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the 22nd Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament, a fundraising event to raise money for medical equipment.

The proceeds will be donated to the Montreal's Children Hospital oncology department. It was a sunny weekend of friendly competition in Holleuffer and Meades parks. Sharon Bradwell, organizer of the tournament feels great about how the tournament went down.

"The weather being perfect as it was, it went really well. I'm so happy it turned out this way. We've had bad weather for a couple of years but this year was just perfect," she said.

Bradwell created the tournament 22 years ago after her 17-month-old daughter died of a rare brain disease labeled primitive neuroectodermal tumor. She was at the time playing softball in the ladies' league in Kirkland and found this way of helping out in the fight against the disease.

"It's a very important cause. I never knew that infants got cancer. I always thought of it as an adult disease and it was a shock when I found out that my daughter had cancer. You just never think of babies getting that. When we were at the hospital there were babies as young as two months and four months who had cancer. You can't imagine a little child like that. It's very difficult to do," she said.

There were two categories in the tournament, one mixed competition and one for men only. In the mixed division, the Tenaquip Tornados from Kirkland won against Abacus from the US.

In the men's open division, the St. Louis team from Pointe Claire league won the tournament against Plugs 4 beer from Vaudreuil. St. Louis captain Ken McCarthy felt doubly satisfied as he celebrated the win with his teammates at Meades Park last Sunday.

"I'm very happy we won. We haven't won in two years and we're getting older you know. Plus I think the cause is fantastic, I've known Sharon since I was 12 years old. I've known her family forever so that's a big reason why I got involved," he said.



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