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Swinging for a Cure

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Frog Hollow Racquet Club will be hopping Sept. 8, once again hosting part of a two-day fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Abby Schwartz, co-chair for Game, Set, Cure, said this is the fifth year for the event and the fourth time Frog Hollow on Weber Road, Worcester, has served as host.

Over the years, the event has raised \$300,000.



“It’s an excellent cause,” said Becca Green, Frog Hollow’s marketing and events coordinator.

She added that Schwartz, is a club member and has a daughter with cystic fibrosis, so fighting the illness is “close to our heart.”

Schwartz explained that cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects the way salt passes through cells.

It creates a thick mucous and leads to lung infections and may affect the pancreas. Roughly 30,000 Americans have the illness.

Schwartz said the fundraiser will kick off with a black-tie gala auction at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penns Landing, from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Sept. 7. Tickets for the gala are on sale now at \$200 a piece. For more information, contact the foundation at (610) 325-6001.

A Pro/Am tennis tournament and family fun event will be held at Frog Hollow on Sept. 8.

Those who did not attend the gala are asked to contribute \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under the age of 12. All proceeds will benefit the foundation, Schwartz said.

She explained that 10 teams will compete. Each doubles team will have a professional-status player matched up with an amateur.

"It's great tennis," Schwartz said.

She added that each team will have been "bought" at the preceding night's gala.

The place at which a team finishes will determine the order in which its owner will be able to claim high-end prizes like a five-night stay at a resort in Mexico.

The tournament will begin at about 11:30 a.m., and lunch will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. Food has been contributed by a number of area businesses, including Vidalia Marketplace in Lansdale.

Schwartz said the day's events will also include tennis clinics, a magician and inflatable rides. There will also be raffles, with music provided by Sonic DJs, from Ardmore.

Bob & Ron's Worldwide Stereo, the event's official electronics sponsor, has donated a 50-inch high-definition flat-screen television to raffle.