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In an effort to bring others to the game of golf, GCSANC President Jeff Shafer along with PGA Director of Golf Devin Meehen, gather clubs from the Course at Wente Vineyards for donation to Special Olympics of Northern California. The project was a team effort with support from the GCSANC, the NCPGA and the Course at Wente Vineyards.

Membership

Stanley Burgess A Inactive,
Andrew Colletta of Wait Motor Supply, Affiliate
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This Month's Course: Cinnabar Hills Golf Club

Peacefully tucked in and around the hills, a short drive south of fast-paced Silicon Valley, Cinnabar Hills Golf Club blends championship-caliber golf with spectacular views. San Jose's first public course to open in 30 years was designed by award-winning architect John Harbottle III. Each hole has been crafted to maintain the natural slope of the area and to protect the wildlife residing here. Hundreds of old oaks were incorporated into the layout and seedlings from those oaks were nurtured and planted to further enhance the landscape. Inspiring the golf club's logo, red-tail hawks can be seen flying over the course or even perched in a tree. Named for the rich, red ore mined here during the 1800's, Cinnabar Hills offers golfers three distinct nines: the Canyon, the Lake and the Mountain. For more information, go to www.cinnabarhills.com



Top right: Cinnabar Canyon #8

Above: The Proshop

Bottom right: Cinnabar Mountain #3



President's Message

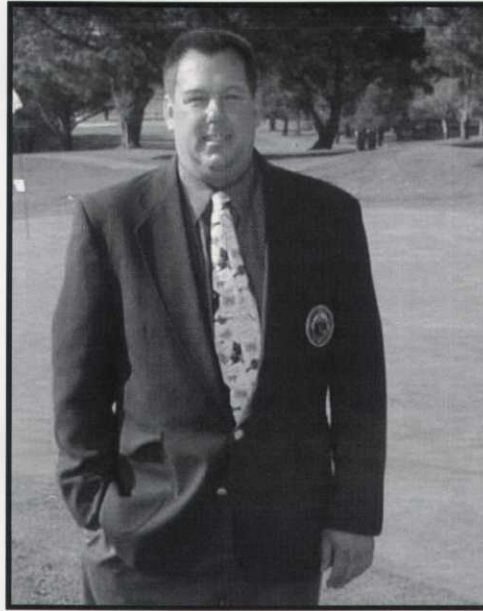
By Jeff Shafer

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Thank you for all of the sponsors that have supported our association monthly meetings this year this year. Your funds have allowed us to lower meeting registration fees, increase golf prize funding and increase the quality of services. Please support those individuals and companies that support us! THANK YOU

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Jeff Shafer

this is a great way to reach the membership with your products. Please contact Bob Costa, Mike Hill, P. J. Spellman or Barb Mikel about any of the numerous opportunities that can assist you.

Assistant Tournament

Please support the Assistant Superintendent's of our association and attend this year's event at Cinnabar Hills GC. This event is open to all members and guests and your registration goes to increasing the services we can provide to those assistants at the event. Host Superintendent Jeremy Lehman and his Assistant Bill Davis Jr. have worked very hard with Mike Hill to put together a great program. A special thanks goes to Bill Davis Jr. and his assistant committee for running with the event and making most of the arrangements towards the event. As future leaders of our profession, your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Scholarship Tournament

Lake Merced Country Club and host superintendent Lou Tonelli will be our gracious host for this event. For those that have or have not played this fine facility, what a treat it is. This event has always been one of the highlights for the year and we look forward to seeing any of you on August 5th. /

Office Notes *By Barb Mikel*

Hope you had a Happy 4th!

The Second Annual Assistant Superintendents Meeting is well on its way. The committee of assistants is all so eager! They have arranged a great program and venue for the tournament. Congratulations all! And special thanks go out to all our sponsors for this event.

Hope you are looking forward to the Bert Graves Scholarship Research Tournament at Lake Merced. Andy Slack and Gary Ingram, CGCS are well on the way to making another great Affiliate Member event! Looking back to the scholarships provided by this tournament, it is great to see the dividends return to the association. How many of you know Jason Green, Los Altos Country Club was one of the first scholarship recipients? We need to add another page to the directory listing all our Scholarship



Barb Mikel

Recipients. Speaking of the directory, it is being printed for distribution. Look forward to seeing it this month!

The Graves Memorial Tournament has provided funding for other scholarship activities. Golf Journal's Susan Fornoff has a nice article in the June edition on Alameda Junior Pro Shop activities. Jerry Berrow's outreach program has benefited from contributions made from the scholarship fund.

Golfdom magazine (Geoff Shackelford) did a great piece on The Meadow Club restoration undertaken by David Sexton, CGCS. Leave it up to David to mix his soil and sand! Congratulations to David and his crew. /



Superintendent Pro Team Events

Gross

- 1st Rod Souza & Corey Eastwood
Stockton Country Club (73)
- 2nd Jim O'Neal & Michael Garvale
Palo Alto Hills Country Club (73)
- 3rd John Abendroth & Steve Good
Crystal Springs - Oakmont Country
Club (74)

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- 1st Dylan Hills & Gary Williams
Blackhawk Country Club (68)
(Superintendent Pro Trophy
Winners)
- 2nd Ted Antonopoulos & Dale Engman
Mayacama Golf Club (71)
- 3rd John Hughes & Blake Swint
Castlewood Country Club (72)

Individual Professional

- 1st Jim O'Neal
Palo Alto Hill Country Club (78)
- 2nd Rod Souza
Stockton Country Club (78)
- 3rd John Abendroth
Crystal Springs Golf Course (80)

Amateur Individual

Gross

- 1st Greg Galasso (79)
- 2nd Mike Hill (81)
- 3rd Ross Brownlie (81)

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- 1st Mike Parks (76)
- 2nd Terry Stratton (77)
- 3rd Terry Grasso (77)

Two Person Team Events

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- 1st Ross Brownlie & Mike Hill (69)
- 2nd Gregory Fernald & Mike Parks (69)
- 3rd John Berry & Sean Mullins (69)

Two Person Team Events

Gross

- 1st Terry Stratton & Wayne Salyards (78)
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- 3rd Eric Nitchski & Barcklay Westerfield

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**Andreason and
Davies to Compete in
John Deere Pro-Am**

Alan Andreason, CGCS and Ray Davies, CGCS were selected as winners in the GCSAA/John Deere Employer/Superintendent Recognition program for 2002. Overall, ten superintendents and their employers will play in the John Deere Golf & Turf Superintendent Pro-Am tournament held in conjunction with the John Deere Classic, July 21-24, at the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run near Moline, Ill.

The tournament spots are part of the Employer/Superintendent Recognition program created by John Deere and GCSAA. Winners will participate in a three-day VIP program, including two rounds of golf, paid travel expenses, receptions, meals and lodging.

Congratulations to Alan and Ray from the GCSANC!

**Naumann's
NorCal News**

Scott Stambaugh is the new Superintendent at Marin Country Club in Novato. Scott has been the Supt. At Hiddenbrooke CC in Vallejo. He is replacing the retiring **Stan Burgess**, who is now enjoying drowning worms.....**Gary Ingram** has accepted the Superintendent position at Metropolitan Golf Course in Oakland. Metropolitan GC is now under reconstruction. It was previously known as Lew Galbraith Golf Course. It is under CourseCo Management.....



In-Or-Out Of The Bunker

By Mike McCullough

Why are bunker rakes placed inside the bunkers on some golf courses, outside the bunkers at other golf courses or half in/half out of bunker at other golf courses?

Is the decision of placing rakes in or out of the bunkers made at the superintendent level, the golf professional level or by the golfers who play the course every day? Perhaps the maintenance worker who rakes bunkers on a daily basis makes the decision. Regardless of who decides where the rake should be placed, there are both good and bad consequences for the golfer.

Gail Rogers, Director of Education for the NCGA, has given Rules of Golf workshops on a regular basis and is frequently asked the Shakespearian golf question: Are rakes "To be or not to be" in the bunkers? The answer Rogers gives the most is "the least obtrusive

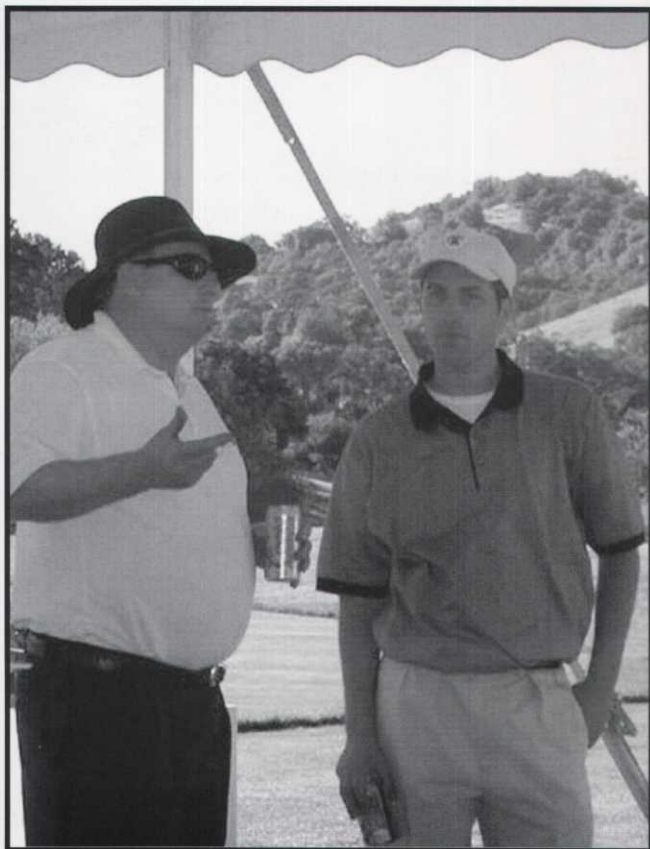
manner." "If courses have small, but severely sloped bunkers, then they should consider having the rakes outside the bunkers, due to the fact that if a ball comes to rest against the rake on a steep bunker slope, the golfer is going to have a difficult time getting the ball back to the original position," says Rogers. "When the ball cannot come to rest no nearer the hole than its original position in the bunker, the golfer must drop the ball outside the bunker, incurring a one stroke penalty."

With some of the more modern courses that have large, relatively flat bunkers, Rogers suggests having the rakes inside the bunkers. If the ball comes to rest against a rake in a large, flat bunker, the likelihood of getting the ball back to its original position is pretty good. So a case of leaving the rakes in the bunker is warranted. However, the player needs to be aware that in a large fairway

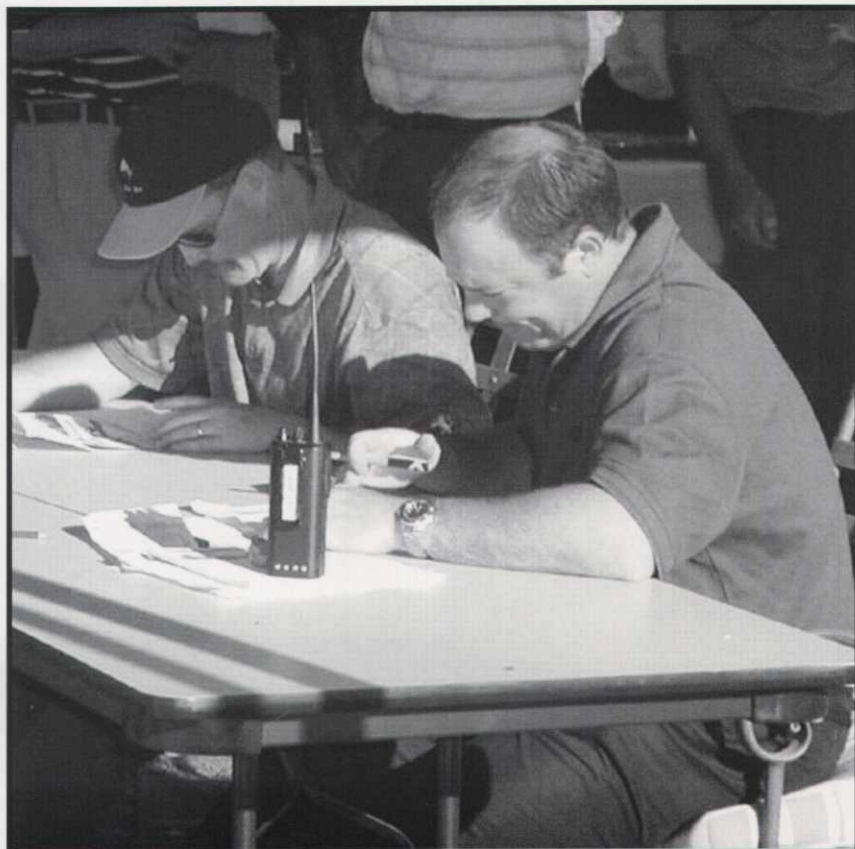
bunker that has the rake on the opposite side of where the golfer's ball entered the sandy hazard, the golfer would be inclined to take the rake and use it to cover up their footprints while walking over and preparing to hit their ball. This is considered testing the surface and a penalty, two strokes, is assessed

The 2002-2003 Decisions on the Rules of Golf book has a ruling that deals with this exact question. Miscellaneous Decision No. 2 answers the question, should rakes be placed in or outside the bunkers? Granted, the decision is not cut and dried, but the decision generally favors having the rakes outside the bunker.

So, before a quick and hasty decision is made on the status of bunker rakes, please take some time and assess the least obtrusive manner for rakes at your course. /



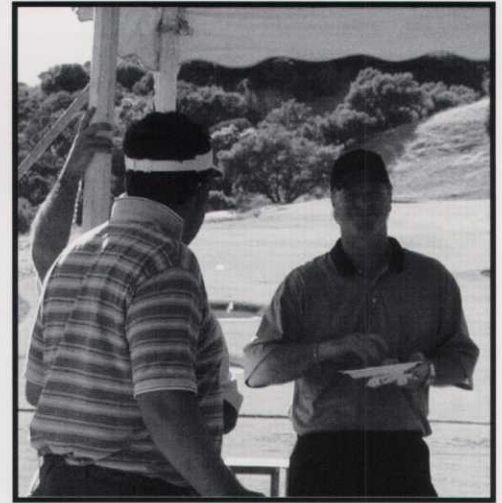
Ross Brownlie talks swing oil



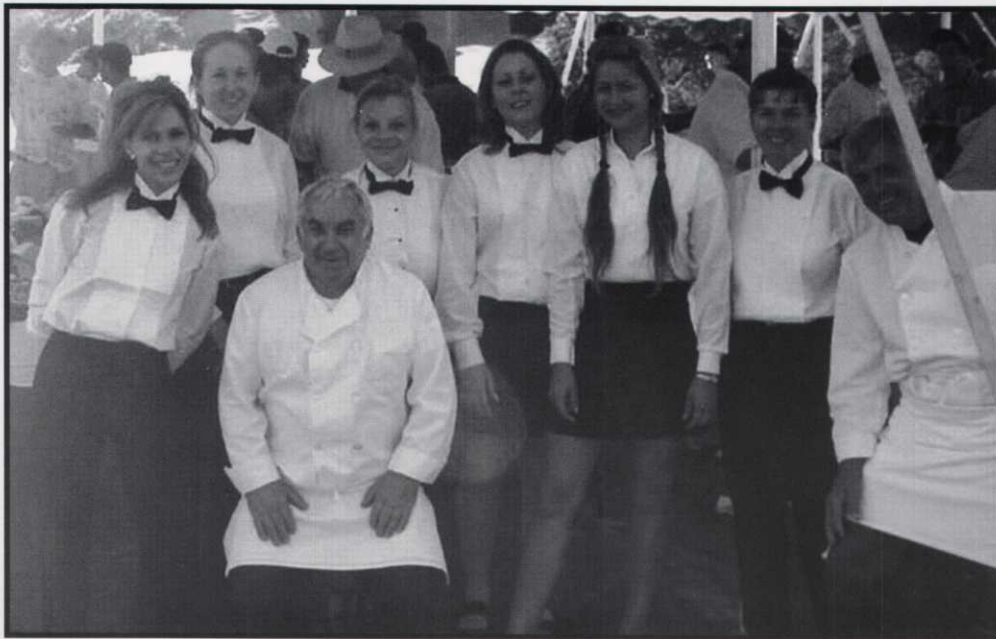
PJ and the host pro could have used a calculator



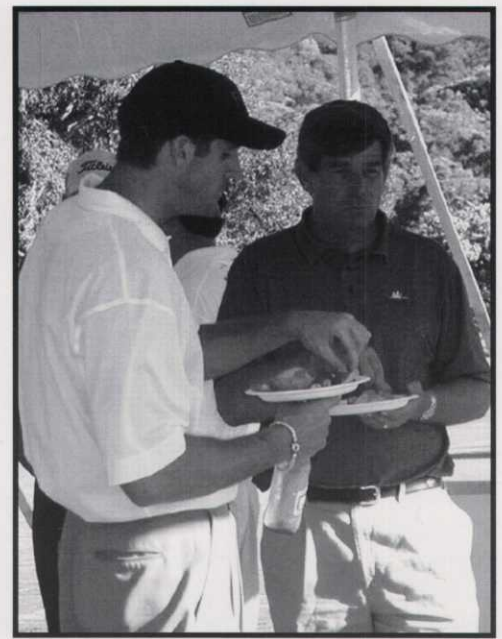
Tent on the range tee at Mayacama



Scott Lewis under the tent



The catering staff took good care of the GCSANC



Tim Sedgley with his pro at Mayacama



Roger Robarge, Mike Clark, and Chris Dubas



Mike Clark with John Abendroth

GCSANC Member Joel Ahern— A Marathon Man for Charity

By Emmy Moore Minister

It's all about giving back. Just ask Northern California Golf Course Superintendent Joel Ahern who ran a 26.2-mile marathon to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A good friend of Aherns approached him with the idea of running The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, which immediately caught his interest. Besides the challenge of the run, the involvement with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society also appealed to Ahern.

Golf Course Superintendent by day, and runner by night, Ahern contacted a mentor through the Northern California Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to find out more about the Team in Training Program that helps prepare runners in mastering marathons. According to the association, over 16,000 Northern California residents have been trained to run or walk a marathon, or participate in cycling, mountain biking, or triathlon events. Before long Ahern was participating in the Team in Training Program (TNT) which takes runners step by step through the marathon training and fundraising process.

"I was excited about the opportunity to run in my first marathon while raising funds for such a great cause," states Ahern, GCSANC Member and Class "A" Golf Course Superintendent at San Jose Country Club, located in the heart of Silicon Valley. "I originally thought that running the race and raising funds would be difficult to accomplish," admits Ahern, "but by staying organized and with the help of my family, and friends and club members, I was able to achieve my goal." However, he still admits the marathon training was not an easy task. "It took plenty of hard work and determination," claims Ahern.

The fundraising efforts also required a commitment. Ahern set a goal to raise \$3600 for the cause. With the help of family, friends and dedicated members at San Jose Country Club, Joel not only met the goal but exceeded it by raising over \$3800 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The good news is, more than 75 percent of what is raised by the participants goes directly to



GCSANC Member Joel Ahern with friend, Raquel Zamura at the finish line in Chicago

research and patient services for those faced with the challenges of Leukemia.


Fundraising and training continued for months leading up to The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. The honorees in the program, whom the funds support, were an inspiration to Ahern and his fellow training team members. "At each weekly training practice and weekend run the honorees were there cheering us on," claims Ahern. "They even took time to share some thoughts about the challenges they face with their illnesses." After hearing their personal stories, Ahern admits that marathon training did not seem nearly as difficult as before.

Kristen Laidlaw of San Jose was Ahern's special Team in Training Honoree. She is a twelve-year-old who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in 1997 and has spent more time in and out of hospitals than one could ever imagine. But on the brighter side, when she is not supporting runners like Ahern through the Team in Training Program, she is attending middle school where she is involved in singing, dancing, and soccer. It's heartwarming to report that her condition is in remission at

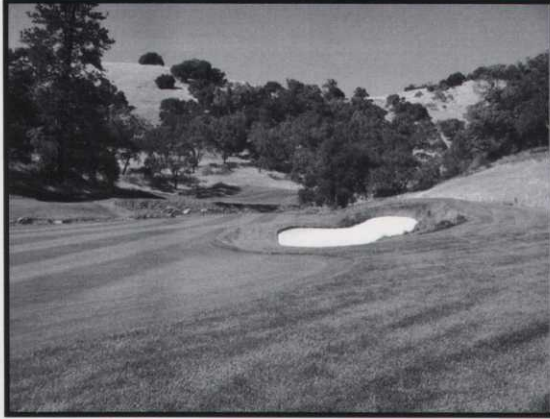
this time. However, Kristen still continues to make regular visits to Stanford Hospital for required check ups and lab work.

Kristen served as an inspiration for Ahern as he completed the marathon in 4:35:15. "When I reached the finish line in Chicago, my body was tired and sore, but I was fulfilled, stated Ahern. "Just thinking about all the wonderful people I met from Team in Training and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society made it all worthwhile. I felt very satisfied at what I had accomplished."

Just recently Ahern ran the San Diego Rock N' Roll Marathon in 4:06:11, beating his earlier record. He looks forward to running on the TNT Summer Team this year, raising additional funds for research. As for his next marathon, Ahern has Honolulu, Hawaii at the top of his list.

As a golf course superintendent, Aherns days are filled with running projects at San Jose Country Club. As a marathoner, evenings are spent projecting how fast he can run. You just might say, Ahern has his life running A-O.K! 

THRU THE GREEN



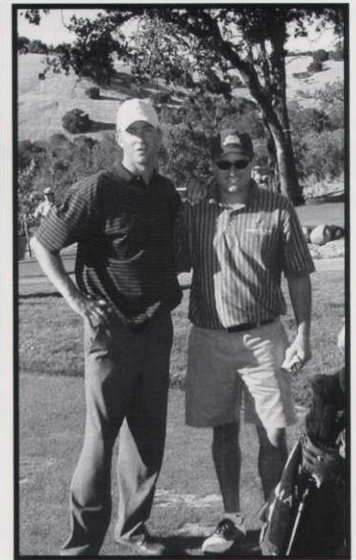
The short but dangerous 7th at Mayacama



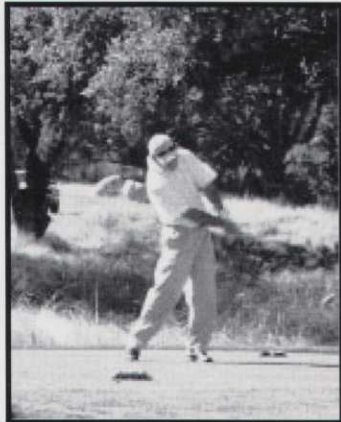
Ryan Zuehlsdorf acknowledges a good hole



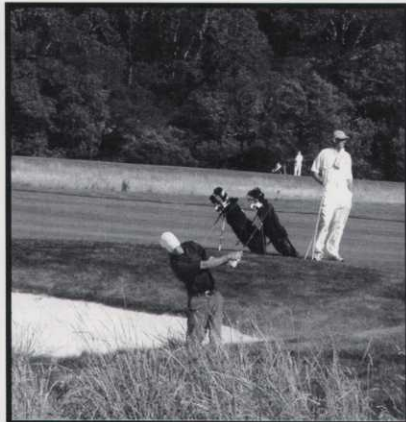
Gary Carls walks off after a hard earned bogey



Dale Engman and John Pina



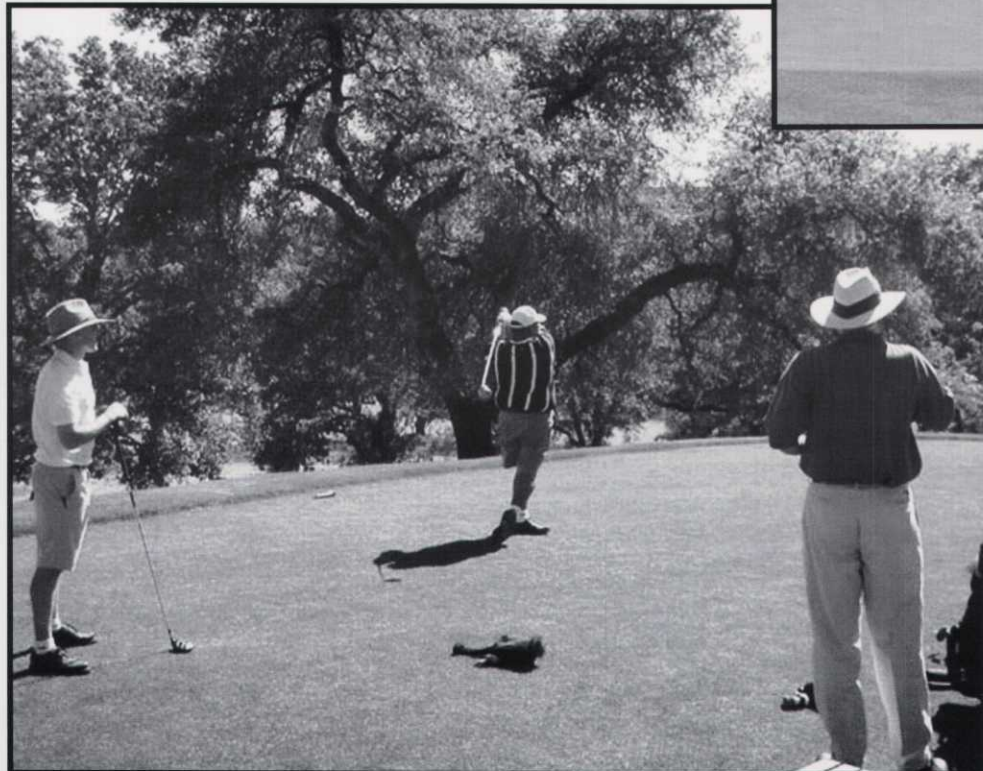
Ryan Zuehlsdorf nails a tee shot



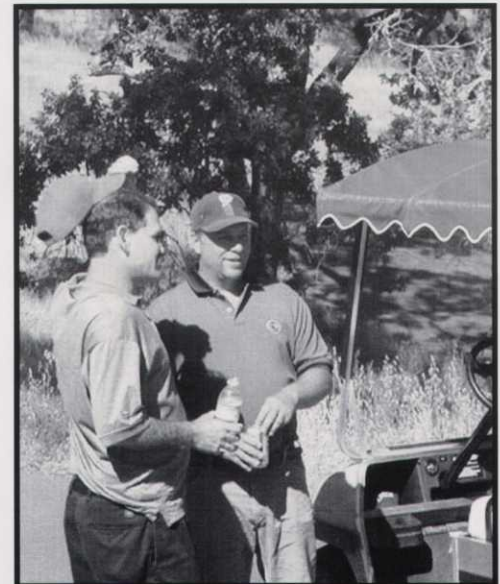
Host Supt. Dale Engman plays a nice bunker shot



Putting was a challenge at Mayacama



Lalo Pacheco from Rancho Solano cranks out a tee shot



Gary Skolnik with . . . water . . . and Bill Maeder



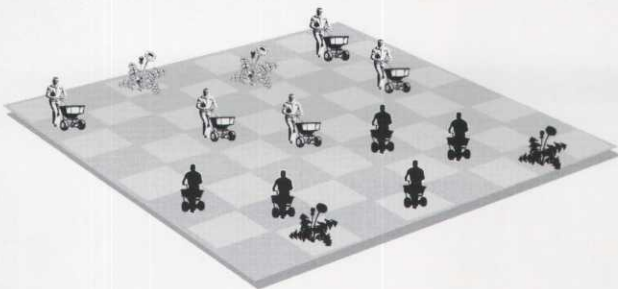
David Archer finds the high stuff



The high grass was visited frequently at Mayacama



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