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**NAPLES RESIDENTS AND TENNIS FANS FROM ALL OVER  
MAKE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SWINGTIME EVENT A SUCCESS  
PRO-CELEBRITY PRO-AM TENNIS & GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS  
THE TIM & TOM GULLIKSON FOUNDATION**

NAPLES, Fla. – The 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Swingtime -- A Pro-Celebrity Pro-Am Tennis & Golf Tournament - Benefiting the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation** was held in Naples, November 22-23. From the start of the Tennis Pro-Am through the end of the Golf Pro-Am Tournament, all of the weekend activities were well-attended and helped raise additional dollars for the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation.

On Saturday, November 22, the event began with a **Tennis Pro-Am** where participants played with and against many tennis professionals at **The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort**. In addition to round-robin doubles, there were several skills competitions held throughout the morning; Buddy Givens won “Hit the Target,” Michele Nelson had the Women’s Fastest Serve and Scott Black won the Men’s Fastest Serve competition.

The afternoon brought some highly entertaining tennis matches by current and former ATP Tour stars. First, Swingtime’s Event Host **Tom Gullikson** and **Jay Berger** narrowly defeated **MaliVai Washington** and **Jimmy Arias** in doubles, 8-7 (6). Chair umpire **Brett Haber** called the match, showing off insightful commentary and wit that has won him several Emmy Awards as a sportscaster. Following the doubles, **Sebastien Grosjean**, defeated **Mardy Fish** in singles, 8-6. Grosjean was making his first-ever playing appearance in Naples, while Fish has been a loyal supporter of the Swingtime event for many years.

That night, attendees at the **Swingtime Gala presented by The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer** were treated to beautiful evening at The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort. The Gala began at 7:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by a gourmet dinner. During the auction, guests bid on once-in-a-lifetime opportunities such as a “**Behind the Scenes**” tour of the **U.S. Open** and a **private hit with Martina Hingis**. One of the highlights of the evening was the drawing for two tickets to the upcoming Super Bowl. Mr. Ross Hollander of West Hartford, CT was the lucky winner. Throughout the evening, everyone had a chance to mix and mingle with the many celebrities in attendance.

The **Swingtime** celebrity guest list included all the players in the Tennis Exhibition plus current and former tennis stars **Lori McNeil, Corina Morariu, Wendy Turnbull, Brian Gottfried and Brenda Schultz-McCarthy**. Other celebrities in attendance included actress **Robin Givens**, TV announcer **Brett Haber**, baseball’s **Mike Cuellar, Rennie Stennett** and **Bill Gullickson**, and football’s **Marvin Jones, Don Silvestri** and **Tim Watson**.

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On Sunday, November 23, at **Olde Cypress** the Swingtime **Golf Pro-Am Tournament** took place. Each foursome played with a current or retired athlete/celebrity. Prizes were given to the team with best net score, comprised of Diana Donahue, Wayne Crandell and Don Silvestri; second best net score, comprised of Simon Custer, Oliver Custer, Greg DuBose, Scott Black and MaliVai Washington; and the team with the lowest gross score, comprising of Steve Vaughan, Bob Berning, Cary Vaughan, Carl Harnish and Tom Sorensen. Also receiving awards were Wendy Turnbull for Longest Drive, Rich Johnson for Straightest Drive and Don Silvestri for Closest to the Pin. To emphasize the spirit of giving and the purpose of the event being to support the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation, the golfer who had the Shortest Drive, Dan Haber, was also given an award of a Wilson Tennis Racket.

Over the past ten years, **Swingtime** has raised more than \$1,000,000 for **The Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation**. The Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation was established in 1995 after Tim was diagnosed with malignant brain tumors. **Tim Gullikson**, who as a coach helped establish Pete Sampras as the top player in the world, died in 1996, at age 44, after losing his battle with the disease. The Foundation's mission is to fund care and support programs to assist brain-tumor patients and their families in managing the physical, emotional and social challenges presented by the illness. Among other things, the Foundation funds information and support phone lines for brain tumor patients and their families, sends children who are brain tumor survivors to camp, and gives college scholarships to students who have been affected by brain tumors. For information on the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation please visit their website at [www.gulliksonfoundation.org](http://www.gulliksonfoundation.org).

**Lee Memorial Health System**, a seven hospital system with over 1,000 beds and numerous ambulatory systems throughout Lee County, was the local beneficiary of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Swingtime**. Lee Cancer Care is a service within the Lee Memorial Health System that provides programs and treatments for over 5,000 cancer patients each year. With the support of the Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation, Lee Memorial Health System intends to establish a patient "Navigator" that will assist brain tumor patients throughout their journey.

The official **Swingtime** host sponsor, **Stock Development**, is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing development companies in Southwest Florida, with properties from Naples to Punta Gorda. Specializing in the development of amenity rich communities, the company's craftsmanship and expertise are proudly displayed in five of the regions most celebrated communities: Lely Resort Golf & Country Club, Olde Cypress in Naples; Grandezza in Estero; Paseo in Ft. Myers and Vivante at Punta Gorda. For more information about Stock Development please visit [www.stockdevelopment.com](http://www.stockdevelopment.com).

**The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer**, which is located in Palm Beach County and dedicated to protecting your right to justice, continued its support of Swingtime by sponsoring this year's Swingtime Gala, which was titled the **Swingtime Gala presented by The Law Offices of Andy M. Custer**.

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