



Tournament in memory of Ken Bradwell

Burlington Soccer League player, coach died last year; money raised will go to area hospitals

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Ken Bradwell, who died last year, contributed mightily to soccer as a player and manager with the Burlington Soccer Club. - Photo submitted

A four-team soccer tournament in memory of Ken Bradwell will be held Saturday, Sept. 2 at Brant Hills Park in Burlington.

Bradwell passed away last year at the age of 64 after a long association as a player and convener in the Burlington Soccer League.

An organizing committee headed by David Hamon is running the tournament.

Four teams have been organized to play a round-robin schedule, with the team earning the most points winning the tournament.

Bradwell, a Manchester native, emigrated to Canada in 1975, and met his future wife Sharon a year later. They married in 1979 and their daughter Sian was born in 1984.

A lifelong athlete who excelled in soccer, Bradwell played for a variety of teams in Montreal after being scouted by Manchester City back home.

Just 17 months after her birth, Sian died of cancer in 1986. The Sian Bradwell Fund for Children With Cancer was established to purchase medical equipment. The fund now supports the Montreal Children's Hospital, SickKids Hospital in Toronto and McMaster Children's and the Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton. More than \$1,600,000 has been donated in Sian's name.

The Bradwells moved to Burlington in 1997. Ken joined the BSC Panthers and became the Wanderers' team convener in 1999.

Ken continued to support the Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament in Montreal as co-chairman and assistant treasurer. The tournament, which will mark a 30-year run in 2018, has raised more than \$1.3 million to date.

When Ken suffered a heart attack in 2006, his playing career was over but he became manager of the Wanderers until the end of the 2015 season when they won the league and playoff championship.

Cardiac-related issues prevented Ken from managing the team after 2015, and he died in July 2016.

Sharon Bradwell continues to be involved in both the Sian Bradwell Fund and now, the Ken Bradwell Soccer Tournament, among other ventures that raise money for hospital equipment.

Some of Ken's Wanderers crew will make up one of the teams at the tournament. Another consists of members from the Burlington Soccer League's Maulers. A pick-up team from Oakville, West Rock, will be the third team and an Erin Mills side makes up the fourth entrant.

Money raised from the tournament will be split between the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and Burlington's Joseph Brant Hospital. At OTMH it's specifically targeted to purchase supply equipment for a cardio exam room.

Tim Hortons is donating coffee and donuts to the tournament, with Fortinos supplying water and other food items.

VIA Rail has donated a \$500 prize voucher and many of the officials working the tournament are donating their time to cut tournament costs.

The winning team and runners-up will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Donations will be accepted at the tournament with income tax receipts issued by the two hospitals.

For more information visit bit.ly/2vqKCUq (<http://bit.ly/2vqKCUq>).

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