

## Sportsfest breaks \$1-million mark

This year's Sportsfest raised \$165,000 for Alzheimer's-related projects at Baycrest, bringing its nine-year tally to more than \$1 million. "The focus that everyone had on surpassing the \$1-million mark for Baycrest translated into our most energetic and memorable event yet," said Jordan Banks, a director of the Baycrest and Baycrest Foundation boards, who founded and organizes the annual event with his wife, Faith.

It was also the biggest turnout yet for Sportsfest, with more than 180 competitors and 70 volunteers participating in the two-day event in September. Men's and women's teams played friendly but fast-paced games of volleyball, basketball, baseball and more.



*Effort Trust, the winning women's Sportsfest team. (top row, from left) Brooke Shulman, Mattea Winter, Shelly Bolotin; (middle row) Ilinca Vasile, Suzy Kauffman, Ellen Ferdman; (front row) Jessica Labi.*



*The Meslin family took top men's honours. (from left) Andrew Muroff, Bill Tischler, Diggy Katz, Jonathan Ehrlich, Michael Bernstein, Michael Binder, Michael Hollend, Richard Smith, Rob Sorgini and three-time winner, Rob Cooper.*

## Strokes Fore Stroke golf tournament raises record \$500,000



*Dr. David Conn (middle) accepts a cheque for \$500,000 from the Strokes Fore Stroke committee.*

What do you get when you combine a spectacular golf course, 72 passionate golfers and a great cause? You get a record-breaking half-million dollars and one of the best golfing experiences in the Greater Toronto Area.

Sheila Loftus awarded the first Syd Loftus

Cup, named after her late husband, to top fundraiser Lawrence Glazer. A golf enthusiast, Loftus was a Baycrest president, executive committee and board member. Under his watchful eye, Baycrest established The Rotman Research Institute, the Samuel Lunenfeld Special Day Centre, and The Esther Exton Childcare Centre.

Funds raised from this year's event will go toward stroke initiatives, including the Louis and Leah Posluns Stroke and Cognition outpatient clinic at Baycrest.

Special thanks to event sponsors C. A. Delaney Capital Management Ltd., Allan & Susan Fenwick, and Lazaar Yitchok Inc., in loving memory of Leslie Bielak z"l and in honour of Marsha Bielak.



*Sheila Loftus (centre) presents the first Syd Loftus Cup, named in honour of her late husband.*

## ACC hosts top Baycrest Pro-Am hockey players

More than 60 top Baycrest Pro-Am hockey fanatics played a game of shinny with such hockey greats as Wilf Paiement and Peter Zezel at Toronto's most famous sports arena, the Air Canada Centre (ACC), last September. The players earned their special evening for being among the top 100 fundraisers in the 2008 Baycrest Pro-Am Hockey Tournament. Participants were treated like royalty, changing in the ACC visitors' dressing room, and feasting on dinner and snacks served up in the ACC media room. Family and friends were invited to view the game from their choice of more than 20,000 seats.



*Brian Stepak suits up at the ACC.*



*Alumnus Wilf Paiement (left) checks out the sandwiches offered by Jonathan Graff and Mark Goodman from the Dynamic Funds team.*

"What a glorious opportunity. I had a great time, and so did my grandsons who were able to see their grandfather play at the ACC," said player Brian Stepak. Altogether, the top 100 fundraisers raised \$1.17 million. This year, money was raised for care and research in Alzheimer's and related memory disorders. "Every time we get together with Baycrest, it's a fantastic experience," says NHL Alumni Association Executive Director Mark Napier. "Knowing that we're helping a good cause makes it even better."

You can register a team or sponsor your favourite player in the 2009 Baycrest Pro-Am by going to [www.baycrestproam.com](http://www.baycrestproam.com). For more information, contact Jared Drewnowsky at [jdrewnowsky@baycrest.org](mailto:jdrewnowsky@baycrest.org) or call 416-785-2500, ext. 2025.