

Marathon squash finale a smashing success

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There may be no more perfect example of the adage, 'Anything is possible if you put your mind to it' than the results of this past weekend's 10th and final installment of the Club's 24-Hour Charity Marathon of Squash.

Only a few short years ago, a small but determined group of individuals formed the first organizing committee for an event they hoped might generate a few thousand dollars to assist our local hospital to squash cancer. It's probably a pretty safe bet that Bob Myers, Bonnie McNeal, Tim Connor and Michael Farr, the original four, never envisioned a 10-year run of their little project, let alone a final-year fundraising effort of more than \$40,200 and a decade total exceeding \$277,000.

Event chair Dave Lee wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the success of this event during its tenure, in particular the following: Sue Armstrong (Agropur Fine Cheese) and Lori Lupton (Pelee Island Wines) for sponsoring the complimentary wine and cheese; Brad Jones and Dan Peters for their wonderful exhibition matches; silent auction donors, bidders, players and their sponsors; SCC members and those from the community-at-large for their ongoing support; current organizing committee members Bob Myers, Sue Armstrong, Connie Phillips, Derwyn Rokeby-Thomas, Stacey Wilson, Andrew Bradshaw and Rebecca Liotta and others who have served in that capacity over the years; Andrea Page and the Stratford General Hospital Foundation staff; and, those members of the inaugural organizing committee who had the foresight and vision to take on that initial challenge. Without a doubt, the success of this event is a true testament to the tenacity and dedication of its believers and supporters over its amazing run. Thank you, all.

SERVICE CLUB SPIEL

For the 12th consecutive year, representatives from eight local service clubs joined together this past Saturday as part of the Tim- BR Mart Service Club Bonspiel. The field included a mix of experienced and novice players, with each team playing four four-end games, enjoying a scrumptious lunch and experiencing great fellowship. Claiming the Pounder Brothers Trophy for first place overall was the Optimist Club entry of Tom Walden, Dale Bast, Terry Barton and Richard Bast. Team Kiwanis (Jane Killer, Barrie Beech, Peter Switzer, Anne-Marie Tymec) and Team K-40 (Jim Snider, Brent Webley, Ken Ketchum, George Schroeder) finished two-three. The Festival City Rotary, Stratford Rotary, Kinsmen, Knights of Columbus and Lions service clubs also took part. Rotarians Jim Snider and Clark Mitchell, who have convened this spiel since its inception, have officially turned over the reigns of next season's event to the Optimist Club.