

Rotary Club of Front Royal



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Rotary Club of Front Royal Holds “Half-Lit Classic” Golf Tournament

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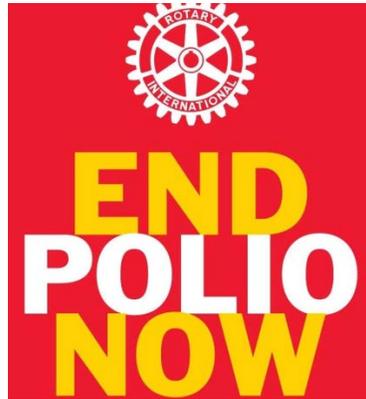
Front Royal – The Rotary Club of Front Royal held its 6th Annual Half-Lit Classic Golf Tournament at Bowling Green South Golf Course. According to Tournament Director and Rotary Club President Rick Novak, the tournament was a huge success with 23 teams and 92 golfers participating.

The tournament was used by the Club as a “Pints for Polio” fundraiser with \$25 from each golfer being applied to the Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus campaign drive that is being matched 2x1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition to the \$2,300 raised, the Club also received over \$400 in additional donations. Golfers received a pint glass and sampled Virginia Craft Beers.



With the Gates Foundation match, \$8,100 was raised to help with Rotary International's Polio eradication effort. Since 1988, Polio cases are down 99.9% and the disease only exists in 3 countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria). This year only 8 cases have been reported. We are so close to wiping the disease off the face of the planet!

The Half-Lit tournament is unique in that it involves playing 9-holes of golf during daylight, a break for dinner and beer tasting, followed by 9-holes of golf using glow balls in the dark.



Club President Rick Novak said, “The Rotary Club of Front Royal supports a large number of projects and organizations in the local community. Without the support of our club members, corporate sponsors, and those who support our fundraisers and events we would not be able to have this large of an impact in our community. It is truly amazing what a Rotary Club can accomplish with the help of its community business partners and motivated volunteers”.



Rick Novak added, “This event was originally conceived as a way to get our club members to spend some time together outside of our club meeting. It has turned into a solid fundraiser and is enjoyed by those that attend the event. Mark your calendars for next August.”

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