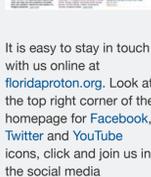


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Mark your calendar and join us when we are in a town near you.

September 24, 12 - 4 p.m.

Prostate Cancer Follow-Up Event
 Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel – Main Ballroom
 1201 Riverplace Blvd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32207

October 11-12, 2015

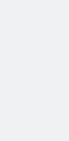
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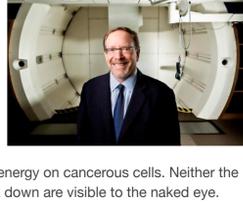
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Message from Stuart Klein, Executive Director

It is often the unseen forces in nature and in ourselves that prove to have tremendous power. From one of the smallest particles of matter, the proton, comes the power to destroy cells. Through advanced technology, we are able to direct these protons to focus most of their destructive energy on cancerous cells. Neither the protons nor the cells they break down are visible to the naked eye. However, the results of their interaction are felt by the people who receive life-saving proton therapy.

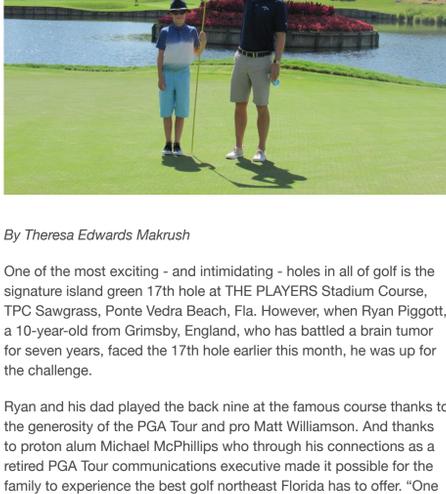


A recent **news article** is a compelling example of how one young woman fought her insurance company to get coverage of her proton therapy treatment for breast cancer. It is a reminder of the challenges patients face when insurance companies block patient access to essential treatment by denying coverage. And importantly it is a great example of the power that is within individuals to effect change.

Sincerely,

Stuart Klein

Northeast Florida golf experience brings joy to 10-year-old who is battling a brain tumor



By Theresa Edwards Makrush

One of the most exciting - and intimidating - holes in all of golf is the signature island green 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course, TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. However, when Ryan Piggott, a 10-year-old from Grimsby, England, who has battled a brain tumor for seven years, faced the 17th hole earlier this month, he was up for the challenge.

Ryan and his dad played the back nine at the famous course thanks to the generosity of the PGA Tour and pro Matt Williamson. And thanks to proton alum Michael McPhillips who through his connections as a retired PGA Tour communications executive made it possible for the family to experience the best golf northeast Florida has to offer. "One of the hallmarks of the First Coast golf community is its ability to give back," said Michael. "It's terrific how so many folks at TPC Sawgrass and World Golf Village came together for a special experience for Ryan and his family at two of our premier venues. Ryan is a fine young man and chips better than most of us. He carded a 7 from the forward tees on the par-5 fourth hole at the Slammer & Squire. That's the number one handicap hole. Who knows, perhaps someday he'll return as a competitor on our courses."

Last month, the young golfer, along with his parents Tracey and Adam Piggott, went on a VIP tour of the THE PLAYERS Clubhouse and grounds. They walked in the tunnel used exclusively by the PGA Tour players when entering the course. They saw the main locker room and even visited the champions' locker room which is only used by past PLAYERS winners.

Later, they visited the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum in St. Augustine, Fla., at the World Golf Village. There they saw the many exhibits honoring the best golfers in the world, watched Jurassic World in the IMAX Theater and played 18 holes of golf on the Slammer & Squire course designed by Hall of Fame members Sam "The Slammer" Snead and Gene "The Squire" Sarazen.

For Ryan, who began swinging a golf club as a two-year-old, being able to stay active even while having proton therapy is beneficial. "At the minute, Ryan remains well and we have been able to enjoy being in Florida and being in Jacksonville and golf," said mom Tracey as Ryan completed his fourth week of a six-week course of proton therapy. She said before they came for treatment, she was worried that proton therapy would cause her son pain or distress. To her relief, she said "He's not frightened by it. Not bothered about it."

Ryan was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was three-years-old and underwent major surgery to remove it at age four. For the next two years he had chemotherapy to control the remaining tumor, but last year, it started to grow again. Tracey said, "His physicians said he was an ideal candidate for proton because general radiation would give him more issues. He'll have some issues, but it will be less with protons."

Since proton therapy is not available in England, the National Health Service referred him for treatment at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute in Jacksonville, Fla. Even though they are far from friends and family, dad Adam said being away from home makes the treatment easier. Rather than going to school before or after proton therapy, Ryan is free to enjoy his downtime. "Ryan likes Jacksonville so much he doesn't want to go home," said Adam.

Ryan will return home later this summer, and in the fall, he will join his classmates as a year six student. He will pick up where he left off with his Saturday morning golf lessons at the 18-hole course Lacey Manor in Grimsby. And he will be planning a foot-golf party in September, combining his passion for football (soccer) and golf, to celebrate his eleventh birthday with his friends.



Ryan Piggott takes a peek at PGA Tour and THE PLAYERS' locker.



Ryan poses with Michael McPhillips (left) and Jim Hahn, general manager at The World Golf Village courses.

Olympian Shannon Miller joins Play Golf. Fight Cancer. as Honorary Chair

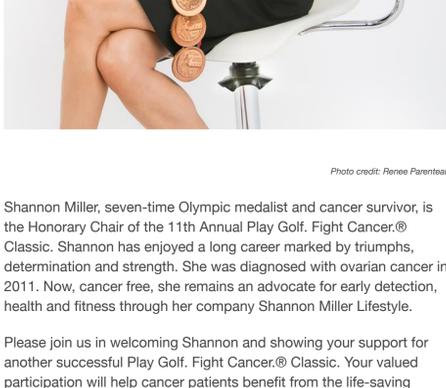


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Shannon Miller, seven-time Olympic medalist and cancer survivor, is the Honorary Chair of the 11th Annual Play Golf. Fight Cancer.® Classic. Shannon has enjoyed a long career marked by triumphs, determination and strength. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2011. Now, cancer free, she remains an advocate for early detection, health and fitness through her company Shannon Miller Lifestyle.

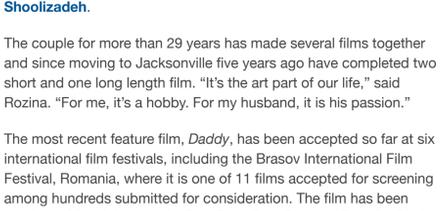
Please join us in welcoming Shannon and showing your support for another successful Play Golf. Fight Cancer.® Classic. Your valued participation will help cancer patients benefit from the life-saving treatment and research at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. As a participant, you will have a seat at the awards reception following the tournament to hear Shannon's inspirational message as our distinguished Keynote Speaker. You can also meet Shannon in person and receive her autograph during the tournament. We look forward to seeing you there.

To register for the event and/or attend the dinner, click through to register on the www.playgolffightcancer.org website.

To donate or support the cause in some other way, if you are not available for the event, contact tournament chair Michael McPhillips at mcphforegolf@gmail.com (904) 910-7098 or Judy Taylor Holland jholland@floridaproton.org (904) 588-1401.

The 11th Annual Play. Golf Fight Cancer. ® Classic is Oct. 11-12, 2015 at The World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Fla. A dinner and silent auction is planned for Oct. 11 in the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum. The tournament will be played Oct. 12 on both of the official courses of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The King & Bear is a course that has the distinction of being the only design collaboration between namesakes Arnold "The King" Palmer and Jack "The Bear" Nicklaus. The Slammer & Squire is a championship resort course designed by Bobby Weed with consultants Sam "The Slammer" Snead and Gene "The Squire" Sarazen.

Behind the scenes



Rozina Behrooz (right) with husband Mahmoud Shoolizadeh (center) on location in St Marys, Ga. filming *Daddy*.

By Theresa Edwards Makrush

Commitment to excellence is a hallmark of every person who works at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. So when residency/Fellowship Program coordinator Rozina Behrooz spends her spare time working on films, is it any surprise that the projects are award-worthy? Perhaps not when you factor in her background as a former reporter and on-air personality for the BBC in London and that her husband is internationally-recognized film producer, director and editor **Mahmoud Shoolizadeh**.

The couple for more than 29 years has made several films together and since moving to Jacksonville five years ago have completed two short and one long length film. "It's the art part of our life," said Rozina. "For me, it's a hobby. For my husband, it is his passion."

The most recent feature film, *Daddy*, has been accepted so far at six international film festivals, including the Brasov International Film Festival, Romania, where it is one of 11 films accepted for screening among hundreds submitted for consideration. The film has been nominated for eight awards: Best Film, Best Director, Best Art Design, Best Screenplay, Best Lead Actor, Best Lead Actress, Best Cinematographer, and Best Music Score.

The fictional story is one of a teen couple who must face the practical and moral consequences when their love results in pregnancy. Breaking from the cinematic norm, the movie tells the story of young love from the father's perspective. Director Mahmoud Shoolizadeh explained he was drawn to the subject when he learned that America has the highest incidence of teen pregnancy among developed nations. After extensive research and collaboration with a screen co-writer the resulting screenplay explores the emotions of wanting the baby, not wanting the baby and the destiny of the baby.

"The main subject of all of my films is love," said Mahmoud. After moving to Jacksonville, he began work on *The Prisoner* (2013), a fiction film about a recently released prisoner and a prisoner on deathrow, and received critical acclaim. His other recent work, with Rozina as executive producer and first assistant director, includes *The Debt*, which is a short fiction film about a female soldier returning from the Iraq war who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and the struggle to reconnect with her husband and daughter. *The Debt* was screened at 30 film festivals, received multiple nominations, and won Best Film and Best Actress awards at the 2014 Moondance International Film Festival; Best Supporting Actress and Best Child Actor awards at the 2015 North Carolina International Film Festival; and Best Film at the 2015 Flagler International Film Festival.

The films were produced and shot on location in St. Marys, Ga., a coastal community 40 minutes north of Jacksonville. The couple recruited talented volunteer cast and crew members to keep costs low and had assistance from the film commission in St. Marys to find and secure permission for use of locations.

Last month, a special advance screening of *Daddy* and *The Debt* took place at the independent Sun Ray Cinema in Jacksonville. About 150 people, including UF Health Proton Therapy Institute patients and staff attended. Interestingly, the lead actor of the film *Daddy* has caught the eye of a director who works in Hollywood, Calif., first in a viewing of the film. Perhaps this young talent, a local teen first noticed and hired by Rozina and Mahmoud, soon will be the lead actor in a feature film. The film *Daddy* can be seen at upcoming film festivals:

- Portland Rising International Film Festival, Portland, Ore., August 14 & 15
- The Boonies International Film Festival, Northern Pennsylvania, August 19-22
- Brasov International Film Festival & Market, Brasov, Romania, September 2-16
- Jerome Indie Film & Music Festival, Jerome, Ariz., September 3-6
- Trindiefest, Houston, Texas, September 25-27
- Gig Harbor Film Fest, Gig Harbor, Washington, October 16-18

Team forming for 2nd Annual LUNG FORCE Run/Walk

Show your support and help raise awareness that proton therapy is an excellent option for lung cancer treatment. You can participate on the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute team in the 2nd Annual LUNG FORCE Run/Walk on August 29, 2015 at The Landing in downtown Jacksonville. The American Lung Association (ALA) event raises awareness of lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths in women. Funds raised will benefit the ALA's efforts to research a cure and promote awareness of early detection.

Last year, we had the largest team and made quite an impact with our bright yellow shirts and proton logos. Our team captain Bradley Robbert is ordering equally bright shirts with our new logo and each participant will receive a complimentary shirt. There is no cost to register. To sign up, follow these steps:

1. [Click here for the registration website](#)
2. Click the blue "Register" button
3. Click "Join Team"
4. In the "Team Name" box, type Florida Proton, then click the "Search for a Team" button
5. Click "Join" and follow the on-screen instructions
6. Contact brobber@floridaproton.org with name and shirt size for each person you registered. Shirts are complimentary if you register and email Brad by Monday, August 17.