

Honouring Bernie 20 years on

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Last weekend the family that is the Dollard Executive Softball League gathered for their 20th anniversary Bernie Duplantie Tournament to raise funds for Le Defi Corporatif Canderel in the fight against cancer.

The event was chaired by Leon Caron and superbly organized with help from Michael Miller, Gad Lasry and Steve Marer.

"It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since we lost Bernie," Michael Miller said. "But the league knows the importance of continue to do this in his memory."

Lorne Krane president of the DDO Executive League commented, "Softball is the backdrop but we don't forget that we are here in the name of a cherished family member or friend that has fallen to this terrible disease."

Funds are raised through the program, concession sales, raffles and the popular auction. On Sunday afternoon members of the DDO Executive League took on the TSN 690, much to the delight of those in attendance.

There's some great plays and hitting and the usual amount of gaffes that draw the barbs of the bench jockeys (both sides of the field no less). But the end result isn't who plays in the final but how much can be raised for the cause in not only Bernie's memory but others who have been lost to cancer.



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Members of the DDO Executive Softball League were swinging the fences in fundraising during the 20th annual Bernie Duplantie Tournament.

Over the course of the tournament over \$700,000 has been raised and the 2013 edition looks to add close to another \$50,000 to the tally.

Every dollar raised is shared equally between the Université de Montreal and McGill University centres for cancer research.

Sian Bradwell tournament celebrates silver edition



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The Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament turned 25 with the running of the popular event last weekend in Kirkland. With men's A and B open divisions and mixed A and B divisions taking part in the tournament. Adding to the mix was a home run derby Sunday afternoon at Parc des Benevoles and a throwing accuracy contest over at Meades Park. While play has come to a close, the online auction is ongoing for another week to help raise more funds to add to the overall total. To bid on a variety of items go to www.sianbradwell.com. The Sian Bradwell Fund was started in 1986, to help children with cancer and their families by purchasing medical equipment for diagnosis, treatment and research. While the Oncology is the main recipient of funds raised, equipment may also be purchased for other departments where children with cancer are treated. Main objective of the Fund is to purchase medical equipment and other items deemed necessary for better diagnosis and treatment of children with cancer.


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