

Freedom Valley YMCA Holds 23rd Annual R.P. Smith Memorial Golf Outing

The Freedom Valley YMCA celebrated its 23rd Annual RP Smith Memorial Golf Outing at Brookside Country Club on Wednesday, June 17. With 76 golfers, the event was a huge success.

Since the death of RP Smith in 1986, the YMCA has kept his philanthropic spirit alive with this event, one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. RP Smith, of Mrs. Smith's Pie fame, spent his adult life supporting the institution that supported him during his youth. As a YMCA financial assistance recipient himself at the age of 12, he understood the impact of someone helping others and specifically for the YMCA supporting those with demonstrated need.

Proceeds from the event go directly to fund the *Y Partners* financial assistance program at the YMCA. This year the net outcome of the event was \$27,000. With the economy being as it is, requests from members and the community for financial assistance for YMCA programs and memberships have been greater than prior years.

This year's lead sponsors were National Penn Bank, Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, QNB (formerly Quakertown National Bank), B & S Self Storage and Drs. Henwood & Dahdah. With a long list of others, they are able to continue to live the mission to "put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all."

Next year's event will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at Brookside Country Club, Pottstown.



YMCA golf outing winners, left to right, low net winners (score of 49) Len DeDomenico, John Heck, Jo Ann Short, Freedom Valley YMCA, Carl Buchholz and Dan Boyer.

