

Jasper Wyman & Son capture EdGE Open tennis tourney

Seventh annual event held Sept. 9 at Causeway Club

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Players on the Jasper Wyman & Son team, which won the seventh annual EdGE Open tennis tournament Sept. 9, include, from left, Patti Haslam, Donna Crawford, Dennis Kiley, Jim Murasko, Karen Robidoux, Ginny Dalrymple, Jeff Toothaker and Jaime Weir.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — The team sponsored by Jasper Wyman & Son captured the seventh annual EdGE Open tennis tournament Sept. 9 at the Causeway Club.

The squad defeated one of last year's finalists, Small Animal Clinic, 17 games to 15 games in a tourney that supports the EdGE program of the Maine Sea Coast Mission.

The two squads were evenly matched as the Jasper Wyman men's advanced team of Dennis Kiley and Jaime Weir tied the Small Animal Clinic team of Ben Beverly and Bob Pooler 4-4.

The intermediate team of Jasper Wyman, Jim Murasko and Jeff Toothaker tied the Small Animal Clinic team of Alec Toothaker and Dillon Toothaker 4-4.

The Small Animal Clinic advanced women's team of Julie Hammer and Lisa Smith outscored the Jasper Wyman's team of Donna Crawford and Ginny Dalrymple 5-3, but the Jasper Wyman's intermediate team of Patti Haslam and Karen Robidoux outscored the Small Animal Clinic team of Sue Loustaurau and Rose Toothaker 6-2.

The overall score of the finals match was 17 games for Jasper Wyman and 15 games for Small Animal Clinic.

Jasper Wyman's team had been a semifinalist in the 2010 EdGE Open.

The two other semifinalists were teams sponsored by Machias Business Group and Stanley Subaru, last year's champion. Machias Business Group lost to ultimate champion Jasper Wyman & Son 18 to 14 and Stanley Subaru lost to Small Animal Clinic 19 to 13.

There were competitive matches played throughout the day. The teams sponsored by Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Dead River Company, Machias Savings Bank and R.H. Foster played strong matches, with close matches being the order of the day.

"All 64 players had fun playing in this tournament, which is for the benefit of the Maine Sea Coast Mission's EdGE program, which is so important for the lives of many children in Eastern Maine," Larry Hudgens, tournament director.

The EdGE Open was held at the Causeway Club in Southwest Harbor, which donated the use of its courts for the event. The EdGE provides afterschool and summer programs for about 500 children in 17 Downeast Maine communities.

While the tournament is played in Southwest Harbor, the tournament sponsors and participating players come from throughout eastern Maine, including the Bangor area, Machias, Ellsworth, Mount Desert Island, and other Downeast Maine communities. Hannaford, The Somesville Subway, and Dead River Convenience Store donated food and beverages in support of the event.

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