

PALM BEACH SYMPHONY
Swings for Strings
 GOLF INVITATIONAL



TOP ROW: Bennet Cotten, Doug Marty, Billy Civitella and Greg Etimos; Todd Dahlstrom and Bella Ledda; David McClymont and Romana Grant; Douglas Gressette, Bobby Bumgardner, Richard Brown and Dave Shimko; **BOTTOM ROW:** Janet Gusman, Sarmite Bulte, Inez Youle and Joan Simpson; Ron Rippo, Michael Barron, Guy Willis and Matt Lincoln; Evan Bolinski, Mike Murgio, Steve Figari and Clayton Idle. PHOTOS: INDIEHOUSE FILMS

Sold out for the third consecutive year, **Palm Beach Symphony's** Fifth Annual *Swings for Strings Golf Invitational* held at Wellington National Golf Club raised more than \$100,000 to support the nonprofit organization and its education programming.

Chaired by **Todd Dahlstrom** with Honorary Chair **Doug Marty**, the day of golf, music and generosity began with a delicious buffet lunch followed by a team scramble shotgun start. After the day on the course, the event culminated with a barbeque and awards cocktail party. In addition to the rivalry on the course, attendees enjoyed vying for extraordinary items and unforgettable experiences in a silent auction.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the Symphony's new *Todd Barron Instrument Donation Fund* that named one of its most impactful education programs for the late Symphony supporter who founded and served as the first president of the **Young Friends of Palm Beach Symphony**. Those in

attendance donated \$16,000 on the spot to start the fund.

The award for first place gross went to the team from Wellington National Golf Club consisting of **Billy Civitella, Bennet Cotten, Greg Etimos** and **Doug Marty** while second place gross honors were captured by **Sean Burnett, Chris Damianos, Brian Stitt** and **Chris Zeller**.

Golfers competed for prizes on four holes with **Susan Mercurio** winning longest drive on the ninth hole and **Marc Walsh** taking home the award for the longest drive on the 12th hole. Also showing their skills on the green, **Cindy McGeever** won closest to the pin on the 16th hole and **Seth Burack** leading the pack with the win for closest to the pin on the 7th hole.

Sponsors of the event included Principal Sponsors **Casa de Campo Resort & Villas, Hospital for Special Surgery** and **PNC Private Bank**. Orchestra Musician Sponsors were **Citizens Private Bank, IThink Financial, Risk Strategies** and **Wellington National Golf Club**. Hole Sponsors supporting the event were **ADA Site Compliance, Cary Stamp & Co.,**

CIBC Wealth Management, First Bank, Fox Rothschild, J.P. Morgan Private Bank, Smart Source LLC, Steel Grove Capital and **Tortoise Properties**. **Findlay Galleries** and **Guarantee Insurance Partners** were Branded Gifts Underwriters and **Smart Source LLC** was Underwriter of the hole-in-one contest.

The annual tournament is one of the most highly anticipated events organized by Young Friends of Palm Beach Symphony, an active group of young professionals in their 20s, 30s and 40s who have an appreciation for classical music and are committed to supporting Palm Beach Symphony's impactful education and outreach programs. Among other exclusive benefits, Young Friends receive invitations to social events including discounted tickets to *Swings for Strings*; advanced single ticket ordering and access to a special single ticket rate; and early access to purchase discounted gala tickets.

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