



**The winning R.H. Foster team. Front Row: Connie Potvin, Tracy Arsenault, Team Captain – Kathy Foster, Rose Dennis, and Ann Kelmenson. Back Row: Bill Weatherbee, Bryan Lewis, Don Foster, and Gary Larkin. R.H. Foster defeated Machias Savings Bank in a closely contested finals match.**

*Photo courtesy of Steve Richards*

## **R.H. Foster Captures 4th Annual EdGE Open Tennis Tournament**

R.H. Foster, under the leadership of its captain, Kathy Foster, captured its first EdGE Open title at the Ellsworth Tennis Center on October 17 and 18. R.H. Foster had made it to the semi-finals in the 2007 EdGE Open, but with strong performances from all eight of its players was able to win the 4th annual EdGE Open this year. A total of 12 teams, sponsored by area businesses, with almost 100 players competed in this year's EdGE Open, which is the largest tennis tournament in eastern Maine and one of the largest in the state.

R.H. Foster defeated the team sponsored by Machias Saving Bank in a close finals match 28 to 20. The R. H. Foster team members are pictured above with their captain, Kathy Foster, and their championship trophies. The other semifinalists were the Machias Business Group and the Ellsworth Business Group. Previous EdGE Open winners have been Union Trust Bank, J.T. Rosborough, Inc., and Stanley Subaru.

The Tournament benefits the Maine Sea Coast Mission's EdGE after-school and summer programs which serve

children in grades four through twelve in 17 communities in coastal Washington and Eastern Hancock Counties. The communities served by the EdGE include Addison, Harrington, Cherryfield, Deblois, Beddington, Columbia Falls, Columbia, Milbridge, Steuben, Sullivan, Sorrento, Franklin, Winter Harbor, Corea, Gouldsboro, Jonesport, and Beals. The EdGE was selected as the #1 after-school program in Maine by the Maine-After-School Network, out of the 37 programs receiving any state funding, in 2006.

Area businesses sponsoring a team in this year's EdGE Open included the following: Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Dead River Company, Ellsworth Business Group (Acadia Realty, Harmon's Tire, McCullough Engineering, and Toothaker & Chong), J.T. Rosborough, Inc., Jasper Wyman & Son, Linnehan Investments, Machias Business Group (Charles H. Dorr, DDS, Tom's Mini-Mart, and Whitney's Originals) Machias Savings Bank, Morrison Chevrolet, R.H. Foster Inc., Small Animal Clinic, and Stanley Subaru/Hale & Hamlin.