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Young Blind River skiers benefit from 27th annual Rotary golf tournament

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Photo by KELLY JAMES/FOR THE STANDARD Young skiers from the Blind River Cross-country Ski Club and the Blind River Biathlon Club joined Rotary Club of Blind River members Bea and Ross Jensen to accept a cheque for \$1,000 as the primary beneficiaries of the 27th annual Rotary - John Menard - AJ Shamas Memorial Golf Tournament held on Saturday at Huron Pines Golf and Country Club in Blind River.

Young skiers in the Blind River area will have \$1,000 more to run their busy

slate of activities next season, thanks to the work of the Rotary Club of Blind River.

The Blind River Cross-country Ski Club and the Blind River Biathlon Club were the primary beneficiaries of proceeds raised through the 27th annual Rotary - John Menard - A.J. Shamas Memorial Golf Tournament held at Huron Pines Golf and Country Club on Saturday. Funds raised through the sale of tournament sponsorships will be used by the clubs to help introduce young skiers to the sport and provide equipment for the local clubs.

Fifty-five local golfers took to the links in support of the Rotary Club, which works throughout the year to provide funds to a long list of local, national and international projects. The Rotary Club of Blind River assists with scholarships for local students, helps with funding for the local food bank and handi-transit bus, provides support for local school breakfast clubs and Meals on Wheels, and provides assistance to numerous individuals and families in need.

On an international scale, the local service club recently provided funds for the purchase and installation of a bio-water filter in a community in the Dominican Republic. The filter was one of 6,000 provided by Rotary International in the Caribbean nation to insure that potable water is available to all residents.

On the golf course, the team of Liam Hamlin, Eric Simons, Cody Billingham and Gilbert Harris emerged as the champions in the tournament held last Saturday. The team of John Campbell, Shawn Fallu, Bob Villeneuve and Curtis Chow finished a close second, while the team of Joe Turcotte, Shawn Turcotte and James Hembruff was third.

Speaking on behalf of the Rotary Club of Blind River, Bob Villeneuve expressed thanks to the numerous local businesses that contributed to the tournament. He particularly praised AJ Bus Lines and Cameco Corporation for their ongoing support of the event, and noted that the entire community has been extremely generous in supporting the work of the local service club since its inception in 1989.

The Rotary Club of Blind River meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the 17 Restaurant. New members are welcome, and more information about the local service club can be obtained by calling Dave Marshall at 706-356-1596.



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