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Pink ribbon classic is Oct. 7

Neighbors: Ponte Vedra Beach

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When the members of the Ponte Vedra Women's Golf Association learned that three of their own had been diagnosed with breast cancer in the same year, Susie Buckey, Duffy Marshall and Kathy Rackley took action and launched the first Pink Ribbon Golf Classic to raise funds for research into breast Cancer.

Since launching the first all-woman golf tournament three years ago, more than \$200,000 has been raised. Co-chairs Robin Wahby, Tabitha Furyk and past chair Susie Buckley hope that the Fourth Annual Pink Ribbon Classic on Oct. 7, with several enhancements over past years, will raise at least \$100,000, with all proceeds going to Baptist Medical Center Beaches and the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville for breast cancer research. As in years past, the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club is generously hosting the tournament, which will be played on both the Ocean and Lagoon courses, with a luncheon and awards banquet to follow. This year, there is an additional enhancement to the sponsorship packages thanks to a partnership with The Players, and in order to thank large sponsors, a Sponsor's Only Golf Tournament will be held on Nov. 3 at the TPC Stadium Course followed by a VIP Reception at the exclusive Pub 17.

The classic will "tee off" with a cocktail party from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Ponte Vedra home of Nancy and Rich Morrison of Benchmark Custom Luxury Homes (tickets \$75 per person) with catering by Karen Glenn and decor by Liza Chung, as well as live and silent auctions.

The winner of an ongoing raffle to win a classic large chain bracelet with diamond pave clasp by designer John Hardy will be announced at a check presentation and reception hosted by jewelry donor, Underwood Jewelers, on Nov. 16. Please join co-chairs Wahby, Furyk and past chair Buckey in helping women affected by breast cancer in our community. For sponsor, volunteer, golf registration or cocktail party information, contact Damara Merten at 571-5563 or e-mail damara18@bellsouth.net.