

## 35<sup>th</sup> San Diego, CA Newsletter by Ron Rhodes

What a record breaking tournament at DoubleTree Golf Resort in North San Diego, California with 81 golf participants. The old record was 78 participants and held for many years since 17th Annual FWGAD tourney at Laguna Seca Golf Club in Monterey, California. Our hats go off to Chair people Mike/Lynn Cardinale and their great committee for a wonderful tourney.

At the general meeting, President John Hayes and Vice President Ron Rhodes were re-elected by acclamation. Secretary /Treasurer Jerry Nichols informed the members that he does not intend to run again as Secretary/Treasurer at the 2005 general meeting in San Leandro, California. He mentioned that he hopes that someone may be interested in taking the helm so that Jerry can go on the greener pastures with his golf buddies.

On the first round, the golfers were ready to play in the wee hours to whack the balls. There was a shotgun so we all can play at the same time at different holes. The leader of the pack was a veteran and vying for the championship for years, Mike Houston from Mesa, Arizona for an amazing 71 and second was a young and nice lad from Lake Oswego, Oregon, Scott Hansen for a good round of 76. The newcomer from Anaheim, California, Louis Pedro, hit an 80. Nick Comegna, a youngster from Fremont, California was the youngest player at age of 16 to play. It was a great sight for the seven-time FWGAD champion, Neil Johnson, to play golf once again after missing the tournament a year ago in Denver. He placed fourth after the first round.

Still the same famed bettings were held there and I hope to see that it carries for many years. It was an enjoyable moments to see some happy, sad and frustrated faces to share their golf stories of the day. At the pool after a very warm morning, there was not much exciting happening except for an exciting couple, John Hayes and his wife, Colleen, hanging around and caught our attention. They showed off their new tattoo, smooching, almost naked, and continuing doing that for next three days. It was an enjoyable and relaxing view for a few of us and I felt sorry for others who missed the opportunity. John, I hope that you will continue doing this again in San Leandro next summer. I heard that you guys have a newer version of tattoos to be added. So do not miss the opportunity to visit them in the pool next summer.

For the second round, the top three contenders, Mike, Scott and Louis played an interesting game. Mike blew his game and shot 84 while Scott struggled a bit and had an 80. Louis kept his cool and hit a 79 and was the leader of the second round. At the pool, John and his wife gave an encore once again. Bob Cundy from Edmonton, Canada, Holly Benedict, the wife of the tallest player, Wayne Miller, kept us poised at almost every hole by their outstanding skills as photographers.

The last round was an exciting one since the threesome; Scott, Mike and Louis gave their best shot and were very competitive among them. They continued to change the leads till the last holes and Scott got the edge and had the honor as the youngest champion in FWGAD history. Congrats to Mike and Louis for their valor and great sportsmanship.

The banquet was a smashing event with a lot of prizes and silent auction on mostly of Mike Cardinale's famed golf drawings. The slide show was very good with all of the pictures that Holly and Bob Cundy took during the tournament. Hats off to Jerry Nichols, FWGAD Board liaison, a good job to the local host committee for guidance and wisdom to make the successful tournament.

The 2005 Committee people are:

Ron Rhodes/Bob Ellis as Co-Chairs  
Gilmer Lentz – Tournament Host  
Edwin Leighton – Trophies  
Ron Bye – Registration Host  
Charles Holmes and Freddy Stocksick- Program Book  
Jaime Jackerson – Poker Night (Tuesday evening)  
Jeanne Leighton – Dinner Cruise  
Women (Widows) Affairs – Vacant

Entry fees deadlines is:  
\$300.00 by May 1, 2005  
\$325.00 by July 1, 2005  
\$350 after July 1, 2005

We are ready for 2005 FWGAD Tourney in San Leandro, California. We, the host committee are working hard to make the 2005 tourney a successful one as always like other tourneys did. American Deaf Golf Education Foundation (ADGEF) is hosting the tournament with the full support from FWGAD. There is a change on the registration fees due to adding costs for a banquet/dinner cruise around the Bay. The original cost was \$285 dollars and now it is \$300.00 and we know that the fees are little expensive but we know that once you are on the boat for a dinner cruise, it is unbeatable sight for us for all. There is a flyer with the registration information on the FWGAD website. Bob Ellis and I are looking forward to seeing you all there and hopefully a record-breaking tourney once again.

FWGADingly yours,  
Ron Rhodes  
Vice President and Editor