



BOBBY ORR & TRAVIS ROY TO HOST OCTOBER 20TH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Mashpee, MA -- The 7th Annual Beanpot Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on October 20, 2003 at the exclusive Willowbend Golf Course in Mashpee, MA. NHL legend Bobby Orr will once again join Travis Roy in hosting the event. The event will benefit the Travis Roy Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides grants to survivors of spinal cord paralysis based on financial need and supports spinal cord research.

The Beanpot Golf Tournament is the Travis Roy Foundation's most successful single-day annual fundraiser. In addition to a day of golf on the beautiful Willowbend golf course, guests are treated to a first-class meal by the Willowbend staff as well as auctions and raffles of items donated by professional sports teams and local businesses. Highlight items in 2002 included stays at the luxury Boston Harbor Hotel and Eliot Hotel, golf at some of the most exclusive country clubs in Massachusetts, autographed sports memorabilia including items from host Bobby Orr, and a wide variety of items from restaurant gift certificates to whale watches donated by local Boston-area businesses.

TRAVIS ROY: The 2003 event will fall on the 8th anniversary of Travis Roy's injury. On October 20, 1995, only eleven seconds into the first shift of his college hockey career, Travis Roy's dream was cut cruelly short when he shattered his fourth cervical vertebra, severely damaging his spinal cord. Travis Roy is now a quadriplegic, with no feeling below his shoulders and no movement in his legs or left arm. With limited control of his right bicep, Travis is able to conduct simple yet key tasks such as operating the joystick of his wheelchair. Travis has faced his disability with the same sense of optimism and determination that distinguished his hockey career. A May 2000 graduate of Boston University with a degree in public relations, he is a popular motivational speaker and is actively involved with the Travis Roy Foundation. In 1998, he published a book, Eleven Seconds, based on his life.

THE TRAVIS ROY FOUNDATION: The Travis Roy Foundation was founded in 1997 to assist spinal cord injured individuals purchase adaptive equipment and to fund spinal cord research. More than one million dollars in grants has been distributed, and any paraplegic or quadriplegic who has suffered a spinal cord injury is eligible to apply for an individual grant. A small Boston-based nonprofit with very little overhead, more than 99 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the Foundation's charitable purposes. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes the Foundation as a tax-exempt public charity, and contributions are deductible to the extent provided in the Internal Revenue Code.

For ticket or sponsorship information for the 2003 event, please contact Brenda Taylor at (617) 239-0556 or via email at beanpot@travisroyfoundation.org.