July 25, Sequoyah Country Club began as a typical Oakland summer day—overcast! It ended with Scholarship & Research history for Nor Cal. A full field of 120 players enjoyed the golf. Sam Samuelson, CGCS, Haggin Oaks Superintendent, enjoyed a hole in one on hole #2 for a Garia golf cart and airline tickets for two, and Nor Cal raised a historic dollar amount to fund scholarship and research programs for its members.

Thank you to Terry Grasso, Superintendent; Tom Schunn, General Manager and Bill Smith, Golf Professional at Sequoyah Country Club for providing the venue for the most successful Scholarship & Research Tournament in Nor Cal history; Dave Wilber and John Holmquist for auctioneering duties; Jim Sherman; Tim Powers, CGCS; Thomas Bastis, CGCS; Dave Wilber, for your committee service; and entire board for tireless phone calls, soliciting for players and participation.

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- Want to attend an Oakland Raiders game? Take advantage of a great way to help yourself and the Oakland Turfgrass Education Imitative (OTEL) program that “introduces inner-city youth to potential career paths in sports turf & golf course management, environmental sciences, and the green industry.” Visit the web site and download more information for the game.

- When you visit the Nor Cal web site some things to keep in mind. The job section, as is the membership area, is password protected. Each time we announce a job notice, the password is included in the email. The password for your membership is yours to set. Once you make that change, the office does not have access to your password. If you forget, you can make a request for a new one. If that fails, call the office for a manual reset. Thru the Green is available directly to member via email link. The emails are sent from the membership “Wild Apricot” database-hosting site. If you have having trouble accessing the publication, please give the office a call. You may have to “friend” the email on your company networks.

- Randy Gai has been promoted to Golf and Grounds Maintenance Superintendent at Claremont Country Club in Oakland. Replacing Randy at golf course superintendent is Josh Cleveinger. Josh had been the assistant super prior to his promotion........Mike Higuera Sr. has retired as superintendent at Coyote Creek Golf Course in San Jose. He is being replaced by Joel Brinkman. Joel most recently was at Calabassas CC in So California. Prior to that he was at Blackhawk CC in Danville.......