

Christian Golf Club Of Central California

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There are certain moments in sports history that transcend the sport itself; O.J. (*the juice*) Simpson, 2000+ rushing yards in a season, (*Hammering*) Hank Aaron, 755 career home runs, Barry (*Crybaby*) Bonds, 73 home runs in a season, Jack Nicklaus (*The Bear*) winning the Masters at age 46, and then there was Eldridge (*Tiger*) Woods, with the mini slam.

Each of these men were, and still are sports heroes, but none of these accomplishments hold a candle to what the C.G.C.C.C.'s very own Daniel (*Scorpion King*) Cowherd accomplished last month at our tournament at Pheasant Run in Chowchilla.

I am compelled to honor this "*soon to be legend*" with this article because I've personally played many a round with him, and clearly remember a man who, (if you can picture this with me), could take a full swing in a phone booth. Today, his swing could easily be mistaken for that of the great Bobby Jones, or *The Hawk*, Ben Hogan. The man has been transformed from a cocoon into a butterfly!!

On that infamous Saturday in June, Daniel (SK) Cowherd victoriously completed his relentless pursuit of the *Holy Grail*. He completed the **real Grand Slam!!**, the big kahuna, the whole enchilada. He not only swept, but *annihilated* the competition in doing so, winning all four of the C.G.C.C.C. Northern California Golf Association qualifier tournaments *in the same calendar year*. Eat your heart out Tiger!!

The man is a phenom, and will likely pay a dear price for it. Reporters will be clamoring after him day and night, groupies will pursue him, and the days when He and Connie can inconspicuously slip into a restaurant for a romantic dinner are over! Fans will be rabid, demanding that he sign their chicken bornadella alfredo or chicken chow yuk!

Daniel, I've got to tell you. You are now on that slippery slope of fame, and there's no turning back. Now it will drive you crazy. Clothing contracts, Clubs being named after you, sponsorship by American Express, Rolex watches, etc. You're going to need a bigger house, a bigger car, better clubs, membership at several country clubs, and a partridge in a pear tree! We just hope you'll still speak to the rest of us palookas.

The sad part is, guys like Ron Nitz who won his flight in qualifying for the NCGA, and others that played well, will soon be forgotten, swept up in the wave of adulation that this once humble, ordinary Joe has now created. Daniel, will you sign my bald head?

Hunter Ranch Tourney-May 14

Con Agra Foods. Many of us know what a fantastically diversified company this is. With worldwide sales of food products in the billions of dollars each year, Con Agra Foods employs some of the best people in America. So it was no real surprise that two of Con Agra's finest, John Duffus and Don Bergeson, totally manhandled Hunter Ranch Golf course to take first place in the CGCCC two-man best ball competition held May 14. Yes, it was the combination of John's smooth-as-silk swing and pin-point short game with Don's pure power game that proved too much for little Hunter Ranch on a spectacularly beautiful God-given day in Paso Robles. These two individuals, although new to the Christian Golf Club and playing in just their second CGCCC event, did not waste much time getting into the winners circle.

By shooting an impressive net 68 they powered their way against an unsuspecting club membership who did not see them coming.

These two will not again be underestimated. We all know now who they are and where they live. We all know their strengths, their weaknesses, their tendencies, their flaws, their habits, their employer, their breaking points,... oh-excuse me, I must have gotten a little bit carried away. Congratulations to John and Don.

Scoreboard for Hunter Ranch includes:

- 1st Team - John Duffus and Don Burgeson-net 68
- 2nd Team – Mike Fry and Brad Fry-net 69
- 3rd Team – Bob Albertson and Mark Saltzman-net 69
- 4th Team – Vic Araujo and Ray Goins-net 70
- 5th Team – Jerry Dyer and Dennis Hammond-net 71

Individual low net – Vic Araujo-net 65 (this young man is an up-and-comer in the club who's got serious game)

Individual low gross – Brad Fry-70 (note to Jeff Ragan-“INTIMIDATOR”)

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The Pope and the Rabbi

Several centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal. He would have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy, if the Pope won, they would have to leave or convert.

The Jewish people met and picked an aged, but wise, Rabbi Moishe to represent them in the debate. However, as Moishe spoke no Italian and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they all agreed that it would be a “silent” debate.

On the chosen day, the Pope and Rabbi Moishe sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Rabbi Moishe looked back and raised one finger.

Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head. Rabbi Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat.

The Pope then brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine. Rabbi Moishe pulled out an apple.

With that, the Pope stood up and declared that he was beaten, that Rabbi Moishe was too clever and that the Jews could stay in Italy.

Later, the Cardinals met with the Pope, asking what had happened. The Pope said, “First, I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there is still only one God common to both our beliefs. Then, I waved my finger around my head to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins. He pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin. He had me beaten at my every move and I could not continue.”

Meanwhile the Jewish community were gathered around Rabbi Moishe. “How did you win the debate?” they asked.

‘I haven’t a clue,” said Moishe. ‘First he said to me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger! Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews and I said to him, we’re staying right here.’”

“And then what?” asked a woman.

“Who knows?” said Moishe, “He took out his lunch so I took out mine.”

“2005 Club Championship”

Once again **the** “Major Championship” of the C.G.C.C.C is upon us, the hallowed “**Club Championship.**” This is the time of year all the big guns have honed their games for. Those who never clean their clubs or polish their shoes, do so in preparation for the big one.

It’s our understanding that Morro Bay and Dairy Creek are both primed and ready, to test even those with the steadiest of nerves. For those that have played these gems, you know how quickly they can jump up and grab you.

Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th are the dates, so get your bad self signed up join the shootout!

Additionally, following the round on Sunday there will be an awesome lunch and presentation awaiting us. Make sure you sign up for this event as well.

Speaking for us will be Pastor Dave Farmer of Fowler Presbyterian Church. Dave has 2 boys, one a civilian working in Iraq and the other serving in Iraq. WOW!!

Dave served for several years at Arrowhead Baptist Church and obviously had time to hone his golf game, because I hear he has a pretty solid one.

Palm Springs Golf!!

My buddy, Rick Ragsdale has a great golf outing set for those that aren’t afraid of a little heat. July 27, 28, 29 & 30 are the dates and you will stay at the fabulous Westin Mission Hills Hotel in Rancho Mirage.

Cost is \$150 p/ night, p/ room, so bring a hoard of people and play from morning to night. Courses to be played are the Gary Player and Pete Dye layouts.

This package includes unlimited golf, carts and range balls.

If interested, call Rick @ (559) 696-6159.

Volunteers Wanted!!

God has designed each of us to become servants, each unique in design and gifting. One of the neat aspects of the C.G.C.C.C is that we have a number of areas in which to serve no matter what your particular gift is.

We need **YOU** to volunteer for our **Membership Chairman** Position. You Need to have: a computer, internet connection and some minor knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel & Access)

If you would be interested in playing a small part in serving the members of the C.G.C.C.C please give Dave Angel a call at (559) 224-4600. He can give you an idea of the service opportunities available.

Scripture clearly teaches that *it is better to give than receive.* Whose to questions God’s wisdom!

READY, GO

We all know the legendary practice habits of Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh, currently the two best male golfers in the world. But Woods and Singh's success is not all about practice. Both are quick to consider their present circumstances on the course each time they play.

When they are in the middle of the fairway, they calculate their yardage and call on their range time. When they are in the rough, they consider their lie, calculate their yardage, and rely on their range time. When they are behind a tree, they consider their lie, examine possible choices of trajectory, calculate their yardage, and rely on their range time.

You see, no matter the increased difficulty of the situation, the bottom line is the same: draw on what you know.

That means we can't always be set in our ways. Ready, yes. Going, yes. But not set. Because what we plan for may not be what we get—not on the golf course and not in life.

What does all this mean for our spiritual pursuit in Christ? That we must always keep in balance the Word and the Spirit. We must build our foundation from Scripture, but we must know that what we get in life may not always look like what we think it will. In those times, we will need to be attuned to the Spirit of God, who will bring to mind the truth of Scripture in the timeliest, most meaningful fashion. Then we must act on His Word and in His power.

Jeff Hopper, Links Players International

Baron Gage

Those fortunate to have known and worked alongside our brother Barron understand the loss the C.G.C.C.C feels as he takes on a new career challenge up in the Lodi, Sacramento area.

We are also very happy for him and his family as the Lord has provided a good job.

Baron took great joy in welcoming new members and guests into the C.G.C.C.C. family and always made them feel at home. He desired to serve and did it well.

Barron, good luck in your new endeavor!

Did You Know?

Did you know that on the side of V.J Singh's bag it says: Trust your swing papa?

Did you know that the oldest course in the world is Muirfield?

Did you know that Jesper Parnevik drinks volcanic ash on a daily basis?

Did you know that Ed Fiori was the first golfer to beat Tiger Woods when he lead going into the final round?

Did you know Nick Price never represents his county in international tournaments?