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Is it really just over one month until Christmas? This year sure went by fast! Our big finale to the year 2010 is the annual Paramedicine Expo and Conference, which will be our main feature in the next issue. Until then we hope you enjoy the update on our latest activities. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Annual Paramedic Golf Tournament

When Primary Care Paramedic Erin Brown was hired at Ottawa Paramedic Service in January 2010 she decided that she wanted even more of a challenge than settling into a brand new, fast-paced career. She approached PPAO President Darryl Wilton and told him she would like to take on

the enormous task of organizing the annual Paramedic golf tournament.

Since previous tournament coordinator Bruno Gendron had left the medic world to become an Ottawa Police Constable, Darryl was happy to have a replacement turn up unexpectedly.

So Darryl explained to Erin just how demanding the task was, which resulted in Erin becoming even more determined to pull it off.

Over several months Erin began searching out locations, finding sponsors, posting advertisements, collecting prizes, organizing volunteers, registering teams and planning all the other little details.

When the day of the tournament finally arrived, Erin had a pretty good case of nervousness wondering if all her work would result in a success (the rest of us knew long ago it would). In the end, her success far exceeded any expectations of a



2010 Paramedic Golf Tournament - Best Dressed Men: Eric Kapcala, Jeff Sills, Andrew Bremner and Kyle Griffiths.



2010 Paramedic Golf Tournament Best Dressed Women: Stephanie Dore, Andrea Maclean and Rachel Armstrong.



2010 Paramedic Golf Tournament Hole in One for a Toyota Matrix Warren Brown (missed it by less than 16 inches).

first-time coordinator. The tournament sold out and even a short thundershower could not dampen (ha ha) the spirits of the participants who all reported how much fun they had that day. In total, over \$5,900 was raised for charity.

Thank you to our volunteers Julie Belanger, Kathy Brown (Erin's mom), Marie-Claude Graham, Rob Mallett, Sue Noël, Amy Secor, Daiva Slenys and all of our sponsors below. Congratulations to Erin on a fantastic job! We can't wait to see what you can do next year!

Here are some interesting highlights from the day:

- The team from Prescott-Russell Paramedic Service won the tournament for the second year in a row.
- Warren Brown missed winning the "hole-in-one" Toyota Matrix by mere inches.
- Prescott-Russell Deputy Chief Marc-



André Periard won the 50:50 but donated all his winnings back for a total of \$835.

- Ottawa Paramedic Chief Tony DiMonte raised \$130 in a live auction for a set of golf clubs.
- Our kilt-wearing foursome wore their kilts authentically.
- Matthew Smith won a new barbecue he plans to use for off-load delays.
- Stephanie Dore, Rachel Armstrong and Andrea MacLean won the prize for the best dressed female team.
- Eric Kapcala, Jeff Sills, Andrew Bremner and Kyle Griffiths were the most colourful and best dressed male team.

2010 Paramedic Golf Tournament Sponsors

Panasonic Canada, Stephane Perras, Investors Group, Tony Graham Lexus Toyota, Red Bull, Zeyda's Catering, Hurley, North City Insurance, Ferno, McDonald's, Absolute Comedy, CB Richard Ellis, Albion Screen Printing, Bytown Catering, Councilors Bob Monette, Christine Leadman, Diane Deans, Peggy Feltmate, Rainer Bloess and Bob Jellett, Demers, PPAO HELP Fund, Hosie and Brown, Molson, Mayor Larry O'Brien, Modelo, Ottawa Police Association, Ottawa 67's, Sure Print & Graphics and The Great Canadian Cabin.

Ottawa Pride Parade

This year marked the 25th year of celebrating the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited and questioning (GLBTQ) community in Ottawa.

The 10-day festival which featured over 60 events included raising the Pride Flag and a barbecue at paramedic headquarters.

The annual Pride Parade provided the grand finale to the events, attracting over 35,000 participants and spectators.

With ambulances, stretchers and intravenous fluid bags decked out in pride colours, our paramedic volunteers marched proudly through the downtown Ottawa core.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who

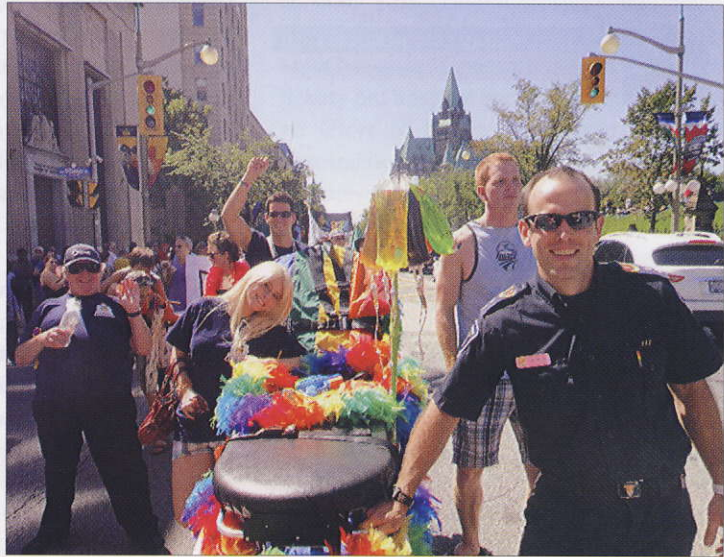
helped make this year's Pride week the biggest and best so far!

PPAO on Facebook

After hearing from numerous members that the PPAO was not keeping up with current trends in social media, we have finally created our own Facebook page!

The new page will feature photos and videos of PPAO events, updates on future projects, volunteer requests and other pertinent information.

If you would like to become a friend of this page, look for us on Facebook, listed as "Ottawa Paramedics."



Top: Ferno's new line of pride stretchers. **Middle:** Paramedic Pride Parade Participants just around the corner from Parliament Hill. **Bottom:** Mike Call and a rainbow of IV fluids – brilliant!



2010 Year in Review

The 2010 Year in Review is now complete and ready for distribution! We have once again documented our volunteer activities in a collection of pictures and articles. Copies will be provided to all members with the annual PPAO packages in December.

A pdf copy will also be available online at www.OttawaParamedics.ca for public access.



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