

2019 SJIFT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

From Scott Nichols, SJIFT Golf Chair

We celebrated the 22nd annual SJIFT Golf Tournament on Monday October 14 at the beautiful Copper River Country Club in Fresno. It was an absolutely gorgeous day. We had a good turnout of 104 players teeing off on the 6415 yard course. We also had about 135 folks come to the dinner event that evening. As always, Copper River did a great job. Thank you Copper River!

We wish to thank our major sponsors: We had two Full Scholarship Sponsors this year, **Scott Nichols** of **HORN, an IMCD Company**, and **Thomas Lampe** of **California Natural Colors**. Each of the Full Scholarship Sponsors contributed \$6000 towards the tournament, and we thank you for your generosity!

We also thank **Kathleen Da Cunha** of **Ruiz Foods** for providing an Eagle Sponsorship and supporting the “Ruiz No Whining Hole” where lucky winners received a great bottle of Fresno State wine. **Chuck Lambert** of **Grain Processing** provided a Birdie Sponsorship. **Bill Smittcamp** of **Wawona Frozen Foods** was our Golf Cart Sponsor. **Matthew Berliner** of **ISC Gums** was our Golf Ball Sponsor.

We wish to thank our 19 Tee Box Sponsorships at \$350 each: **Dave Plowman** of APAC Chemicals, **Randy Zigmont** of American Lecithin, **Dale Killen** of Barney’s Fine Foods, **Bill Dunkle** of Batory Foods, **Daniel Alexander** of BDS Natural Products, **Julie Inman** of Beneo, Inc., **Trish Frazier** of Brenntag Pacific, **Mike Remmert** of Cargill, **Ron Pitts** of Del Monte Foods, Hanford, **J.C. Stubblefield** of Gold Coast Ingredients, **Robin Becker** of Jungbunzlauer, Inc., **Chris Bahr** of McCormick & Co., **Quinn Zweigle** of National Raisin, **Michael Byrnes** of Northstar Chemicals, **Igor Moiseev** of Olam Tomatoes, **Jared Shipman** of Orchard Choice/Valley Fig Growers, **Greg Beauregard** of Sealed Air, **Steve Linzmeyer** of SPI Group, and **Matthew Gallenitti** of Vitusa Products.

We received door prize donations of \$100 each from: **Mike Remmert** of Cargill, **Dave Plowman** of APAC Chemical, **Robin Becker** of Jungbunzlauer, and **Michael Byrnes** of Northstar Chemicals.

Special thanks go to Sealed Air, Univar and Brenntag Pacific for sponsoring multiple foursomes!

Many thanks go to our current and past SJIFT Board members that work hard every year to make this a successful event: **Trish Frazier**, **Kady Francone**, **Kimberly Kirusu**, **Nicole Miranda**, **Jordan Bolin**, **Adam Joppen** and **Kimberly Williams**. A special shout-out goes to **Dr. Erin Dormedy** and **Dr. Carmen Licon**, for organizing the student volunteers.

This year’s tournament raised \$9,639.36 in Scholarship funds for CSUF Food Science Students! Since the inception of the tournament in 1998, we have raised over \$176,187. The success of this tournament is due to the overwhelming support we receive from our sponsors, so again, the SJIFT Golf Committee says THANK YOU!

We had 15 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, **Patrick McGovern** of Bell Carter Packaging, **Trish Frazier** of Brenntag Pacific, **Dennis Perkins** of The Brownie Baker, **Elaine Steindler** of Carmi Flavors, **Randy Erickson** of Clif Bar, **Craig Rothe** of Elite Spice, **Brandon Kirchmeyer** of GU Energy, **Vicky Raulino** of Guittard Chocolate,

Scott Nichols of the HORN Co, **Irena Miles** of Jelly Belly, **Quinn Zweigle** of National Raisin, **Meena Haidari** of Palmer Holland, **Jenny Wu** of Pik-Nik Foods, USA and **Gary Jue** of Valley Fig Growers!

Tournament Awards

Similar to last year, we used low gross scores and divided the players into three flights. The winners in each flight received a SJIFT Blue Golf Cap and cash envelopes containing between \$50 and \$100 each! Our chipping challenge winner, the longest and most accurate drive winners and the CTP winners each received \$50 cash. We also gave away a brand new **Traeger 780 PRO Series Smoker** with a retail value of \$1326.00 as our grand raffle prize which was won by **Herb Gonzales of Lyons Magnus** in Fresno! Congrats Herb!

I unfortunately lost my notes of most of the tournament prize winners and the flight winners, so cannot list them here, but you know who you are! Be sure to check out the SJIFT Golf website for updated photos from this year's tournament.

I do recall the winner of the Closest to the pin for women only AND the winner of the Pot of Gold valued at \$360 was **Maria Vargas** of Dadant. Congrats Maria!

Please join us on Monday September 28th, 2020 for our 23rd Annual SJIFT Tournament to be held at the Copper River Country Club in Fresno!