Pat McBride

Benefit Golf Tournament Friday - July 15, 2011 Kiln Creek Golf & Country Club



Captains Choice – 1 PM Shotgun Start
Raffle, Mulligans, Hole-in-one car, prizes, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin
Registration & Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

BBO Dinner following Golf

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Dear Community Member,

I am writing to enlist your help for a peninsula native in need of assistance. Many are well acquainted with Patrick Hugh McBride, a '74 graduate of Poquoson High School who has suffered a severe spinal cord injury leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down. Pat is Krista Forrest's younger Brother. As he is beloved by hundreds of friends and family members in this area, a golf tournament is planned in Pat's honor on July 15 for his benefit.

Pat ventured to Alaska in the 1970's. Truly carving a home out of the wilderness. Pat earned a living like many Alaskans through commercial fishing and came to be known as one of the best black cod and halibut fisherman in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. Eventually he and his wife Barbara became owners of a commercial fishing boat that they ran until their retirement in 2009. The McBride's were recently featured on TLC's Sarah Palin's Alaska as the former governor chose Capt. Pat for her family's televised halibut charter.

Pat and Barb, often returned to the East Coast to visit family and attend golf outings. In a freak car accident, Pat was severely injured and airlifted to the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. Building upon a lifetime of hard work Pat overcame many of the early breathing difficulties to shortly thereafter move into rehabilitation. Now being treated at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Pat will soon begin his next transition back to his home of Alaska.

The strength and vitality shown by both Pat and his incredible wife, and now caregiver, is astounding. The next stage of treatment, however, will be long and arduous. To make the transition from hospital care to living back at home will literally break the bank. Even with the coverage of health insurance, the mounting costs of Pat's power chair and special handicapped van alone is in excess of \$125,000. Those who love Pat are organizing this event – the perfect way to honor this avid golfer – in the hopes of easing some of the monetary burden.

We ask you today to consider donating funds and sponsoring our efforts in this most notable cause. It is our intention to publicize those businesses that support our mission throughout this tax-deductible, charitable event. As Patrick and Barbara McBride, even before this tragic accident, have been quite an inspiration, we hope to assist them in their mission to keep inspiring those around them with their life-changing journey.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hill
Tournament Committee Chair

Crosby and Krista McBride Forrest: Please make any donation checks to:

Oyster Point Rotary Foundation

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