

## Fundraiser for Bravery Park coming Oct. 4

By Tabitha Wells - Since its initial inception in 2012, Bravery Park has succeeded in obtaining a plethora of support from local community groups, businesses and the Canadian Government, and that support doesn't seem to be slowing down.

On Saturday, October 4, the new Hogeys Social Club will be launching their club with their inaugural fundraiser for Bravery Park, a golf tournament. The tournament will be one of several events held to raise funds for the park by the group.

"When we were deciding on the first place we wanted to focus on, we wanted to look for something locally in the community that we could support, and Bravery Park seemed like a very good cause," said Gerry Hogenhout, owner of Hogeys and a member of the Social Club. "It's a way to honour the soldiers that have died, and the soldiers that are still fighting."

He added that the group felt Bravery Park is important because it gives the community a spot to reflect and to honour Cpl. Matthew McCully. Cpl. McCully's mother came up with the idea for Bravery Park in her son's memory after he was killed by an IED in Afghanistan.

"The park will provide an opportunity for all of us to carry on Matt's memory, as well as the others that died in that mission," said Mr. Hogenhout.

The Hogeys Social Club is an offset of the Orangeville Community Fundraising Association, which was established a number of years ago as a non-profit organization. The Club will function similarly to others like the Rotarians, Optimists and Lions, who work together to support and do good within the community.

"When they first contacted me about doing the tournament, I immediately said yes," explained Councillor Jeremy Williams, who has been integral in the project moving forward.

"The support for Bravery Park has been great, the tournament will really help get it to the construction stage."

The tournament will be held at the Lynnbrook Golf Course, located at the corner of 3rd Line (Dufferin Road 11) and 10 Sideroad in Amaranth. Each team will consist of four people, and the format will be best ball for nine holes.

"Following the tournament, participants will come back to Hogeys for dinner and socializing," said Mr. Hogenhout. "There will be a trophy for the champion team and we'll be running a number of fundraising activities at the bar."

During the evening reception, the Hogeys Social Club will be doing a short presentation to inform attendees about the club, including what it is, what they will be doing and what the club's mandate is.

According to Councillor Williams, further development and fundraising for Bravery Park is pertinent with recent news that has been released regarding Canadian soldiers and suicide rates.

"The recent news that more Canadian soldiers have died from suicide than from battle casualties during the Afghanistan mission shows the high cost our forces pay to serve," he said. "It isn't enough to pat them on the back and say thanks for fighting for us."

He added as Canadians we need to come together and show them in a real and tangible way that we are there for them.

"Bravery Park is to be a place of comfort for all our veterans, soldiers and their families," said Councillor Williams. "Bravery Park is to be a lasting tribute to all serving and to all who have served. There's a lot more funds to be raised, and the golf tournament will help greatly with that goal."

The cost of the golf tournament will be \$50 per person. Check in is at 2 p.m. with a 3:00 tee-off.

For more information or to register for the tournament contact Gerry Hogenhout at 519-942-0220 or [gerry@hogenhout.com](mailto:gerry@hogenhout.com) or contact the Event Chair, Richard Menard at 416-998-9494 or [rmenard7@hotmail.com](mailto:rmenard7@hotmail.com)

Motorcyclist injured

in crash Saturday

Last Saturday at 12:14 p.m., Dufferin OPP were dispatched to the scene of serious personal injury motorcycle collision on Mulmur's 10 Sideroad west of Mansfield.

The male driver of the motorcycle was transported to Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston with serious but non-life-threatening injuries by Dufferin EMS.