SCRF golf tourney raises $100K for cancer

SCRF organizing committee, from left: David Clementino, Phillip Clementino, Manny Clementino, Ryan Santos; Julio Santos; Denise Smith and Dhaman Kissoon. The SCRF first event raised $100,000 for cancer.

By Staff Reporter

A couple of friends - Manny Clementino and Dhaman Kissoon - were having dinner at the Leao Douro restaurant in Mississauga one evening late July. They were joined by the owner of the restaurant Julio Santos. Manny and Julio were both born in the Azores and became successful businessmen in Canada. Julio's wife was born in Guyana. Both Julio's son, Ryan Santos, and Manny suffered from Leukemia and had to receive radiation treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. They wanted to say thank you to Princess Margaret Hospital by raising funds for Cancer Research.

Both Manny and Julio have been supporters of the Kissoon Golf tournament over the years.After some discussions the seed was planted that evening for the first SCRF (Support Cancer Research Foundation) golf tournament.

The committee was set up and the tournament was held at the Royal Ontario golf course on September 21st. The three main sponsors of the tournament were Manny Clementino (Hallmark Housekeeping Services); Julio Santos (Leao Douro Restaurant) and Dhaman Kissoon (Kissoon and Associates). Even though the first tournament was held on very short notice it was almost sold out with 124 golfers.

The theme of the Tournament was Tee Up Against Cancer. This theme could have easily been Team Up Against Cancer because it was heavily supported by members of the Portuguese and Guyanese communities. The tournament raised $50,000. Manny Clementino matched that

amount with another $50,000 for a grand total of $100,000.
By all accounts everyone in attendance had a great time at this
tournament which was largely patterned after the Kissoon Annual
Charity tournament. All the golfers expressed their intention to be back
for the 2nd SCRF Annual next year.

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