Chicago Golf Tournament 2017

It was a perfect day for the Partnership’s 2017 Chicago Golf Tournament, held at the beautiful Beverly Country Club on June 5th. Over 100 golfers enjoyed a warm summer day on the greens with friends, family, and colleagues in support of the Partnership’s work for Ireland.

Winning low net foursome Donal O’Brien, Stan McCarthy, Jack Bodman, and David Norris fought the challenging Irish breeze to earn first place for the second year running. The foursome donated their prize of round-trip airline tickets to Ireland back to the Partnership, allowing us to award additional direct grants to primary schools across Ireland, North and South. Many thanks to Donal, Stan, Jack and David for their generosity.

Alderman Patrick O’Connor, Honorary Chair of the tournament, joked that his foursome was confident they would be going to Ireland this year, as they had already booked tickets for a family trip. We thank him for his loyal support of the tournament and the work of The Irish American Partnership.

Tournament Chairman and Partnership Board member Donal O’Brien thanked the tournament’s generous sponsors, giving special recognition to Title Sponsor Flood Brothers Disposal/Recycling Services, and distributed pin flags, sponsor gifts, and the tournament’s many prizes. Congratulations to the prize winners and all the golfers for a fantastic 2017 Chicago Golf Tournament!
The Gibson Electric & Technology Solutions foursome: Derek Lemmon, Pat Kinsella, Steve Mulligan, and Matt Kelly

Kelso-Burnett’s foursome: Jeff Weir, Jeremy Stanek, Mark Weir, and Andrew Hoppe

Representing St. Ignatius College Prep, Patrick Singler, Ross Holdren, Sean Jucas, and Sean Geoghegan

The Hill Group foursome: Pat Sullivan, Tim Lefevour, Courtney O’Connor, and Moira O’Connor

Continental Electrical Construction Company’s foursome: Steven Witz, Joe Barrett, Dave Chorley, and Don Pecina

Representing Wintrust Bank: Chris Van Tassel Scott Rofstad, Blake Billups, and Tim Underwood
Thank you for supporting our efforts for Ireland, North & South

Mike McInerney, Dan Neswold, Eric Schaller, Dave Russell from Titan Electric

Admiral Heating’s foursome: Bruce Litt, Bernie Donaldson, Rich Dale, and Will McGowen

Representing Ascher Brothers: Scott Berndt, Dan Hartman, Wes Klockowski, and Tom King

Jim Kilbane, Mike Kilbane, Tim Fallon, and Dr. John McGann from Mesirow Financial

The Law Offices of Edward T. Joyce foursome: Ed Joyce, John Joyce, Mike Moirano, and Fr. Tom Hurley

Representing Flood Brothers Disposal: Bob Flood, Bill Flood, Michael Flood, Mike Corrigan, and Roger Byrne
Clune Construction Company’s foursome: Dave Hall, Steve Lobes, Gary English, and Rick Marino

Alderman Patrick O’Connor with his son Patrick, brother Dan, and Judge Stu Palmer

Maron Electric’s foursome: Alan Kazemi, Eric Rudin, John Montoya, and Ken Gallagher

Representing Plante Moran: Brian Wiedenhoeft, Mike Doan, Bryan Kalina, and Paul Douglass

Jim Kasella, John Kurtz, Ken Egle, and Ryan Hynes from Anning-Johnson

The foursome from First National Bank of LaGrange: Jim Durkan, Mike Keenan, John R. Madden, and John J. Madden
Representing Legacy Steel: Ken Roesller, Les Bradshaw, Chris Sekella, and Bill Ristau

Adrian Mannion, Billy Heneghan, Barry Tinley, and Tom McNamara from Robe Inc.

The foursome from Shoreline Sightseeing: Chip Collopy, Larry Van Der Bosch, John Wrenn, and Ryan Gallagher

The Brennan foursome: Dan Brennan, Mike Flaherty, Bill Loftus, and Phil McGovern

Also representing Legacy Steel: Andy Sandberg, Joe Orendorff, Scott Sternheimer, and Mike Boychuck

Bryan Cave LLP’s foursome: Donal O’Brien, Stan McCarthy, Jack Bodman, and David Norris
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Tournament sponsor Ed Joyce tees off.

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In 2016, the proceeds of the Partnership’s Chicago Golf Tournament benefited 4 primary schools in counties Leitrim and Mayo. These schools each received a grant to be used for the development of science and literacy programs.

One of the grant recipients, St. Caillin’s National School in County Leitrim, used the funds for library books and to purchase a new computer and color printer for their Learning Support Room. The 108 pupil school, 6 teacher school has experienced decreased enrollment over recent years, resulting in smaller grants from the Department of Education. This poses a serious challenge, as all maintenance and operational costs for the school have remained the same. Thus, the Partnership grant could not have come at a better time.

“"We used the money to purchase a new phonics program for the entire school, which we would not have been able to afford without your assistance.”
-Maire Boyle, Principal, Knock National School, Co. Mayo

“"This funding provided by you has made a huge difference here, and has provided the pupils with attractive books and more stimulating learning experiences. As funding for schools in Ireland has diminished in recent times, we are particularly grateful for your kind donation at this time.”
-Brid Cahill, Principal, St. Manchan’s National School, Co. Leitrim
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