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Share the Care Golf Tournament

BCAK's 16th Annual "Share the Care Golf Tournament" took place at the Colonnade Golf & Country Club in Joyceville on Thursday, Aug. 5th. Team spots sold out well in advance and the event proved to be a huge success. Participants had a wonderful time as evidenced by the large number of emails and phone calls complimenting BCAK on the professionally organized tournament.

The golf tournament is our premiere annual fund-raising. We are very pleased to announce that this year's tournament, the most profitable in 16 years, **raised more than \$37,000.00** for BCAK programs. We heartily thank the many former and new donors and volunteers whose generosity contributed to this success. Their names are listed at the end of the newsletter.

The tournament also provides BCAK with much appreciated public awareness. This year, Doug Jeffries from CKWS came out and interviewed some of the participants for the 6 p.m. news. In addition, the Kingstonist published an article about the tournament and BCAK in its 30 August 2021 edition. You can read the full text of the interview at the end of this newsletter.

This type of media attention helps spread awareness in the local communities about BCAK and its programs.

28th Annual Walk for Awareness

BCAK will be hosting its 28th Annual Walk for Awareness on Saturday, 11 September 11 2021, at Lake Ontario Park from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The registration fee is \$20.00 but will be waived for walkers with pledges of \$100 or more.

Participants are invited to meet at the Lake Ontario Park Pavilion between 1 and 4pm to enjoy a walk or run along

the water at your leisure. Safety precautions, including appropriate social distancing, will be in place. Alternatively, in respect of Covid concerns, you can participate virtually by walking, running, or riding in your backyard or neighbourhood - any where, any time any distance.

To register for the walk, download the registration form at www.bcakingston.ca/walk-for-awareness-2021 or call the office 613 531-7912.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 27 October 27, 2021. Zoom details will be posted on the website starting this week.

The AGM provides members with an update on all BCAK programs and services for the past year and the opportunity to vote on the organization's direction in the upcoming year. Reports include a financial accounting for the previous year with a summary of our current financial position, and the proposed budget for the coming year.

The AGM is also the venue for electing the new Board of Directors. BCAK needs individuals with forward-thinking ideas to sit on the Board. Because Covid forced us to reduce programs, we did not need a full Board. However, as society begins to re-open, we will also be re-opening and will need a full Board in place to best serve our members.

Serving on the Board does not require a large time commitment or previous experience, only a desire to contribute to the organization and help it advance. If you have some time and energy to contribute to an excellent cause, please consider putting your name, or the name of a friend or family member, forward to serve on the BCAK Board. To volunteer or express an interest in joining the Board, or obtain more information, please call the office (613-531-7912) or email us at email.bcak@gmail.com.

Membership and Volunteers

BCAK is happy to announce that we now have 151 members - thanks to all members for joining Breast Cancer Action Kingston!

BCAK operates on volunteers, and we need your help to run its programs. During Covid we were limited with what we could do, but now we are in the process of resuming and expanding our activities and programs. New projects in the works include a community outreach

program and a transportation program. Volunteers are required to help with all these activities.

Fundraising is essential to keeping BCKAs programs and activities going - we desperately need volunteers to help in this area. And on the more practical side, we also need volunteers who understand and are at ease working with today's computer programs and social media.

To volunteer you can call the office (613-531-7912) or email us at email.bcak@gmail.com. All help is gratefully accepted



Dense Breasts Canada

A letter from Jennie Dale, Executive Director of Dense Breasts Canada.

“Dense Breasts Canada was founded in 2016, advocating for breast density notification and optimal breast screening for women in Canada to enable early detection of breast cancer. Over the past five years we have successfully advocated for policy change in six provinces; all women are now directly told their breast density in their mammogram results letter. In five other provinces/territories women with the highest density are now informed. This means hundreds of thousands of women in Canada now have the opportunity to be proactive about their breast cancer risk.

However our work is not done. Considerable variations in screening practices and shared information across Canada make it confusing for women to know when, and how to access screening programs, ultimately impacting early detection and health outcomes. There are at least seven variations in provincial screening programs resulting in unequal access and disparate standards of care across the country. Finding breast cancer should not depend on a woman's postal code.

In order to demystify breast cancer screening options, ensure women have accurate information to have discussions with their health care providers and allow them to advocate for their health, we are launching a new website: www.mybreastscreening.ca, on October 1st. Created with input from breast cancer health experts and women across Canada, www.mybreastscreening.ca will

provide accurate, current and local screening information for women over the age of 25.”

BCKA supports Dense Breasts Canada and their advocacy for women with breast cancer. They will be launching a new website on 1 October 2021 - www.mybreastscreening.ca.

We encourage all members to check out the site and let us know your reaction.

Canadian Breast Cancer Network - Genetic Testing

The Canadian Breast Cancer Network (CBCN) is an invaluable resource for information about breast cancer in Canada. Below is one of their articles about genetic testing.

Hereditary genetic testing, genomic testing, precision oncology, personalized medicine. You may have heard of these terms before and wondered what they meant and how they differed from each other. You may have also been curious about how they apply to breast cancer patients. If this is the case, then our latest two **CBCN Advocacy Guides** are for you.

In these two guides (Accessing Genetic Testing in Canada and Accessing Genomic Testing in Canada), we provide information on what genetic testing and genomic testing are, when to get them done, and what they mean to breast cancer patients so that you can discuss with your healthcare team whether accessing them is right for you. At the end of each guide, we provide various steps that breast cancer patients in Canada can take to access each of these tests.

CBCN Advocacy Guides are short booklets that take a deep dive into a specific topic as a means to provide breast cancer patients with the knowledge and tools to become a part of their breast cancer care team. Advocacy Guides, Action - [Canadian Breast Cancer Network](http://www.canadianbreastcancer.ca).

About BCKA

BCKA serves the Kingston and Southeastern Ontario Cancer Region. All funds raised by BCKA stay local to this region to support the many programs we offer.

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A special thanks go out to all those who so generously donated to bcak in the months of July and August

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Golf Tournament Volunteers

A huge thank you goes out to our volunteer committee and all the volunteers who came out to lend their hands and experience to help make the tournament a fun and profitable day..

THE GOLF COMMITTEE:

David Cupido, Wendy Barrette, Jeff McAllister, Lynne Funnell, Janet Grace, Bill Funnell, Linda Yohn, Suzanne Fast, Patrick Nolan, Amber Peck and Kristen Maclaren.

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Please consider joining the golf committee. It meets once a month. We need people to: do tournament marketing; keep track of registrations and finance; keep track of the committee; help gather and put together prizes and auction items; and to help on tournament day.

For more information, email: email.bcak@gmail.com with your name, interests and phone number.



Kingstonist - Monday, August 30/2021

At the 16th annual Share the Care golf tournament held by Breast Cancer Action Kingston (BCAK), 180 golfers enjoyed a full day at Colonnade Golf and Country Club. Tournament organizers said this is one of the main fundraisers for the organization, and this year they broke their record for most funds raised.

"This year we raised in excess of \$37,000 which is pretty impressive considering that we're in the middle of COVID," said Wendy Barrette, BCAK board member and member of the golf committee for the past five years.

Breast Cancer Action Kingston was founded to provide resources and support to breast cancer survivors and their family members. They provide access to wellness services such as support groups and fitness classes, alongside resources such as financial aid, wig and prosthetic banks and more.

"A lot of the players in our tournaments are breast cancer patients, or survivors, and family and supporters of current or past patients," said Barrette. "Every year, about half of our field is made up of those individuals, the rest of the field comes from just people who support us. Some come to our tournament every year and have never known anybody with breast cancer, but they like to come out because we have a great time. We dress in pink and have lots of fun things for them to do.

Barrette also mentioned a new addition at this year's tournament – an 'In Memory Of' table. "We encouraged our players who were playing golf for breast cancer patients, survivors, or somebody they've lost to breast cancer, to bring pictures. And they did," she said, mentioning how wonderful it was to see people bringing pictures of moms and grandmas. "That was something that we did that was a little special this year, and we'll probably do again."

While this year's tournament did not include the regular banquet or auction, the organizers said that most of the funds raised this year were in the bank before the tournament even began. "We had so many corporate donors that just gave this year, and it really makes you feel good as a charity to know that you have that kind of support in the community," Barrette expressed. It's a well-organized, well-run, very reasonable tournament."

This year BCAK also has a record number of members enrolled in their paid membership program. Belonging to the BCAK organization provides non-medical support for breast cancer patients, survivors and their supporters. "We support our members through education, and through group sessions. For instance, if you're diagnosed with breast cancer, you go to your doctor and he says, you have breast cancer and you sit there and you don't know what to say next, you don't know what the questions are," Barrette explained. "Our support groups are in place, we have trained facilitators, and they will walk you through what to expect. They do not give medical advice, but they do give good support – 'this is what's going to happen next, these are your options.'"

A financial assistance program is also available through BCAK. Breast cancer patients who need support for items like wigs, lymphedema sleeves, and even wage replacement can apply. "Obviously there's criteria, but over the past two years we have had a record number of people coming to us for a little bit of financial help," Barrette said.

The money raised at fundraisers such as the Share the Care golf tournament goes directly toward the BCAK's support for breast cancer patients, survivors and their families. The next fundraising event is the 28th annual Walk for Awareness, which will be held at Lake Ontario Park on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.