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Volunteer of the Year - Chuck Burgess 2007 Charles Schwab Cup Championship



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Chuck Burgess has been a volunteer at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship since the tournament moved to Sonoma in 2003. Burgess started with the PGA TOUR 16 years ago at the 1991 Transamerica golf tournament at Silverado Country Club in Napa, CA, and has helped tournaments succeed ever since.

Burgess retired from the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in 1996 after 22 years. He was born in Barstow, CA, moved to Vallejo, CA in 1974 and to Santa Rosa, CA in 1998 where he lives today. He became interested in golf at approximately 13 years old. His parents were both avid golfers and taught him to play. The first golf tournament that he attended was the 1987 US Open at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA.

Burgess came to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship as an experienced Area Marshal. Since 2005, Burgess has performed the task of overseeing all of the golf carts during Championship week. He is the first volunteer to arrive to the course during Championship week and the last to leave. No job is too big or small for Burgess, from changing tires on the carts to protecting the surface of the tennis courts where the carts are stored. His dedication is honorable and his enthusiasm is uplifting to volunteers, staff and all who come into contact with him.

Burgess feels that the most satisfying part of volunteering for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship is “being able to play a sport that I love and having fun while doing it.”

When asked what he really enjoys about his job, he states “getting to know and working with the people that I’ve met over the past 16 years.”

“We consider Chuck Burgess to be an integral part of our tournament's team. He has been involved with the Charles Schwab Cup Championship since the tournament moved to Sonoma, and has a wealth of knowledge and experience as it relates to overseeing operational tasks both on and off of the course,” said Charles Schwab Cup Championship Executive Director Leon Gilmore. “We look forward to working with Chuck again in 2008.”

This year’s tournament will again be contested at Sonoma Golf Club October 28 – November 2, so come by and say hello to Chuck Burgess. Ticket information for the 2008 Championship can be found by visiting www.charlesschwabcupchampionship.com and/or by calling 800-868-7563.

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