The 34th Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Scioto Country Club. Tournament participants and volunteers enjoyed beautiful weather all day and evening.

The tournament raised nearly $200,000 for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James). Proceeds from the tournament benefit Ohio State’s commitment to understanding, preventing, and curing cancer at the OSUCCC – James.

The Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament has raised over $5.9 million for Ohio State’s cancer program.

Prior to the shotgun start of the tournament, Michael A. Caligiuri, MD, asked tournament participants and volunteers for a moment of silence to honor and remember those lost on September 11, 2011.

After the tournament, friends, family, community members and volunteers enjoyed the reception and awards ceremony. Honorary Chair Chris Holtmann attended with his wife Lori and daughter Nora. Coach Holtmann shared his thoughts about the upcoming basketball season and briefly explained how cancer has touched his life.

Jeff Block presented the player awards. The James Team of Bill Farrar, David French, Alan Hinson, Jerry Jurgensen and Dave Schuller were announced as the first place team — and they proudly wore their winners’ jackets. Cathy Cory and Erin McHam, who are on the tournament steering committee, presented the Sue Haggerty Outstanding Volunteer Award to a very deserving recipient, Sheila Dachner-Thrush. Sheila has been a volunteer with the tournament for many years, and her service and dedication to the event was recognized that evening.

Dave Schuller FINALLY won this golf tournament! The Block Family honors him for his golf skills!
3RD PLACE
Jon Arndt, Eric Hilliard, Kevin Kotick, Josh Schottenstein, Jon Schulman

2ND PLACE
Dana Bromberg, Jason Goldberg, Lee Hyo Seung, Andy Montooth, AJ McPherson

1ST PLACE
Bill Farrar, David French, Alan Hinson, Jerry Jurgensen, Dave Schuller

Gail Ferber
Tanya Florez
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Carol Glassman
Julie Block Glassman
Candy Greenblott
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Elaine Howard
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THANK YOU

to our 2017 volunteers, who helped make this year’s tournament a success!

SPECIAL SKILL
CONTEST WINNERS

Longest Drive in the Fairway
Men (on hole #18) ............................................................... Ed Dodson

Longest Drive in the Fairway
Ladies (on hole #18) ........................................................... Cathy Mock

Longest Drive in the Fairway
65+ (on hole #18) ............................................................... Keith Wendell

Longest Putt
(on hole #13) ................................................................. Josh Schottenstein

Closest to the Pin
Hole #4 ............................................................................ Ed Dodson
Hole #9 ........................................................................... Ron Frissora
Hole #14 ........................................................................ David French
Hole #17 ......................................................................... Russ Gertmenian

David French, Alan Hinson, Dave Schuller and Bill Farrar pose with their 1st place trophies and winners’ jackets! Congratulations!

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Sarah Arndt
Erika Beasley
Carrie Benseler
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This past spring I attended the Herbert and Maxine Block Memorial Lectureship Community Panel Discussion hosted by The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center — Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Columbus Women's Health Series. The event featured a panel discussion on cancer genetics and included Dr. Mary-Claire King, the researcher who discovered the BRCA gene. I went for a few reasons: One of my good friends was the chairperson, I’m very involved with Women’s Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Columbus, and a lot of my friends were going, including a friend with the BRCA-2 gene.

Honestly, I didn’t go thinking I would pursue the genetic testing afterward. My mother, a breast cancer survivor, had tested negative for the BRCA-1 and BRCA-2 genes, so I smugly thought I was not at risk. However, during her lecture, Dr. King talked about how BRCA genes can be passed paternally. Hmm, I thought. My father’s mother and grandmother both had breast cancer. Maybe I should get tested. Days later I had my annual gynecological check-up and asked if I should pursue the test. My doctor suggested I do so, given my risk factors. She added it into my file, and within a week I had gotten a call from the genetic counseling program at the OSUCCC – James. The first step was to complete an online survey, and then they would call me to schedule a consultation. The summer went by, as summers do, and I didn’t complete the survey. One day in late August I was searching my email for something else and found the survey link. I clicked through and before long I had completed the family history and hit “submit”.

The next day the genetic counseling program at the OSUCCC – James called to schedule an appointment. It was brief, they confirmed I had some risk factors, and they recommended the testing. They took some blood, and I headed on my way.

I didn’t think about it again until late on a Friday a couple of weeks later, when the genetic counselor called with my results. She started reading the report to me: no risk for BRCA-1. In that brief moment, I had checked this off my list, thinking the test confirmed what I knew, that I was not a carrier of the gene. And then...she said I did test positive for BRCA-2 and was at significantly increased risk for breast and ovarian cancers. It was a stunning moment, and I don’t remember everything that was said immediately after, but I do remember I kept asking the same questions over and over. “How much risk? What should I do next? Do I have cancer?”

The good and bad of the timing of the call was that I had what seemed like an endless weekend to think about things before I could reach a doctor on Monday. Of course I did an Internet search and read the statistics. I tried to stay on factual sites so I could avoid going into the rabbit hole of Web searches. I also took a long walk with my friend who has BRCA-2 and got some wonderful advice, and more importantly, reassurance that I was not alone. The weekend was filled with highs and lows, and I anxiously started calling doctors on Monday.

I’ve since had a few appointments, with more to come, as I hone in on decisions that lie ahead. I feel lucky for so many reasons: to be the age I am, post-childbearing, so the decisions I have to make do not involve my reproductive choices; that I have friends and family who will support me through whatever decisions I make; and mostly I feel lucky to have this information. I now have control and power over what happens next, and I’m not waiting for cancer to choose me. I can take action now that will potentially add years to my life. I’ve told some friends about my test results, and several have already made appointments for their own testing. I hope their tests come back negative for the BRCA gene, but if they find out they carry the gene, I will be there for them.

Stay tuned for information on the next Herbert and Maxine Block Lectureship.

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Cathy Toub and Barb Unverferth get ready to take their positions on the course!

Gene Smith looks over a putt.

Julie Glassman, Elaine Howard and Rachel Howard are ready to register golfers before the tournament.
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio State Men’s Basketball Coach Chris Holtmann (left), visits with Jeri Block and Bob Schottenstein.

The Vorys team is ready to play!

Cathy Cory (left) and Erin McHam (right) present the Sue Haggerty Outstanding Volunteer Award to Sheila Dachner-Thrush (center).

Mitch Clark, Toni Block, Brittany Clark and Max Block sell Ball Drop tickets.

Julie Block Glassman and Jessa Hahn enjoy their time with the kangaroo!

A capella group Buck That! closes the awards ceremony and reception with Buckeye Tunes!

Rocky Geichman takes a selfie with a clouded leopard.

Anne Barnes and Georgia DallePezze are enjoying their round of golf!

Riley McHam and Julie Brooks talk to Gene Smith.
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