



ROCKY OSTAFFY'S PERSONAL STORY

The Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation is grateful to have donors in our community who have been supporting our efforts for decades. One of these valued donors is Rocky Ostaffy, past owner of Knappett Industries.

Rocky moved to Vancouver Island in 1986 and into Nanoose Bay in 2004 with his wife, Joan and two sons Brad and Nick. They purchased a house on the third fairway at Fairwinds Golf Club and have called the area home ever since. For almost as long, he has been supporting Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH) as a generous sponsor of our annual Golf for Life tournament.

He and his company were a contractor for the new housing development at Fairwinds Golf Club and had been working on the site for a few years before the inaugural Golf for Life tournament. After the first year, Fairwinds Golf Club, host course of the tournament, invited Knappett Industries to become a sponsor. Without hesitation, Rocky said yes as he knew how important our local hospital is for central Vancouver Island residents. Little did he know at the time that he would become, in his words, a “poster boy to advertise the very good work that is done there”.



Rocky has had eight operations at NRGH and cannot say enough about the incredible care and follow up provided by the skilled medical teams. From the time he arrived for each procedure, Rocky shared that the care was very personal and made special mention of Dr. Chris Cameron who performed his two ACL replacements, as well as a new hip.

This excellence in care reinforced Rocky's commitment to our hospital through Golf for Life. 2021 marks Knappett Industries' 26th year as a sponsor. When asked what have been his favourite moments at the tournament, he had two in particular. One is the opportunity to speak with participating Island Health and NRGH medical staff outside of the hospital setting. The other was the year, 2014, a

participant won the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize Knappett Industries sponsored! We're sure there will be many more favourite moments created at future Golf for Life tournaments.

We cannot thank Rocky enough for his long-time commitment to our tournament and NRGH. With the support of our donors, we have been able to equip our medical teams with the state of the art equipment they need to deliver excellence in care for thousands of patients each year.

Photo: Knappett Industries team, Bill Dunn, Rocky Ostaffy, Steve Noble & Barry Davis at the 26th Annual Golf for Life Tournament