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1st Place Low Gross 140

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1st Place Low Net

Menlo Country Club

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George Sigigi
Nick Graves

Long Drive hole #2

Ryan Bosch

Straightest Drive hole #12

Ryan Wilson

Closest to the Pin

Hole #4

Lou Silvera

Hole #7

Scott Lewis, cGCS

Hole #14

Jeff Shafer

Hole #17

Thomas Bastis, CGCS



Sonoma Golf Club



Registration

How many clubs can I carry?

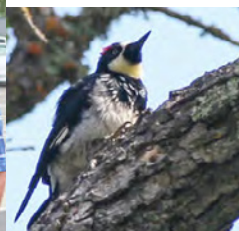


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Bruce and Dainora Olson with Rob and Jessica Dugan



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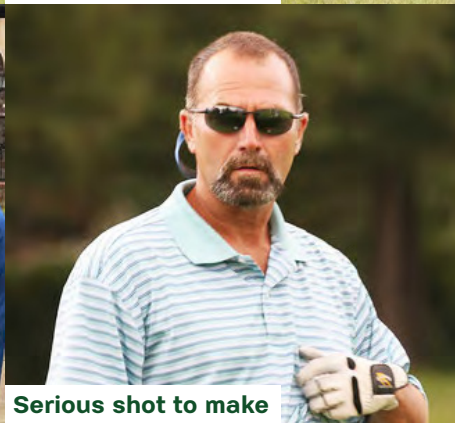
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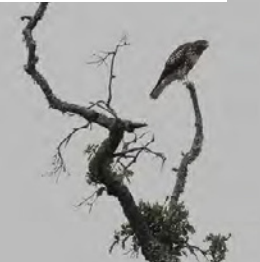
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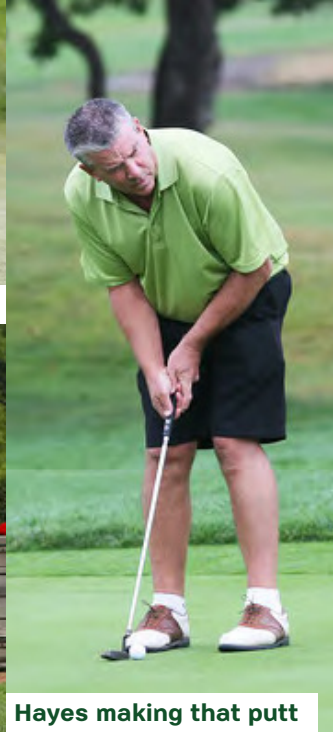
Nice flag



Bob Miller taking a good look



It's on the way



Hayes making that putt



Sequoyah CC's Tom Schunn looking pleased



Bunker business

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Sierra Pacific Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Sierra Pacific Turf Supply is celebrating their 30th anniversary in August. Don Naumann, president and founder of Sierra Pacific had 5 years of experience and only a handful of customers when he launched what has become a leading turf grass product supplier in Northern California and Nevada. He and his wife Becky began the business working out of their home and in 1984 they decided to rent their first 1300 square foot warehouse in Campbell, California. Becky left her job and joined Don and did everything from sales, accounts receivable/payable transactions, blend seed, work in the warehouse, load trucks and make deliveries. Don quickly picked up

some distributorships with the first one being International Seed, Inc. He worked hard at sales and developed relationships with prospective customers. The Naumanns worked as a team and were diligent in making Sierra Pacific what it is today.

As years passed, the business was growing at a steady pace and they decided it was time to hire some employees as it was hard to do it all on their own. Currently, they have over 30 employees and three offices located in Campbell and Rocklin, California and Sparks, Nevada.

Despite the economic downfall many businesses are facing, Sierra Pacific has been able to remain a successful and strong company for 30 years. Strong customer relationships have been built throughout Northern California. They are committed to providing top quality customer service as well as offering fair prices.

“We have built a business that we are proud of and our work ethic exemplifies quality service and understanding customer needs,” said Don Naumann. “We hope to celebrate many more years in business and continue doing what we love by maintaining the relationships we worked very hard to develop throughout the years.”

The Naumanns will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary with a company picnic at Angel Island in August. “We want to do something special to celebrate with everyone. It is our way of appreciating our employees as well as celebrating with them. We could not do all that we do daily without them!” said Becky Naumann.



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GEN AD JUNE 2011



I hope you enjoy the reprint of the Moe Norman article in this issue. It was reprinted with kind permission of Bruce Selcraig, the author. It originally appeared in *USA Today* in 2004. I became fascinated with Moe after hearing of two friends' experiences with Moe. The first friend, the former GM here who relayed his story of all the sufferings as a young man trying to go pro on the (then) Hooter's tour, told me about winning his first event and paycheck. After cooling down on the range another player asked my friend what he thought allowed him to win. He replied, "I hit all my putts. That was the clincher." After his reply an older man a few stalls away began a rather heated tirade about how unimportant putting was. It was Moe Norman. As he continued his tirade, Moe hit shot after shot within inches of the flag on the target green. He never stopped hitting or talking. All the while Moe put one club in the bag and pulled out another. Same flag, same distance, different club. Shot after shot bouncing off the collection of balls surrounding the pin. Pretty amazing. The second friend relayed a story about a tie for a win and a playoff match in a Canadian tournament in which Moe was found in the parking lot loading up his clubs. Moe had no interest in winning or even in money. He was told that he HAD to play in the playoff match by the officials or be fined and suspended, so Moe headed up the 10th tee, clubs over his shoulder (he never used a caddy) and proceeded to play

the next three holes backwards: teeing off with a putter, pitching wedge, mid-iron and finally putting out with the driver! He got fed up and eventually disqualified himself on the fourth hole. ESPN has a short bio story of Moe on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8bphcoEGc4>

It's too bad Moe was shunned by the golf community and left an outsider...

Speaking of shunning, thanks and thumbs up to the International Olympics Committee for not shunning Oscar Pistorious. Another incredible individual. I would like to have seen him do better but his dream came true: to just to run along side the mainstream athletes in the Olympics. Whether or not you agree with the ruling, he was certainly an inspiration to the other runners and the world.

Congrats to Michael Phelps! I lost count of the medals, but I'm pretty sure I'll see him on one of those mail-your-gold-in-for-cash commercials.

Thumbs down to NBC on the Olympics. Too many commercials, too much volleyball, too much diving and too much airtime on stupid pilots for shows that won't make the fall line-up cut. I would like to have seen some of the other events in prime time.

That's enough.

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