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SEA DOG INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF FUNDRAISING AUCTION: RAISES \$7,000 TO BENEFIT THE OPPORTUNITY FARM FOR BOYS

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The annual Sea Dog Invitational Golf Tournament was held on June 22nd at Spring Meadows golf course in Gray. This year's tournament was sponsored by Advantage Payroll Services and The Shipyard Brewing Company and was a fundraiser for the Opportunity Farm for Boys in New Gloucester.

"When I got the call saying that Shipyard wanted to do this in support of our organization I was ecstatic," noted Ron Scott, president of Opportunity Farm. Many Opportunity Farm volunteers were on hand to assist with the tournament. Over 100 people attended the event and \$7,000 was raised.

"Advantage Payroll Services and Shipyard have had a professional relationship for many years," said Charlie Lathrop, president and CEO of Advantage. "When they approached me about sponsoring this year's golf tournament in support of the Opportunity Farm I was happy to do so. Shipyard is always first in line to support a good cause and that's a business culture we share."

Additional event sponsors included Spring Meadows Golf Course, The Bethel Inn & Country Club, and Portland Pie Company. Sea Dog is a division of The Shipyard Brewing Company in Portland.

The tournament highlighted an on-line fundraising auction running on The Shipyard Brewing Company's Web site (www.shipyard.com). Shipyard is auctioning an original painting entitled "Tall Ships off Eastern Promenade" by Maine artist Paul Black as well as a trip for two this November to the Ringwood Brewery in Hampshire, England where Shipyard's master brewer, UK native Alan Pugsley, apprenticed.

Minimum bid for Paul Black's painting "Tall Ships off Eastern Promenade" is \$1,000 (Value: Priceless!). Minimum bid for the trip for two to The Ringwood Brewery is \$500 (Value: \$2,100). Bidding will close at midnight, August 1.

Contemporary impressionist Paul Black has been painting the Maine landscape for 20 years. "Tall Ships off Eastern Promenade" is a 26" x 42" oil on canvas. This painting was created in 2000 when the OpSail Tall Ships visited Portland Harbor.

The trip for two to England is part of The Shipyard Brewing Company's annual Boar Tour of London and the Ringwood Brewery in Hampshire, England. The trip runs from November 7 - 12, 2002 and the package includes airfare, hotel, transportation, and a Ringwood Brewery tour for two.

Opportunity Farm is this year's Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race's "Shine the Light for Kids" charity. Funds raised from the on-line auction will be announced August 3rd, the day of the race.

"We've been a supporter of the Peoples Beach to Beacon Road Race for 5 years but this is the first year we've raised additional funds for their selected charity," said Bruce Forsley, vice president of sales and marketing at The Shipyard Brewing Company. "Our president, Fred Forsley, is from Gray and has many close friends who lived at Opportunity Farm. When he learned that the Farm was the Beach to Beacon charity, he insisted we get behind the cause."

"Shipyard has been an enthusiastic supporter of our race since its inception 5 years ago," said Meg Dempsey, race organizer and director of public affairs at Peoples Heritage Bank. "We are delighted by their initiative to help raise additional money and awareness for Opportunity Farm."

More of Paul Black's artwork can be viewed at www.paulblack.com.

Additional information about the Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race can be found at www.beach2beacon.org.

Find out more about Advantage Payroll Services at www.advantagepayroll.com.

Bid on-line to support the Opportunity Farm by visiting www.shipyard.com.

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