

RIC ASSOCIATE BOARD UPDATE

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Congratulations to the **JOHN DOLAN GOLF CHALLENGE COMMITTEE**, yet another successful event from both a fundraising



and an RIC awareness perspective. They should accept great applause for a job very well done. The event netted approximately

\$140,000 to support many of the Institute's programs in 2004. I hope all of you will consider getting involved in 2004 for the 10th anniversary of the event as co-chairs **DANNY DOLAN**, **CHRIS PRATT** and **CYNDY STRONG** will be hosting a kick off meeting in mid October to discuss committee chair positions and all the fun opportunities to get drawn into a dynamic group.

Next, as most of you are aware, the Bearcat Ball is shaping into a spectacular evening with a major preparty coup at the new downtown Bentley dealership on Thursday September 25th. Co-chairs **MARK GEALL**, **JULIA PESEK** and **TODD SCHWEBEL** continue to lead an inspiring group of AB members and prospective members. I am so impressed with everyone's creativity and enthusiasm.

Finally I look forward to seeing all Associate Board members, prospective members and guests at our quarterly meeting on September 23. AB member **DR. JOEL PRESS** and prospective new member **JOHN SWEENEY** of the Center for Spine, Sport and Occupational Rehab have graciously agreed to host us and present about their facility. *

JOHN DOLAN GOLF OUTING ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

The **NINTH ANNUAL JOHN DOLAN GOLF CHALLENGE** to benefit the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago was held on **MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003** at the exclusive Merit Club in Libertyville, IL. The John Dolan Golf Challenge is a major source of revenue for the **WIRTZ SPORTS PROGRAM** and **PEDIATRIC FREE CARE PROGRAM**, and has been a significant source of the Associate Board's annual contributions to RIC.



(L-R) Participants Kevin Hull, David Hoese, Dan Cox, Eric Lipp, chair Shaun Butler, and Dennis Hull

Over the past nine years, the John Dolan Golf Challenge has contributed net revenues in excess of \$950,000 to RIC. This years event reported net revenues of \$140,000. Net revenues included \$42,000 from donations made to the **JOHN MORGAN DOLAN FUND**, \$23,000 from sponsorship, and \$6,000 from raffle ticket sales. The 2nd annual "Early Bird" 9-hole session, took place the morning of the event, at a reduced cost. This session was created specifically to increase Associate Board member participation. There were four Early Bird groups. Several Associate Board members and prospective new members participated, including **MIKE ARNOLD**, **SHAUN BUTLER**, **KEVIN** and **DENNIS HULL**, **SCOTT OLSON**, **PATRICK LYNCH**, **REED WEBSTER**, and **DAVID HOESE**. **BILL ABROMITIS**, **DR. JOEL PRESS**, **BROOKE KUEHNLE** and **DOUG STRUBEL** played in the afternoon session. **JOEL PRESS** was welcomed back as RIC's expert "Pro" in sports medicine. Dr. Press, accompanied by a Merit sports pro, provided valuable golf tips on the driving range in between the morning and afternoon sessions. Special thanks to **SUSAN BARCLAY** and **JENNIFER TENGELSEN** who donated morning slots each, all of the people who volunteered, and sub-committee members!

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Associate Board Member, Patrick Byrne.



THE BEARCAT BALL, NOVEMBER 1, 2003

The Bearcat Ball — Chicago's most glamorous black-tie event of the season. It's become a tradition as this year marks our 5th anniversary as the Associate Board's increasingly popular and successful annual fundraising gala. It's no mystery that we are celebrating in style with a dramatic Venetian Masked Ball theme, but it will be up to you to play detective and discover who is behind each mask!

"When is the Ball?" you may be asking yourself. "How will I know what to wear?" "Where can I buy a mask? (A good one that will have me looking the part but not so expensive that I can't purchase a ticket to the Benefactor Reception, play craps or bid on spectacular silent auction items...a mask that offers me 15% off and donates 8% back to the RIC!)"

All your questions can be answered by attending the upcoming **BEARCAT BALL PREVIEW PARTY HOSTED BY BENTLEY MOTORS GOLD COAST ON SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM**. There will be masks for sale and information on where to buy them over the Internet as well. You may also purchase your Bearcat Ball tickets onsite as you anticipate the splendor of an evening along The Grand Canal in Venice, Italy. Come and join us at the perfect venue for paying tribute to the Bearcat Ball's namesake, the Stutz Bearcat luxury automobile of the early twentieth century. And if you are thinking about acquiring a Bentley, Aston Martin, Ferrari or Mercedes (and who isn't), please seriously consider buying it that evening as 2% of ALL

THE ASSOCIATE BOARD of the
REHABILITATION INSTITUTE of CHICAGO
and the BEARCAT BALL COMMITTEE
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM
FOR
the *Fifth Annual Bearcat Ball*
A
Venetian Bal Masqué
Saturday, November 1, 2003
8:00-12:00 pm
The Merchandise Mart



\$145 in advance or \$160 at the door if available
VIP Benefactor Reception 7:00-8:00 pm
\$200 in advance or \$215 at the door if available

Costume Mask or Black Tie

For more information, please visit
www.bearcatball.org or call 312.908.4292.

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Proceeds from the event will be donated to The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Pediatric Free Care Fund and the Disability Sports Program.

proceeds will be donated to the RIC be it a key chain, coffee mug, driving jacket, watch, bracelet, motorbike or super cool car!

Space is limited so reply early. RSVP to **PAM REDDING** at 312.908.4292 or predding@rehabchicago.org. A \$20 donation is requested. ❁

THE RIC SPORTS PROGRAM

It has been a very busy summer in the Sports Program! Together with the **CHICAGO CUBS** and the **CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT** and **THE MAYOR'S OFFICE**, we opened our own wheelchair softball field on June 4. The festivities included **RYNE SANDBERG** throwing



Bridget Evans waterskiing in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin.

out the first pitch and the players receiving their rings as both the National and World Champs in 2002. Our kids' summer camp program (20 kids with disabilities) was in full swing with visits to a waterpark, horseback riding ring, local museum, pottery studio, fishing hole, Cubs Game, and kayaking in the Lake. We hosted the Chicago 10K race and had nearly 800 runners dash through Washington Park on July 20. The swimmers traveled in June to Minneapolis for the National Championships and then on to Edmonton in July for the Canadian Champs as well. There was a swim meet for kids with disabilities in New London, CT in late June and several of those same swimmers went to Indianapolis in August to compete in the Central Zone meet. We trained four interns

over the summer and they gained valuable experience in our Fitness Center as well as at the sports and recreation programs they attended with our athletes. The Cubs finished their season in fourth place at the National Tournament. We just wrapped up our annual waterskiing event and had more than 45 people with disabilities enjoy the experience in Twin Lakes, WI. ❁



California Park Wheelchair Softball Field

JOHN DOLAN GOLF CHALLENGE 2003

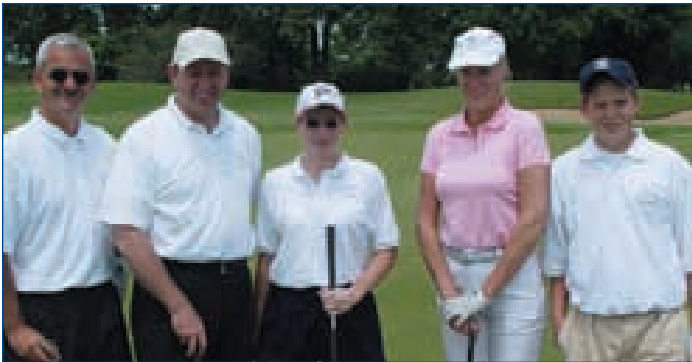
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2003 1ST PLACE TEAM Robert Morrison, Emily Morrison, Dennis Ithal, Danny Dolan, III and Daniel Dolan, Jr.



2003 EARLY BIRD 1ST PLACE TEAM Mike Arnold, Eric Arnold, Patrick Byrne, Jack Fitzgerald and Mike Rimmerle



Jim Prister, Doug Strubel, Zehavah Mendelson, Mary Morsch and Jamie Armour

2003 CHICAGO 10K

The fourth annual Chicago 10K race had 822 paid runners this July. Local elite wheelchair athletes included former RIC athletes **GARY MALDONADO** and **JAMES LILLY**. We had increased participation in the visually impaired division. **MICHAEL CASTLE** from France ran the race, competing against **KURT FIENE** for first place.

CBS News did a live feed from the race at 6:10 am and another live feed at 6:40 am. The anchorman did an interview with **JEFF JONES** and **NEPA PANDYA** a player on RIC's Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team who was volunteering at the race.

Overall, the race was a great success and proceeds benefited the **RIC WIRTZ SPORTS PROGRAM**. ❁

JOHN DOLAN GOLF CHALLENGE RESULTS

MARYBETH DONNELLEY SPIRIT AWARD WINNER: Jeff Linton, 67

2003 1ST PLACE TEAM – 52

Daniel D. Dolan, Jr.
 Danny Dolan III
 Emily Morrison
 Robert Morrison
 Dennis Ithal

2003 EARLY BIRD 1ST PLACE TEAM – 28

Mike Arnold
 Eric Arnold
 Jack Fitzgerald
 Mike Rimmerle
 Patrick Byrne

2003 FINAL RESULTS - GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES

Jeff Linton	67	Larry Dobbs	73
Gary Hooks	67	Bud Sanders	77
Dennis Ithal	69	Brenda Besse	79
Don Koebke	69	Alan Gentry	80
Mark Ramsay	69	Marty Neal	80
George Yaksic	70	Bruce Oates	80
Patrick Byrne	72	Mark Bramfeld	83
Floyd Mock	72	Zehavah Mendelson	83
Don Zommer	84	Mark Sasser	89
Rich O'Brien	90		

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

Steve Greco	9'1"	Hole 2
Ken Lock	4'5"	Hole 7
Bert Getz, Jr.	6'4.5"	Hole 11
Danny Dolan, III	1'3"	Hole 16

LONGEST DRIVE

Alan Gentry	317.01 yards	Emily Morrison	260.17 yards ❁
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