



Scratch Players Championship

Selected Player Profiles for 2000

November 3rd – 5th
Auburn, CA
*Best Inaugural Field Ever in
Northern Cal Amateur Golf*

Lou ALVAREZ - Auburn, CA

Golf Course Superintendent, age 53
Scratch Players GC & Black Oak GC
Two-time State Fair Champion
'93 NCGA Masters Champion
'92 Sacramento Valley Am Champion
'92 NCGA Public Links Champion
4 NCGA Cup Teams
Many NCGA point event titles
SPC Tournament Committee

Andy BLOSSOM - Stockton, CA

Painting Contractor, age 42
Scratch Players Golf Club
three top 4 finishes in NCGA Public Links
many NCGA point event finishes

Kevin CONOVER - Petaluma, CA

PG&E, age 30
Scratch Players GC
Santa Rosa JC
'01 Cal State Am qualifier
2nd Marin County
2nd Central Valley
2 tournament holes-in-one
two PG&E tournament wins

Jon DeCHAMBEAU - Modesto, CA

CFO SFN Telecom, age 41
Spring Creek GCC
University of Arizona
'01 NCGA points 2nd (thru 5/01)
'99 Low Amateur, NorCal Open
'98 Merced County Champion
183 NCGA points '00
'00 US Mid-Am qualifier
2-time Club Champion
many best ball wins

Kevin FRYER - Diablo, CA

Diablo CC, age 26
UC Santa Barbara
'00 Antioch City 3rd
many top 10 NCGA point events

Robert HAMILTON - Carmichael, CA

University of California @ Berkeley '00
Winchester CC & Valley Hi CC, age 23
Ranked #38 Amateur in World by Golfweek
'01 NCGA 2-Ball Champion (w/ Cuthbertson)
'00 NCGA Cup Team
'00 Southwestern Amateur Champion
'00 Dixie Amateur Semi-Finalist
'00 State Fair Champion
'00 North Coast Am Champion
'00 Reno/Tahoe PGA Tour event qualifier
2-time Big Sky Conference Champion
3 other collegiate wins

Jeff HOFFMAN - Folsom, CA

Real Estate, age 38
El Dorado Hills GC
Chico State University
'00 Plumas Lake Am 3rd
'00 Roseville City 3rd
'00 Davis City 4th
'95 Chico City Medalist

John BALFANZ - Bakersfield, CA

Contractor, age 34
Stockdale Country Club
Cal State Northridge
'97, '99, '00 Kern County Player of Year
'97, '99 Bakersfield City Champion.
'96 thru '00 Wasco City Champion
'96, '97, '98 Kern County Am Champ
'98 SCGA Mid Amateur 4th
'00 US Amateur Qualifier
'00 NCGA Am qualifying Medalist
'98 Southern California Open Low Am

Casey BOYNS - Pacific Grove, CA

Caddie, age 44
The Caddie Club of Pebble Beach
University of Utah
3-time NCGA Player of the Year
'99 NorCal Open Champion
'93 & '89 California State Am Champion
'96 & '87 NCGA Am Champion
'93 & '82 San Joaquin Valley Am Champ
'96 & '90 Sacramento Valley Am Champ
'96, '87, '83, '81 NCGA Pub Links Champ
Several NCGA Cup Teams

Darryl DONOVAN - Gilroy, CA

CEO of Critical Clean, age 41
Cordevalle CC
Oklahoma City University
'01 & '00 Commuters Champion
'00 US Mid-Am Co-Medalst
'00 NCGA & US 2-Ball Champ (w/ Haag)
'99 NCGA Amateur Champion
'00, '99 NCGA Cup Team
'92 US Open contestant
965 NCGA points '00

Tim GRUNSKY - Stockton, CA

Owner – Phil O'Connell Grain, age 47
Stockton G&CC
'99 US Amateur qualifier
Club Champ many times at various clubs

Mitch HARRISON - Acampo, CA

Drilling Company Owner, age 43
Elkhorn CC
'00 Scratch Players Championship 6th
'00 Manteca City Champion
NCGA Best Ball 2nd
14-time Club Champion

Ken HELWIG - San Jose, CA

Cisco Account Manager, age 37
Silver Creek Valley CC
'00, '99 Stanford Best Ball Champion
'99 US Amateur qualifying Medalist
'97, '95 US Mid-Am qualifier

Steve JOHN - La Selva Beach, CA

Auto Dealer, age 36
Pasatiempo GC
Albion College
'97 NCGA Am Semi-finalist
2-time US Mid-Am qualifier
2-time Pasatiempo Club Champion
'94 AT&T Pro-Am Amateur MVP

Matt BETENCOURT - Modesto, CA

Glass Sales Rep, age 25
Spring Creek G&CC
'01 NCGA Player Points Leader (5/01)
'01 Monterey County BB Champ
'00 Livermore City Champion
'91 NCGA Junior Champion
3-time Junior America's Cup Champion
'94 Sacramento Valley Am Champion
2-time Modesto City Champion
'94 San Joaquin County Champion
'93 Nor Cal High School Champion

Kevin BRAEGGER - Stockton, CA

Fed Ex Intl Doc Agent, age 43
Scratch Players GC
'01 Scratch Players Mid-Am 5th
'00 2nd San Joaquin County
'00 NCGA Am qualifying Medalist
205 NCGA points '00

John COOK - Riverside, CA

Moreno Valley Ranch GC
Sales, age 39
Azusa Pacific University
'00 2nd SoCal Public Links
'00 SCGA Am & Mid-Am qualifier
'00, '99, '98 Shandin Hills Club Champion
'00 San Bernardino County Am top five
'00 Inland Empire Am top five
Pacific Coast Am

Brady EXBER - Las Vegas, NV

Casino Executive, age 44
TPC Summerlin (SNGA)
Ranked #172 Am in World by Golfweek
'00, '99, '98, '96 SNGA Player of the Year
'00 Pacific Coast Amateur 10th
'00 Nevada State Amateur 3rd
'00 SNGA Amateur Champion
'00 SNGA Mid-Am Champion
'00 Casa Blanca Amateur Champion

David GUMS - Elk Grove, CA

'01 Sacramento State Grad, age 21
Valley Hi CC
'00 North Coast Am Runner Up
'00 Big Sky Conference Championship, 6th

James HAY - Fremont, CA

Sales, age 41
Diablo Grande GC
'01 San Francisco City Champion
'00 NCGA Amateur Champion
'00 NCGA Cup Team
'00 NCGA points 2nd (1160)
'00 Antioch City Champion
'00 Runner-up San Francisco City
'00 Commuters Runner Up
'99 Livermore City Champion

Greg HORODESKY - Henderson, NV

TPC Summerlin, age 24
UNLV
'01 Legacy Classic 2nd
'00 SNGA points 5th
'99 Sun City Amateur 2nd

Gundy JONES - Danville, CA

Software, age 25
 Blackhawk CC
 San Diego State
 '00 Sacramento City 4th
 '99 NCAA Championships

Spencer LEVIN - Elk Grove, CA

Elk Grove High School, age 17
 Valley Hi CC
 '00 California High School Champion
 '00 Nor Cal High School Champion
 '00 Sacramento City Champion
 '00 State Fair Runner Up
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 6th
 US Junior Amateur qualifier
 Junior Americas Cup Team
 1st Team All City – Sacramento Bee
 360 NCGA points '00

T J MOULTON - Shingle Springs, CA

Cameron Park CC, age 24
 University of California – Davis
 '99 State Fair Champion

Alex OH - Hawaiian Gardens, CA & Korea

Long Beach City College Student, age 20
 Skylinks GC
 '00 Long Beach City 3rd
 '00 Korean Open qualifier (Asian Tour)
 '98 Orange County Player of Year – LATimes
 '99 Lowest Average Score in JC League

Brad OH - Hawaiian Gardens, CA & Korea

Long Beach City College Student, age 20
 Skylinks GC

Kevin RYDER - Richmond, CA

Sales Manager, age 35
 Concord Men's Club
 '00 Fairfield City 2nd
 '96 US Mid-Am qualifier
 '01, '94 Cal State Am

Joseph SKOVRON - Murrieta, CA

University of La Verne Student, age 20
 SCGA Members Club
 4-time International Junior Champion
 7-time Valley Junior GA Player of the Year
 Maxfli PGA Junior Champion – SoCal
 2-time High School League MVP
 '00 MV City 2nd
 '93 Junior World Championships 6th

Steve SUSTAITA - Stockton, CA & TX

Chem-Spry, age 42
 Van Buskirk GC
 '97 San Joaquin County Champion

Nick USHIJIMA - Stockton, CA & Japan

Import Bus, age 36
 Brookside CC
 University of the Pacific
 '00, '95, '94, '93, '92 NCGA Cup Teams
 '00 Japan Mid-Amateur Champion
 '00 San Francisco City Champ ('01 2nd)
 '00 Pacific Coast Amateur
 5-time Stocker Cup Runner Up
 '97 Japan Amateur 7th
 '97 Japan Open Qualifier
 '97 Kyushu Open (JPGA Tour) Low Am
 '97 Daikyo Open (JPGA Tour) Low Am
 National Team of Japan
 Several NCGA point event titles

KEVIN KOBALTER - San Rafael, CA

Physician, age 40
 Meadow Club
 University of California @ Davis
 '98, '97 Marin County Am Champion
 '99 Stocker Cup 5th
 '98 US Am & Mid-Am Alternate

Brian McDONNELL - Francisco, CA

Insurance Broker, age 34
 Orinda CC
 University of California @ Berkeley
 '00 US Mid-Am qualifier
 '99 US Amateur qualifier Medalist
 '89 Sacramento Valley Am 2nd
 7-time Cal State Am qualifier

Mark MINOR - Walnut Creek, CA

San Francisco State Student, age 23
 Boundary Oak GC
 '00 NCGA Am Semi-finalist
 '00 East Bay Regional 2nd
 275 NCGA points '00

Conrad NILMEIER - Fresno, CA

Insurance, age 48
 San Joaquin CC
 Stanford University
 '00 San Joaquin Valley Am 3rd
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 9th
 '00 Coombs Cup 2nd
 '90 & '95 Fresno City Champion
 '86 NCGA 2-ball Champion (w/ Barr)

Ray OTIS - San Jose, CA

Cinnabar Hills AGM, age 24
 San Jose CC
 University of Nevada
 '98 NCGA Amateur Runner-up
 '99 NCGA Am 2-ball Champ (w/Watson)
 '00 Pacific Northwest Am Round of 16
 '00 Cal State & NCGA Am Round of 16
 '98 Fresno State Lexus Champion
 '00 Big West Conference 3rd
 '00, '98, '97 US Amateur qualifier
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 4th

Tim SNOW - Davis, CA

Construction Co. Owner, age 43
 Wildhorse GC
 Sacramento State
 '00 US Open qualifying Alternate
 18-time Davis Golf Club Champion
 12-time Yolo County Open Champion
 9-time Davis City Open Champion
 '92 Maxfli Masters Champion (w/ Ham)

Tim TIPTON - Monterey, CA

Caddie Club of Pebble Beach, age 24
 '01 Salinas County 2nd
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 2nd
 '00 NCGA Amateur Medalist
 '00 Yolo County Open Champion
 '99 Vallejo City Champion
 Tahoe Donner GC course record – 65
 The Ridge GC course record - 65

Michael WILSON - Pacific Grove, CA

High School Student, age 16
 Pacific Grove GL
 '00 US Junior Match Play
 '00 Cal State Amateur Match Play
 '00 Cal Junior Amateur 2nd
 260 NCGA points '00

JOSH LEVIN - San Francisco, CA

'01 Mini Tour Pro, age 24
 Olympic Club
 University of California @ Berkeley
 '00 Scratch Players Champion
 '00 Hayward City Champion
 '00 San Francisco County 2nd
 '00 Madera County 2nd
 '00 Olympic Club Stroke Play 2nd
 255 NCGA points '00

Kyle METZLER - Rancho Murieta, CA

High School Student, age 17
 Rancho Murieta CC
 '01 Commuters T2nd
 '00 FCWT 1st Team All American top 5 points
 '00 FCWT Tour Championship Champion
 '00 NCGA Amateur Quarter-finalist
 '99 NCGA Am Semi-finalist
 348 NCGA points '00
 Delta League Champion & Player of Year

Bob NIGER - El Dorado Hills, CA

Wholesale Distribution, age 40
 Serrano CC
 '95, '96, '98, '99, '00 NCGA Cup teams
 '98, '82 Sacramento Valley Am Champion
 '99 NCGA Am Runner-up, '96 Semi's
 '95 Cal State Am Semi-finalist
 '99, '95, '84 Manteca City Champion
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 4th
 '01 Scratch Players Mid-Am Runner Up
 several other NCGA point event titles

Paul RICE - Redlands, CA

Investments, age 36
 Moreno Valley Ranch GC
 San Diego State

Steve SHEEHAN - Reno, NV

Merchant, age 48
 Montreux G&CC
 '00 Stocker Cup Runner Up
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 3rd
 '99 Crump Cup 3rd (Pine Valley)
 '98 Sunnehanna Amateur Champion
 '98 US Mid-Am Medalist & Quarter-finalist
 '96 Nevada State Match Play Champion
 2-time Pacific Coast Am Runner-up

Earl STEWART - Fairfax, CA

Salesman, age 56
 San Geronimo GC
 '01 NCGA Senior Amateur Champion
 '00, '99 NCGA Senior Cup Team
 '00 NCGA Senior points list, 2nd
 '00 Cal State Senior Championship 4th
 '00 San Francisco Senior Champion
 several other senior point event titles

Andy WILCOX - San Francisco

Financial Services Executive, age 49
 San Francisco GC
 Princeton University
 4th '00 Sonoma County
 2-time SFGC Club Champion

Bryson YOUNG - Reno, NV

Arrowcreek GC age 17
 '00 Nevada Junior Player of the Year
 '00 US Open Section qualifier
 '00 US Junior qualifier
 '00 Reno City 2nd
 '00 Scratch Players Championship 9th