

Richmond Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament Raises \$9,750

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Malee Rubinstein, left, and Brian White, co-chairs for the Pink Ball Tournament at Richmond Country Club, presented a cheque for \$9,750 to Elaine Fung with the Richmond Hospital Foundation to purchase a sentinel gamma probe for breast cancer patients.

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Earlier today, Malee Rubinstein and Brian White, co-chairs for the Pink Ball Tournament at Richmond Country Club presented a cheque for \$9,750 to the Richmond Hospital Foundation. The funds were raised at the Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament held at Richmond Country Golf Club on Sunday, June 5. Participants in the event included survivors and individuals who had come out to show their support of their loved ones who have been affected by breast cancer. Richmond Hospital Foundation is the fortunate beneficiary again this year with the funds being used towards purchasing a \$60,000 sentinel gamma probe.

Golfers and tennis players enjoyed Sunday's beautiful weather as they played their respective sports in their pink apparel. Following the tournament, the pink theme carried through to each of the dishes served at the banquet dinner. Guests were served Salmon, pink rice and a pink dessert.

During dinner, Dr. Nam Nguyen provided a presentation on the advancements that the Richmond Hospital has seen as a result of the new Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) tools in its operating rooms. He also explained how the sentinel gamma probe will help breast cancer patients. In the past, surgery required the removal of all 18 possibly affected lymph nodes. The new probe allows surgeons to remove only the cancerous nodes.

"We are thankful for the Richmond Golf Country Club's continued support of the Richmond Hospital Foundation," says Bill Jaffe, chair of the Richmond Hospital Foundation. "Their donations continue to help the lives of women and affected by breast cancer."

At Richmond Hospital, women receive many different types of breast cancer screening and treatment. From their initial mammogram through to ultrasound guided biopsies, surgery, chemotherapy, and breast reconstruction. The hospital offers almost all the procedures a woman may require. In the minimally invasive surgery suites, surgeons are able to perform many procedures without large incisions.

The Richmond Hospital foundation is a registered charity committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. Last year, more than 85 per cent of newly purchased medical equipment of Richmond Hospital was funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.