

TENNIS AGAINST BREAST CANCER - COMPETE FOR A CURE TOURNAMENT The Bridges Resort and Clubs, VT - September 11-13, 2009

Loriet Tennis and Sports Apparel was both an apparel provider and contributor, during the Compete for a Cure Charity Event held at the Bridges Resort in Vermont on September 11-13.

Doubles tennis teams from the Seacoast NH area won all 3 categories of the annual Tennis Against Breast Cancer event at The Bridges Resort in Warren, Vermont. This was the 5th annual breast cancer benefit tournament. The proceeds from the event were close to \$9,000, all of which will go to local cancer causes – including New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition and Vermont Medical Center's new Cancer Center in Barre, VT. This year's funds bring the total raised over the past 5 years to \$60,000. The round robin "Compete For a Cure" event this year brought mixed doubles and ladies doubles players from all over New England. In the end, it was teams from the Seacoast of NH that won all 3 categories – earning themselves a Vermont crafted Glass Blown Heart Trophy Vase donated by Michael Egan glassblower in Granville, VT.

The mixed doubles contest included 26 players that played on the outdoor har-tru courts well into the evening Friday Sept 11. The final teams of Beth/Jack Nichols from Andover, MA and Becky Murray/Dean Chase from NH went the distance – ending in a 3rd set tie break. Murray and Chase closed it out 7-1 in the breaker.

In the Saturday ladies competition, 25 teams in 2 categories played it out for a chance to make it to the finals on Sunday and a chance for the trophy vases. In the A's, a team from Burlington VT, Arlene Ingraham and Karen Lueders met Seacoast NH team of Kathleen Eberle and Becky Murray. Eberle and Murray won it swiftly (6-1) (6-2) – dominating the plays at net. The "B" final was exciting....with many fans watching, the match went to 3 sets and the hard fought contest again went to the NH Seacoast players, Holly Grimes and Kelly Habig versus Vermonters' Cyntia Fowles and Nancy Merrill.

Rounding out the weekend was a fantastic silent auction and pro-am competition. According to Trip Lowell, event spokesperson from Hampton Falls, "the auction is responsible for over half of our proceeds. It's critical for us to have the generous support from local businesses every year – thank you". Hosting the event were Bridges tennis Director, Josh Hanna, head pro, Scott Barker and Mike Derby from Cape Cod – who participated and helped ensure the competition went smoothly and was fun for all.

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