



## **2007 CHARLES SCHWAB CUP CHAMPIONSHIP**

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#### **Welcome Back to the 2007 Charles Schwab Cup Championship!**

We are so happy to have you as part of our team! We would like to remind you all that volunteers are the backbone of this tournament and that we could not create such a spectacular experience without your hard work, time and motivation. The 2007 Championship dates are October 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>; please join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> exciting year at the Sonoma Golf Club.

#### **VICE CHAIR NEWS**

Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter reaches you in good health and spirit, and that 2007 has been a wonderful NEW YEAR to this point. We have seven (7) short months until the Best 30 players, on the Champions Tour, come back to Northern California, and we all play host at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. With each New Year comes change, and it is my pleasure to discuss some restructuring plans that have taken place for the 2007 Championship.

Earlier this year Starr and Bill Campbell closed on their dream home in Carmel, CA, on the Monterey Peninsula. The unfortunate news is Starr will not be returning as part of the Vice Chair family for the 2007 tournament.

With that in mind, we are restructuring our leadership positions and committee alignment. Barbara Savatiel is going to assume the role of Scoring Vice Chair, we are moving Volunteer Services, Media Center, Office Administration and Volunteer Headquarters under Brian Graybeal – Operations Vice Chair – and Corporate Hospitality to Joe Orlando – Finance Vice Chair.

Barbara, Joe and Brian are extremely excited to have each of you added to their respective teams, and I know that you will enjoy the leadership. Clearly with any change there will be questions, so if you have any please direct them to your new Vice Chair with a copy to Katy Pradella at [katy\\_pradella@pgatourhq.com](mailto:katy_pradella@pgatourhq.com)

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We look forward to seeing each of you soon.

My Best,  
Leon P Gilmore  
Executive Director

## CHARITY UPDATE

### Schwab Cup donations top \$1 million

By David Bolling  
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11 charities get golf tourney funds



Robbi Pengelly photo

Tournament Chair David Grieve holds the Schwab Championship cup, while nonprofit representatives watch. They are front row, left to right, Anna Pier - CommonBond Foundation; middle row, David Pier - Valley of the Moon Boys & Girls Club, Kathy Witkowicki - Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance; Lori Barger - The First Tee of the North Bay; Amber Behrens - Sonoma County Children's Charities; Debbie Sweek - Young Life (Sonoma Chapter); top row, Barbara Buss - Sonoma Valley Hospital; Jason Zajonc - Twin Valley Aquatics; Kris Van Giesen - Hanna Boys Center.

At the Sonoma Golf Club, host to the annual multi-million dollar Charles Schwab Championship Cup, golf is more than just a very profitable game. It is also a very important source of philanthropy for Sonoma Valley nonprofits, 11 of which received checks on Wednesday for undisclosed amounts that brought the total of Schwab Cup donations over the million dollar mark after just four years.

Schwab Cup executive director Leon Gilmore referred to the Valentine's Day distribution as "the gift of giving," and presented the checks to nonprofit representatives during a brief breakfast ceremony at the Sonoma Golf Club.

Gilmore also introduced David Grieve, president of A&C Ventures, a Sonoma investment firm, who has been named chair of the 2007 event. "I'm proud to be associated with the tournament for what it gives to local charities," said Grieve. "When I was offered a chance to do this job I jumped at it. With these checks we're going to be over a million dollars that the PGA Championship tour has donated, and in 2007 there's a commitment for a minimum of \$400,000 more."

Proceeds from the 2006 tournament went to CommonBond Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Hanna Boys Center, the First Tee of the North Bay, Twin Valley Aquatics, Sonoma County Children's Charities, Sonoma Valley Hospital, Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance, Valley of the Moon Boys & Girls Club, Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation and YoungLife (Sonoma Chapter).

Kris Van Giesen, chief development officer at Hanna Boys Center, called the tournament donations "an amazing display of how the PGA Tour, the Schwab Cup and Sonoma Golf Club support this community. They give the gate receipts back, and they bring national exposure to the Sonoma Valley."

Grieve has been active in promoting the tournament since its start in 2003 and has brought numerous players to the Pro-Am tournament, which precedes the Championship Cup play. He has helped produce charity golf tournaments for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Presentation School and wants to bring that experience and expertise to bear on the Schwab Cup "to make it better and better. We want to get more people to realize that this is one of the top charity generators in Sonoma."

Grieve is himself a formidable golfer, carrying a handicap of slightly less than 1, and is the immediate past Sonoma Golf Club champion.

The PGA folks said they wanted a local guy to be involved," he noted, "so they asked me to do it."

The 2007 Charles Schwab Champions Cup PGA tournament will take place Oct. 22 to 28.

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

We are so happy to offer you a new feature this year! The Charles Schwab Cup Championship is proud to announce a **NEW** and **IMPROVED ON-LINE** 2007 Charles Schwab Cup Championship Volunteer Application. This application allows the volunteers to sign up on-line to a secured site rather than mailing in applications, etc. If you are interested in volunteering on-line, please click on the following link: <https://events.r2it.com/volunteer/csc/2007/>

We are happy to offer an **EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT** again this year. All volunteers who sign up for the 2007 Charles Schwab Cup Championship before **July 1, 2007** will receive a **\$10** discount. Please be sure to take \$10 off of your volunteer package fee within the time designated. This is a great opportunity to save money and get your application in early!

### **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2007 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, please contact Katy Pradella at the Championship Office at 707.939.4131 for a volunteer application. You can also choose to go on-line to view the NEW secured on-line volunteer application at <https://events.r2it.com/volunteer/csc/2007/> or check out our website for the latest volunteer news, uniform information and other important updates [www.charlesschwabcupchampionship.com](http://www.charlesschwabcupchampionship.com)

Thank you all for your support. We look forward to seeing you again in October!

