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News Release

Paul Grannan Annual (PGA) Slated for August 26

The Saint John Rotary Club is pleased to announce that their Paul Grannan Annual (PGA) charity golf event is almost sold out. The organizing committee, headed by Sean O'Neill and Chris Grannan, are working to support the Paul Grannan Fund with The Greater Saint John Community Foundation and the Saint John Rotary Boys and Girls Club. The August 26th shotgun start event includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, an auction, reception and dinner at the Algonquin Golf Club and Hotel, St. Andrews-by-The-Sea.

Cheryl M.G. Robertson, Chair of the Community Foundation and Debbie Cooper of the Boys and Girls Club expressed their appreciation to the Rotary Club for their organizational efforts. "Rotary Club does much to improve the quality of life in our community in many ways. Every member pitches in to maximize their efforts once they adopt a cause" they stated.

"Past "PGA" tournaments were a great success and raised over \$73,000 to permanently endow the Paul Grannan Fund in honour of our friend and business associate, the late restaurateur, Paul Grannan. We want to continue to add to that fund which annually assists a wide range of Saint John area charities supported by The Greater Saint John Community Foundation" said Co-Chair Sean O'Neill, a Rotarian. "We are impressed by the tremendous support from family, friends, the Algonquin and the business community, including our major sponsors Labatt, Sysco, 97.3 the Wave & CHSJ Country 94 and McDonald's" he added. Several innovative features and new sponsors will add to the participants' enjoyment this year, along with stalwart supporters like The Grannan Hospitality Group.

Four hole-in-one high-end prizes are being lined up for the Par 3 holes. Tickets to professional sports events, concerts, fine dining experiences and Westjet airline tickets will also be offered. On-course restaurant and beverage sampling will be available on many holes. The Algonquin is offering special PGA tournament accommodation and golf package rates for the entire weekend. Non-golfers are welcome to book for the reception and dinner only.

Since 1976, The Greater Saint John Community Foundation administers funds, small and large, donated by public-spirited citizens for the benefit of Greater Saint John and its people. Earnings from the permanently endowed funds, including the Paul Grannan Fund, are donated as annual grants to local charities, within a 50km radius of Saint John to a wide range of worthy causes- youth, seniors, health& medicine, the environment, education, social services and the arts.

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