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LOCAL FOOD BANKS BENEFIT FROM BC FERRIES' EMPLOYEE GOLF EVENT **Employees raise \$3420 for Bella Coola and Port Hardy**

VICTORIA –BC Ferries is proud of the efforts of its employees to raise and donate money to local food banks through the annual BC Ferries' Employees Golf Tournament. This year the tournament raised \$3420, which was divided equally between the Bella Coola Valley Food Bank and the Port Hardy Harvest Food Bank.

On September 15, 2018, over 130 BC Ferries employees and friends participated in the 15th annual BC Ferries' Employees Golf Tournament at the Arbutus Ridge Golf Club in Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island.

Employees from around coastal British Columbia came together for a great day of golf and an opportunity to help those who need a hand. Food banks in Bella Coola and Port Hardy each received cheques for \$1710 from BC Ferries' staff to help individuals and families in need.

“Our employees live and work in the coastal communities we serve, so it's a great opportunity to give back to our neighbours,” said Mark Wilson, BC Ferries' Vice President of Strategy & Community Engagement. “This annual employee-driven event is a festive way for some of our staff to visit with colleagues and fundraise at the same time.”

In previous years, the tournament raised funds for food banks on Denman, Hornby, Salt Spring, Gabriola and Quadra islands, as well as the Sunshine Coast, Prince Rupert, Haida Gwaii, Powell River, Chemainus and the Cowichan Valley – which assists communities of BC Ferries' customers.

The BC Ferries' Employees Golf Tournament is funded by the individual employees who participate.

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(L to R) Tournament organizers, Senior Financial Analyst, Nick Nadeau and Senior Business Analyst, Stephen Salaga along with the executive sponsor, Mark Wilson, Vice President, Strategy & Community Engagement at the 15th Annual BC Ferries' Employees Golf Tournament at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club on September 15, 2018.