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Brothers Scott (from left), Devon and Ian McDougall and Scott's son Kayden, 3, pose before the start of their memorial tournament in memory of their late parents at Rolling Hills Golf Club last Saturday. The event has raised \$23,000 for needy young athletes in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Sons remember parents, help kids with golf tourney

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Ian McDougall vividly recalled his parents working on the local minor sports scene.

Since his folks' untimely passing though, the 31-year-old Stouffville resident along with his brothers, Scott, 30, and Devon, 26, wanted to find a way to honour them.

His mother, Bonnie, passed away 12 years ago in an automobile mishap on her way home from a playoff hockey game, and father Glenn, succumbed to cancer two years ago.

In their memory, the brothers McDougall launched a golf tournament bearing their names last year.

The Bonnie and Glenn McDou-

gall Memorial Classic would bring a smile to their faces.

It also raised \$10,000 last year and around \$13,000 from this year's event, which drew 144 golfers and 18 volunteers to Rolling Hills Golf Club in Gormley last Saturday.

The proceeds are to provide youngsters whose families are facing financial hardships an opportunity to continue playing in Whitchurch-Stouffville's softball and hockey associations.

"Our parents and family were active in the sports community in Stouffville growing up," Ian said. "Our family was heavily involved in (softball) and hockey and our parents were convenors of Ballantrae softball.

"We decided to put this tournament together to remember and reflect how important family and friends are."

The brothers, who do not have a charity foundation set up yet, picked the hometown sports organizations as beneficiaries for the first two tournaments.

Last year's event assisted 13 families in minor hockey through its Kids First fund.

"We had a lot of businesses come through with sponsorship and prize donations and the weather was great. Everyone had a great time," he said of this year's event.

Ian said they definitely intend to do it again next year.

'EXPENSIVE' ACE

When Andrew Haines hit his driver on the eighth hole, uphill 301-yard par-four, at Rolling Hills Golf Club during Saturday's Bonnie and Glenn McDougall Memorial Classic tournament, he knew he had made a good shot.

However, the 29-year-old Stouffville native feared he might have hit one of the putting group members playing ahead of theirs after hearing them yell.

Fearing the worst, when Haines and his group, of his brother Dan Haines — both event sponsors — Scott McDougall and Brandon Tardella, approached the green, instead they were warmly greeted.

Especially after hearing Andrew's ball

went directly into the cup for his first ever hole-in-one. He's golfed for four years.

"The guys ahead of us were jumping up and down and they went berserk," he said. "I didn't know whether they were mad or if it was a good shot. I remember yelling 'fore' because I knew that I had gotten a hold of it...the ball went to the left fringe and it caught the hill and rolled slowly down and into the hole. It looked like a soft putt. But it sure felt great.

"And to do it in the Bonnie and Glenn McDougall Memorial Classic where money is raised to help youngsters play softball and hockey, it's even better."

The ace came with a price — a round of drinks for all of the 144 participants.

"It sure was an expensive hole-in-one," he said with a smile.

Sheffield, Welsh win silver medals at judo nationals in B.C.

Two students from the Sheffield Judo Club earned high grades at the 2013 nationals in Burnaby, B.C. last weekend.

Lea Sheffield and Colleen Welch each

earned silver medals in their respective competitive divisions.

Entered in the senior under-48 kilograms, Sheffield, 20, won two matches in the preliminaries before losing in the final to Whitney Lohnes from Nova Scotia.

Welch, who was competing in the under-18, 70-plus kg. division, battled in a round-

robin format in which she won one match and lost in the final.

Having won gold at last year's nationals, Welch, 17, was hoping for a repeat effort this year.

"I was happy to win the silver," she said, "but it's always disappointing to lose gold."

In reaching the final for a second straight

year, Welch attributed it to training hard and entering the championship with a strong mental approach.

"You need to have the drive to win," she said. "My coaches and club were also instrumental in my success through their support and guidance."

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