

# The Rooney Bin: Pre-meal delight is tasty - but its spelling can be a real mess

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- Karen Glenn catered an amazing array of hors d'oeuvres for the pre-party to the fourth annual Pink Ribbon Golf Classic at the magnificent Marsh Landing manse of Nancy and Rich Morrison. The appetizer menu was not your usual chicken on a stick or pig in a blanket; it included perfect bites, such as coconut shrimp and sea scallop mousse on polenta rounds. Yum! (Pardon me, while I get a grip by searching the refrigerator for some interesting leftovers.) The classic was started by the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Women's Golf Association to raise money for breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville and Baptist Medical Center-Beaches. Combined, the event's first three years raised about \$182,000, but this year alone the women golfers in partnership with The Players Championship met their goal of about \$100,000.

The pre-tournament bash was a hit, attended by 180 people, including event Chairwoman Robin Wahby and her husband, Dan; honorary Chairwoman Tabitha Furyk with her golf-pro hubby, Jim; Mal and Susie Buckey; Walter and Becky Jewett; presenting sponsors Kathy and Brady Rackley and The Players Executive Director Matt Rapp with his wife Kimberly. Party-goers schmoozed, enjoyed adult beverages and bought butterflies to put on a tree of life honoring survivors or the memory of loved ones who succumbed to the disease. Raffle tickets were sold for a John Hardy designer bracelet generously donated by Underwood Jewelers and Hardy.

- The following day, 37 foursomes hit the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club links, then assembled for a festive buffet lunch sponsored by Acosta Sales & Marketing. Other event sponsors included New York Life, PhRMA and Eli Lilly and Co. Radiologist Kathryn Pearson, wife of Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton, presented good news with a breast cancer update. "The rate of breast cancer is technically going down," she said. "We have 2.5 million breast cancer survivors; it is 96 to 98 percent curable if caught at an early stage." Pearson dissed the 2009 "government study" that reported annual mammograms don't help. "Screening is the best way to detect breast cancer in its early stages," she said, and she urged women to do self exams. "It doesn't matter how you do it. It matters that you do it."

The luncheon concluded with awards presented by Inn & Club head golf pro Bruce Mohler. First gross winners on the club's ocean course were Shirley Budden, Cathy Crowther, Shelly

Dickerson and Peggy Widicus. First gross winners on the lagoon course were Susie Fonde, Suzy Strock, Karen Tutwiler and Sue Hill.

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