

George Von Elm Memorial Golf Tournament a success



Rancho Park event benefits SCGA Foundation and the Rancho Park Starters Youth Golf Program

The SCGA Foundation presented a certificate of recognition to organizers of the George Von Elm Memorial Golf Tournament. From left: Daniel Kramer, Devesh H. Purohit, Charles Vides, SCGA President Ed Holmes, and SCGA Foundation President Marc Myers.

Members and guests of Rancho Park Golf Club enjoyed a spirited two-day charity tournament on March 9 and 10 at the historic Los Angeles course and were able to raise more than \$6,000 for both the SCGA Foundation and the Rancho Park Starters' Youth Golf Program. The event was held in honor of the late George Von Elm, a former member at Rancho and winner of the 1926 United States Amateur Championship where he defeated Bobby Jones. Von Elm is also the only person to win the SCGA, NCGA and California Amateur in the same year, which he achieved in 1925.

Rancho Park Golf Club is a member of the SCGA and its members decided to support the work of the Foundation through the event.

"This was a fantastic event," said Kevin Gigax, managing director of the SCGA Foundation. "The golf course was in great shape and the members here are so welcoming. We are certainly honored to have Rancho Park Golf Club support our Foundation through this golf tournament."

This was the first-ever George Von Elm Memorial Golf Tournament and the Rancho Park Golf Club Board of Directors has voted unanimously to schedule the second event for next year. This was also historic for the SCGA Foundation as it is the first time that an SCGA member club has held a charity tournament to benefit the Foundation.

More information about the event can be found at www.scga.org/foundation_ranchopark.htm.



George Von Elm (right) is pictured here with Dr. Paul Hunter in 1927. Both were SCGA championship titleholders in the early 1900s.

GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SCGA Foundation is proud to announce that it has awarded \$40,680 to five deserving non-profit youth organizations for their efforts to teach life skills and promote education through the game of golf: \$10,680 to the **Get a Grip Foundation** (Corona); \$10,000 to **The First Tee of the Central Coast** (Santa Barbara); \$10,000 to **The First Tee of Ventura County**; \$5,000 to the **Young Golfers Association of America** (Los Angeles); and \$5,000 to **Grandfathers for Golf** (Hemet). The SCGA Foundation will announce the final 2007 grant awards in the next issue of *FORE Magazine*.

Two organizations have signed on to sponsor the 2007 SCGA Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. **Callaway Golf** has agreed to be the presenting sponsor, and will donate a very generous gift prize package including a \$300 gift card, a dozen golf balls, and a golf shirt to every participant. Callaway representatives will also be on-site to showcase Callaway's new equipment and accessories. **Copies on Premise, Inc.**, founded in 1989 by SCGA member Phil Frengs, will be a hole sponsor for the event. COPi provides on-site operations and management of document processing services to premier law firms which include management of document scanning, photocopying, digital printing, fax and mail services, and records management.



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

The SCGA Foundation recently sponsored the **2007 Southern California Community College Golf Championship**. See page 28 for more details. The Foundation will again be sponsoring the **Clif-SCGA High School Boys' Southern Regional Championship** on May 31 at The SCGA Golf Course.