

7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

The Kevin McNulty Memorial Golf Tourney was held on Sunday, August 17th and sponsored by M & C Hydraulic Inc. Many thanks to Steve McNulty for his generous financial support of this annual event. Golfers enjoyed a round of golf, a steak dinner, a silent auction and a donated prize raising \$3,000 for agency programs. The agency continued to celebrate its' 20th anniversary with guest speaker, Lorne Rubenstein and his brother-in-law, Dan Kozac. Lorne shares his experience with our membership:

Sunday, August 17th, 2008 – Written by Lorne Rubenstein

"Keep your head down." That was my brother-in-law Dan Kozak's advice to one of his playing partners during the recent fund-raiser tournament for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough at Keystone Links in Peterborough. Yes, Dan knows the game, and it's always a pleasure to play golf with him. So what if he has Down syndrome? He knows no limitations, and he's shown me that in so many ways over the years.

Dan and I began getting invited to tournaments to raise money and awareness for Down syndrome after I wrote a column in The Globe and Mail about playing with him. His father Frank had taught him to play golf and other sports in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Dan lives and works. I'd come into his life, and he into mine, when I married his sister Nell. We live in Toronto and this time we brought Dan back with us after I covered the PGA Championship in Detroit. Nell had picked up Dan in Grand Rapids. He spent a pleasant week with us, hanging out, golfing, and watching the Olympics. After the tournament, Dan flew back to Grand Rapids on his own, as he's done many times.

As always, Dan was excited about playing some golf. But I don't see how he could have been more excited than I was. Some of my most memorable rounds have been while playing with Dan. He knows how to enjoy the game. Dan cares when he hits a poor shot, but he simply accepts that golf is difficult, and he goes on to his next shot. It's obvious that he loves being out on the course with friends in the fresh air.

We had driven up to Peterborough from Toronto the night before the big event at Keystone Links. After dinner Saturday evening, we shot some pool in Pappas Billiards, a very cool spot on George St. in downtown Peterborough. Dan's father had obviously taught him how to hold a pool cue as well as a golf club. He made some fine shots.

Speaking of holding a golf club, Dan's advice to Tony Park and Andrew Pyle as we played Keystone wasn't restricted to telling them to keep their heads down. (They took his advice gratefully and gracefully, by the way, and Tony and Andrew could not have been better company). Dan also has a perfect golf grip, something he's been coached on recently during his practice for Special Olympics golf in Grand Rapids.

So Dan showed us his grip from a few angles when I complimented him on it. He puts his left hand on the club so that the back of his left wrist faces the target. The late George Knudson advocated this position and would have loved Dan's grip. Meanwhile, Dan rotates his left hand counter-clockwise when he grips the putter, an ideal position for minimizing hand and wrist movement during the stroke. I'd watched Corey Pavin carefully during the PGA Championship because of an article I'm writing about him; Dan's grip is much like Corey's.