

2021 SJIFT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

From Scott Nichols, SJIFT Golf Chair

The 23rd annual SJIFT Golf Tournament made a comeback on Thursday October 14 after a year hiatus due to Covid. We held the tournament at the beautiful Dragonfly Golf Course in Madera. We had a beautiful day with 112 golfers participating in the festivities. We also had about 150 folks come to the dinner event that evening. We were so pleased with Dragonfly that we will return next year!

This year exceeded all of our expectations on participation and fund raising. Through the generosity of our sponsors and golfers, we raised \$26,000 to use towards our philanthropic programs for Food Science and Culinology Students at Fresno State! This brings our 23 year total to \$202,182. We could not do this without your support!

We wish to thank our major sponsors: **Matt Gallinetti** of **Vitusa Products** was a Full Scholarship Sponsor this year, and, he also signed up 24 golfers!! **Kimberly Peretto** of **California Natural Colors** was a Semester Sponsor, and **Bill Smittcamp** of **Wawona Frozen Foods** was our Lunch Sponsor.

We also thank our Eagle Sponsors: **David Hickok** of **Ruiz Foods** for supporting the "Ruiz No Whining Hole" where lucky winners received a great bottle of Fresno State wine, and our other Eagle Sponsors: **David Vargas** of **Hydrite Chemical Company** and **Larry Day** of **Nationwide Boiler**. **Joyce Igasaki** of **Virginia Dare** provided a Birdie Sponsorship and **Stuart Christopher** of **T. Hasegawa Flavors** was our \$10,000 Hole in One Sponsor. Our on-course Sponsors this year were **Harbor Williams** of **Grain Processing Corporation**, **Julie Brown** of **O.C Flavors** and **Larry Schneider** of **The Good Feet Store**.

We had a new **Beer Sponsor** this year, **Don Anderson** of **Crow and Wolf Brewery**, who provided a wonderful selection of beer and ales for us to enjoy on the course and at dinner.

We wish to thank our 17 Tee Box Sponsors: **Dave Plowman** of APAC Chemicals, **Dale Killen** of Barney's Fine Foods, **Julie Inman** of Beneo, Inc., **Skylar Handley** of Brenntag Pacific (Skylar provided *two* Tee Sponsorships), **Jennifer Solgonick** of Gadot Biochemical Industries, **J.C. Stubblefield** of Gold Coast Ingredients, **Robin Becker** of Jungbunzlauer, Inc., **Michael Byrnes** of Northstar Chemicals, **Julie Brown** of O.C. Flavors, **Gary Jue** of Orchard Choice/Valley Fig Growers, **Meena Haidari** of Palmer Holland, **Jeff Martin** of Quadra Ingredients, **Daniel Alexander** of Sabater/BDS Natural Products, **Greg Beauregard** of Sealed Air, **Rowen Tych** of Univar, and **James Karibian** of US Cold Storage.

We also received door prize donations of \$100 from **Rowen Tech** of Univar and **Scott Lewis** of Northstar Chemicals, and a \$200 donation from **Teagan Kroll** of Brenntag Pacific.

Again, we give special thanks to Vitusa Products, for sponsoring multiple foursomes!

We also wish to thank our SJIFT Board members and student volunteers for their work to make this a successful event!

We had 12 Food and Beverage Sponsors who filled up the golf goodie bags to help keep our costs down, and we wish to thank the following: **Dale Killen** of Barney's Premium Foods, **Trish Frazier** of Brenntag Pacific, **Dennis Perkins** of The Brownie Baker, **Elaine Steindler** of Carmi Flavors, **Randy Erickson** of Clif Bar, **Don Anderson** of Crow and Wolf Brewing, **Craig Rothe** of Elite Spice, **JC Stubblefield** of Gold Coast Ingredients, **Brandon Kirchmeyer** of GU Energy, **Kady Francone** of National Raisin, **Nick Rush** of Nichols Farms and **Gary Jue** of Valley Fig Growers!

Tournament Awards

As in years past, we used low gross scores and divided the players into three flights. The winners of each flight received a blue hat and cash awards. The A Flight, and \$100 each, had a score of 53 and was the team of Chris Bahr, Bryan Oliver, John Andrews and Jenn Jones. The B Flight (receiving \$75 each) was the team of Don Anderson, Matt Luis, Adam Gruscynski and Mike Gengozi with a score of 62 and finally, the C Flight, with a score of 70, was the team of Craig Rothe, Dave Surfus, Chris Stuart and Sam Powell who received \$50 each. Our putting challenge winner was Carl Christenberry. Our Longest Drive winner was Kyle Loewen while the most accurate drive went to Bellis Lellhame. Our Closest to the Pin contest winners were: Nicole Cotton, Lino Teran, and Teagan Kroll. Our on-course contest winners each received \$50 cash.

A special shout out goes to Pace Johnson, who won over \$400 on the Pot of Gold contest and graciously gave it back to the SJIFT to use towards our scholarships! Thank you Pace!!

We also gave away a brand new **Traeger 780 PRO Series WiFi Smoker** with a retail value of \$1310.00 as our grand raffle prize which was won by John Sullivan! Congratulations John!

Be sure to check out the SJIFT Golf website for updated photos from this year's tournament.

***Please join us on Thursday, October 13, 2022 for our 24rd Annual SJIFT
Tournament to be held at Dragonfly Golf Club in Madera!***