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Paul Grannan Annual (PGA) Slated for August 25

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, Chris Grannan and Pete Stoddart are working to support triple causes: the Paul Grannan Fund with The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, Hospice and Rotary community projects. The August 25th shotgun start event includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, an auction, reception and dinner at Riverside Golf and Country Club.

Cheryl M.G. Robertson, Chair of the Community Foundation and Pat Woods Hospice Board Chairman 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 \$70,000 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. Our Saint John Rotary has also made a major commitment to Hospice this year, as they work toward opening their residential end-of-life facility" said Sean O'Neill, a Rotarian and co-chair of the organizing committee. "We are impressed by the tremendous support from family, friends, Riverside and the business community, including our major sponsors Acadia Broadcasting (97.3 the Wave & CHSJ Country 94.1), Labatt, McDonald's, and Sysco." 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 prizes are lined up for the Par 3 holes: a Harley Davidson Street Glide motorcycle, valued at \$30,000, offered by Eldridge's Harley Davidson, as well as a car from Centennial Pontiac-Buick GMC, a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution, valued at \$50,000 from Loch Lomond Mitsubishi and a chance at a \$20,000 cash prize from Angus Miller Provincial Insurance Brokers. Two tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game against the Penguins in January 2010, four Tickets for a Boston Red Sox game next summer and a Carnival vacation cruise are just some of the items which will be up for bids during the auction portion of the evening, The winner of a putting green contest will take a trip for two to Boston to see a U2 concert, courtesy of Collins Tours.

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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