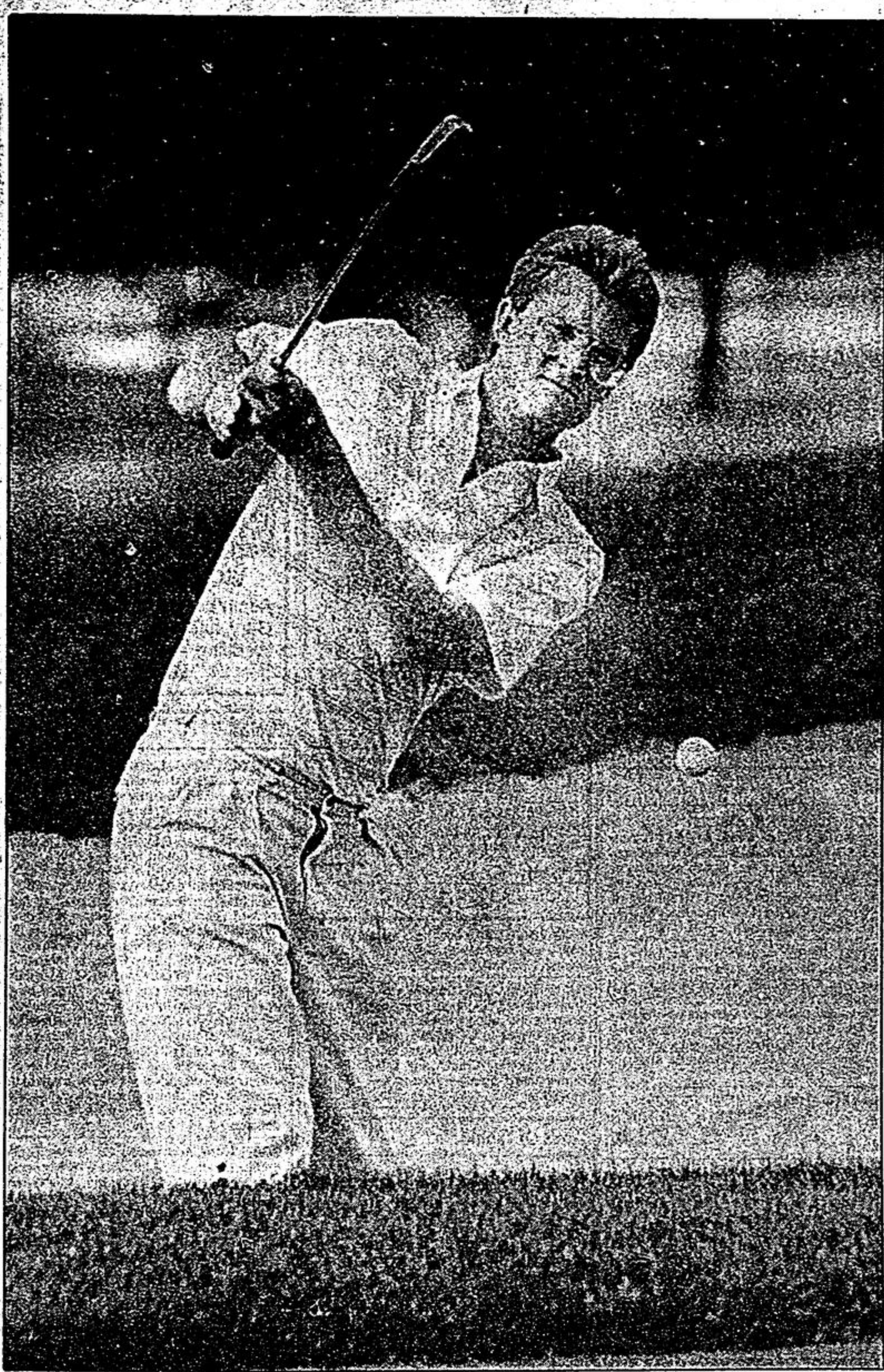
Glenn Whitebread won the low net trophy, with a 68. Tom Watson placed a close second at 70. Cam Burns and Bob Tiptrott managed 71s. Helen Hazzard shot an 87 to take the ladies' side.

Mike Howard, Jack Hope and Dave Dart each received awards for coming closest to the pin on three separate holes.

A trip for two provided by Canadian Airlines for a hole-in-one was not claimed.

Keith Sutherland, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital commended the efforts of the organizers of the tournament for providing more than \$58,000 to the hospital coffers.

Joe Lewis of the Markham-Stouffville Oldtimers Reunion also presented a cheque to the fund.



**SURE SHOT:** Mike Anderson makes a play for the pin from a difficult spot during Monday's Markham-Stouffville golf tournament at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club. The event was sold out again this year, as 144 golfers of all levels of ability took to the challenging links on Warden Ave.



**PASHKO WINS:** Dave Pashko, third from left, accepts the Economist and Sun-Tribune and Canadian Tire trophy for his winning score at the fourth annual Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund tournament. Presenting the award to the winner are, from left; Frank Hickey of Canadian Tire, Grant Larmer of Canadian Tire and at right, Economist and Sun-Tribune publisher Bruce Annan.

## Golf can be humbling

Few things are more humbling in this life than playing golf. Especially in a tournament. Especially with your boss.

I have never been one to brag about my game of sticks, and Monday afternoon, at the fourth annual Markham-Stouffville Hospital tournament, I reaffirmed the reasons behind my reluctance.

"I had a horrible game, in short."

However, the full house at the newly-renovated Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club couldn't have asked for a better golf day.

"It was a beautiful day," was the most-heard comment of the day in the spacious clubhouse afterward.

"How did you golf, Andrew?" I was asked.

"It was a beautiful day," I would answer.

Meadowbrook is probably the toughest course I've ever played. Of course, I've only played three different courses in my life.

Still, I saw enough water, sand, grass, trees and farmers' fields in one day of golf to last me a lifetime.

I experienced earth, air, fire and water on one trip, around the links.

My playing partners (Ron Good of ReMax, Bruce Gribbon of Guaranty Trust and Economist and Sun publisher Bruce Annan) were all sympathetic to my plight, and even tried to encourage my game with some light-hearted moments of their own.

But the day wasn't all for naught. I was allowed to drive a golf cart for the first time ever. My playing partners didn't know it at the time, of course. I got a sunburn, but I needed the color anyway.

The course was great and the greens were slick.

A fabulous buffet was served after the round, and for the first time ever, I was at a table that was called to hit the tables first!

I even had first crack at the dessert table.

It would have been a completely successful day of golf, except for the golf.

## MINUTE WITH MAIR

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Under the pressure of watchful eyes, and the thrill of entering into my second tournament were too much for me. I relented to the strain and dragged in with a 113 for 18 holes.

Then I heard the winner, Dave Pashko, had hit a 68.

"Ha!" I said, "I beat him by 10 strokes. I wonder what he shot on the back nine?"

Much to my embarrassment, when they called out the name of the tournament winner, Pashko strolled up and collected his prize for a score for 18 that would have beaten mine after 10 holes.

I settled for a heart-shaped wicker basket as a prize.

When I presented it to her, my wife assumed I had scored near the bottom of the heap immediately.

"I thought you said you were going to win the trip for two on Canadian Airlines, or at least one of the framed prints," she scolded.

Excuses about not enough birdies came next.

"The only birdie you've ever hit sat in a tree," she remarked.

Yet I knew that while my golf game hasn't improved, the situation for the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund has. I was amazed to discover that the hospital is completely paid for before completion. Most hospitals run a deficit for many years after they open.

This tournament raised \$15,000 for the cause again this year. I saw generosity in action. I sold some tickets for a raffle, with donations going to the Fund. In just moments, I was holding more than \$120 from eager donors.

Apparently at this tournament, generosity, not golf scores, is par for the course.

# Course record-holder David Pashko stuns tourney with 68

When you've based your future on a sport, you best have the talent to back up your desire.

For Dave Pashko, that has all been taken care of.

The 19-year-old Markham resident is planning to make a career

of the game of golf, and he has the talent to go with it.

The pride of the Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club, Pashko has taken his home club by storm. Since he first picked up a

club seven years ago, he has progressed into the club's finest player and one of the best in the country as well.

This year he shattered the course record from the intermediate or white tees with a sizzling 64.

He already holds the record for the course from the championship tees, at 68.

Meadowbrook is one of the longest courses around, nearly 7,000 yards, but Pashko's booming drives seem to have tamed it.

One of the largest sand traps in Canada on the 14th hole doesn't even phase the youthful Pashko.

This season has been one of the most successful for the Markham resident.

He won the Meadowbrook club championship in fine style earlier this month, and blew out the competition at the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund tourney this week.

"I had a good front nine," he says modestly of his 32 on Monday afternoon.

He slipped somewhat on the back nine of the tourney, logging a 68 for the day.

"I've played better," he smiles.

This year, Pashko was second in the Canadian Junior championships, and hopes to attend Wright State University in Ohio in the fall of 1989.

He hopes to qualify as a pro upon graduation.

Meadowbrook president Keith Bray has nothing but praise for his star player. "This is one of the best young golfers in the country," Bray beamed Monday, after Pashko topped him by nine strokes.

The weather also contributed to the Pashko win. "It was just a beautiful day out there, and I was playing with some good competitors."

Pashko says playing on his

home course is not often an advantage.

"It can be played as a tough course. If we were playing off the blue tees, it's really a tough course. Your drives have to be right on."

Despite his age, the young golfer has seen his fair share of tournaments. He has competed in many Canadian and American events, and he usually wins most of them. Competing against the top amateurs in the US, Pashko placed fourth earlier this summer.

The tournament Monday, sponsored by the Economist and Sun-Tribune and Canadian Tire, was "just great" according to the winner.

"This is my first year, but it was a great tournament."

Pashko received a Robert Bateman print and a trophy designed by Inuit artist Tayara Papigatok from Cape Dorset.



**I LOVE THIS GAME:** Exclaims Markham Economist and Sun and Stouffville Tribune publisher Bruce Annan after sinking a lengthy putt. A sold out tournament of 144 golfers found enjoyment on the course, regardless of their scores.



**COMIC RELIEF:** Once again this year, Glenn Crosby, one of the tournament organizers, provided the commentary at the awards banquet following the tournament, telling tall tales of the day on the links.