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BMGC's HOGARTH TAKES CITY...AGAIN

First Repeat Champ in 23 Years Posts Lowest Score Since 2 Course Setup

or the first time since Dirk Jones victory in 1985 the Pasadena City Championship has a back to back winner. Tim Hogarth fired 35-36 = 71 for a 2-shot victory and his second consecutive Pasadena City Championship title.

Posting scores of 66-71-66-71 for a 4 day total of 12 under 274, the lowest winning

score since the tournament has been played using both courses.

The lowest round of the day was turned in by Johnny MacArthur who turned in 32-35 = 67 including eagles on 2 and 11 finishing in 3rd place alone.

Hogarth recently won a record sixth Kelly Cup at Lakeside Golf Club in Toluca Lake and is on pace to repeat his incredible 2007 season.

Finishing in second place was Kevin Fitzgerald at 276 with the second best round of the day at 68, including 8 birdies and 4 bogies on a course that was in absolutely incredible condition and a true test.

Brooksiders Capture Four of Six Net Flights in City

Following a year where BMGC members won each of the net flights the membership was once again well represented in the winners circle. In the Secretary Flight BMGC's Robert Liuag's 139 was good for a 1-shot victory while fellow members Nick Landeros (Director—131), Winifried Kuehn (Tresurer—131) and Amador Arce (Crown City—136) all cruised to 5–shot victories in their respective flights.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT			
PLACE	PLAYER	SCORE	AMOUNT
1	Tim Hogarth	274	\$750.00
2	Kevin Fitzgerald	276	\$650.00
3	Johnny Mac Arthur	280	\$550.00
4	Kent Wiese	281	\$450.00
5	Scott Lorenz	283	\$350.00
6	Freddy Esparza	285	\$210.00
6	Robert Funk	285	\$210.00
8	Keith Kinsel	286	\$180.00
9	Blake Nicolai	287	\$175.00
10	Kenny Pigman	288	\$130.00
10	Colby Wilson	288	\$130.00
10	Tyler Hurst	288	\$130.00
13	Rui Takamatsu	289	\$120.00
13	Sam Yi	289	\$120.00
15	Brent Brockermeyer	290	\$100.00
16	Bobby Arranaga	291	\$75.00
16	Min Woo	291	\$75.00
16	Brandon Mojarro	291	\$75.00

SATURDAY CARDINAL TEAM WINS SCGA TITLE

hird time was the charm for the Saturday Cardinal team as it rolled to a 30-18 win over Mission Viejo Country Club in the final match of the 2008 SCGA Saturday Team Play Championship at The SCGA Golf Course.

The Saturday Cardinal Team had been runner-up in the 2004 and 2005 final matches but this year won its first title since 1988.

The team was paced by its Nos. 2 and 4 teams -- Ron Jones and Tom Kennedy and Tony LoCasio and Sharifi Sharifi, respectively -- each of whom won six points by sweeping their individual and four-ball matches. LoCasio and Sharifi each won their matches on the 18th hole. Additionally, the teams of Joe Plescia and Eric Bates along with Sonny Reulbach and Maurice Norrington won their respective matches 4-2.

In addition to the players listed above, the final match team included Jeff Payne, Mike Hannibal, Chiwon Kang, Richard Mar, Edward Sayer, Elven Jensen, Gregory Palmer and James Sweatmon.

A hearty congratulations from all the membership to the champs. Well done gentlemen.

In picture below...Front Row, L-R: Maurice Norrington, Greg Palmer, Jim Lima, Ed Sayer, Eric Bates, Chiwon Kang, Joe Plescia, Sonny Reulbach, Sharif Sharifi, Vic Buxton, Mike Hannibal and Ron Jones. Back Row, L-R: Nick Mosaquites, Tony Valenzuela, Rob Moore, Jeff Payne, Chris Dewhurst, Dave Hochenedel, Richard Mar, Tony Kennedy, Tony LoCascio, Bob Lannin, Jim Sweatmon and El Jensen.



2008 PASADENA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP NET FLIGHT RESULTS

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SECRETARY FLIGHT			
PLACE	PLAYER	SCORE	AMOUNT
1	Robert Liuag	139	\$550.00
2	John Coleman	140	\$450.00
3	Gary Knecht	141	\$375.00
4	Anthony Guillean	144	\$300.00
5	Paul Rowbotham	145	\$175.00
5	Jonathan Troast	145	\$175.00
5	Tod Fritts	145	\$175.00
8	Peter Buttacavoli	147	\$75.00
8	Joe Plescia	147	\$75.00
10	John Calumpit	149	\$50.00
10	Jimmy Throckmorton	149	\$50.00
12	Andrew Dang	150	\$50.00
12	Larry Jue	150	\$50.00
14	Kirk Greenwood	151	\$50.00
14	Michael Muscare	151	\$50.00









TREASURER FLIGHT			
PLACE	PLAYER	SCORE	AMOUNT
1	Nick Landeros	131	\$550.00
2	Robert Tom	136	\$450.00
3	Jes Zablan	142	\$330.00
3	John Kobara	142	\$330.00
5	Steve Skelton	143	\$225.00
6	John Baratti	144	\$175.00
7	Ron Wainwright	145	\$110.00
7	Jeff Coggins	145	\$110.00
9	Ralph Muzquiz	147	\$50.00
10	Timothy Winter	148	\$50.00
10	Daniel Rix	148	\$50.00
13	Robert Hall	149	\$50.00
13	Rick Rivera	150	\$50.00
13	Tim Mcmorrow	150	\$50.00

DIRECTOR FLIGHT			
PLACE	PLAYER	SCORE	AMOUNT
1	Winfried Kuehn	131	\$550.00
2	Dennis Kuromi	136	\$450.00
3	Jose Loeza	139	\$300.00
3	Kevin Jenney	139	\$300.00
3	Martin Pastucha	139	\$300.00
6	Gordon Stewart	140	\$175.00
7	Mark Adamsky	141	\$110.00
7	Octavio Valenzuela	141	\$110.00
9	Robert Shirai	142	\$50.00
10	Peter Connolly	145	\$50.00
10	Michael Pattison	145	\$50.00
10	Larry Thompson	145	\$50.00
10	Gary Shippy	145	\$50.00
14	Rick Rameriz	146	\$50.00

CROWN CITY FLIGHT			
PLACE	PLAYER	SCORE	AMOUNT
1	Amador Arce	136	\$450.00
2	James Barbarino	141	\$310.00
2	Don Canning	141	\$310.00
4	Dennis Hetherington	143	\$200.00
5	Ronald Hemingway	146	\$150.00
6	Robert Mcgrew	147	\$90.00
6	Alan Vlacich	147	\$90.00
8	Calvin Wells	148	\$50.00
9	Art Longoria	150	\$50.00



More pictures at: http://picasaweb.google.com/Kevin.J.Burchett

Memorable Times of the 73rd Pasadena City Golf Championship

President's Message

o anyone who has ever participated in the annual springtime classic, the 73rd playing of the Pasadena City Golf Championship is our showcase and most significant major golf tournament of the year. It is put on by the Brookside Men's Golf Club, this was one of the more memorable for every level of play. Please join me in recognizing the many volunteers of the 73rd Annual Pasadena City Golf Championship with our gratitude.

Dave Sams & American Golf: Our sincerest appreciation for all you do in accommodating the showcase tournament of Southern California.

First Tee Sponsorships: This year the Pasadena City Golf Championship, BMGC and the First Tee of Pasadena joined together forming the latest fundraising effort to support the youth golf program in Pasadena at Brookside Golf Course. Thanks to Steve Juarez, Joe Plecia, Tom Reed, Rob Moore from the BMGC for soliciting sponsorships on behalf of the First Tee of Pasadena.

The Tournament Committee: Rob Moore, Wayne Dockery, Jim Granch and Dave Hochenedel. If you played in this years tournament it was because of one of these gentlemen and there annual commitment to this tournament. We are most fortunate to have their dedication and commitment. The Golf Courses: Preparation of one golf course for a major four day tournament is a task that most would find daunting, let alone two courses.

This year's extraordinary playing conditions of Course #1 & 2, both prepared by Jim Hicks Brookside's Golf Course Superintendent and his crew deserve kudos from all of usl

Volunteers: To all the dedicated volunteers of the Brookside Men's Golf Club, First Tee Sponsor Banners Placement, Tee Greeters, Divot Repair Teams, Scorecard Verifiers, Communications, On Course Beverage Crews, Tee Prize & Check-In Volunteers, Scorecard Preparation, Daily Pin Placement Sheets, Score Board Volunteers. Our hat is off to you all!

Officiating: We are most fortunate to have the best as members of the BMGC and SCGA associated with the tournament. SCGA Representatives as well as BMGC members Jim Giles and Gary Baker, along with BMGC Rules Chairman Jeff Coggins have devoted countless hours of personal time, finances and SCGA schooling to become the best at what they provide us on the golf course every year. Thank you for another year of outstanding officiating.

Monster Leader Board: We still do it the old fashioned way (almost). With over 600 players Championship and Flights, participants names are up in calligraphy and scores are entered by the creative graphic hand of member Tim Lawlor. Thanks Tim!

KČAL 9 / CBS Television: This is the only tournament to receive nightly television leader board coverage and filming of the final pairing of the Championship on Sunday. For the last 5 years we've received unprecedented coverage from KCAL9. This year they honored the tournament as their "Sunday Best." We're appreciative to KCAL9 for this years coverage.

Pasadena Star News: Larry Morgan, Roger Murray, Keith Lair and Sarah Reingewirtz (Photographer) of the Pasadena Star News provided daily coverage as well as web site posting of the tournament. Thanks for your continued support.

Beverages: Snapple was on the course during the tournament at no cost. This was made available through a gracious donation to our tournament via Steve Juarez's company. We are most appreciative of this support and contribution.

If someone or something did not measure up to your expectations during this tournament, please take the time to volunteer next year in the specific area of your concern, so that we can improve exactly where you feel it is needed. Thanks everyone for an outstanding 73rd Annual Pasadena City Golf Championship!

Best Regards,

Kevin Burchett

That's Entertainment &

Bob Baumann- Entertainment Chairman

Greetings All:

I'm happy to report that attendance at the monthly Tuesday Member's meetings is up 42% compared to last year. We have had some great speakers and some fun events such as a new members recognition 9-hole golf tournament.

We will continue to book informative speakers as well as planning events which all of you can participate in. Some upcoming plans for the next few months include a 9-hole putting contest, a chipping seminar on the driving range, the ever-popular long drive contest based on handicap, a doctor who specializes in sports medicine - who will teach us how to prepare our bodies for a round of golf, a 4-club 9-hole tournament, and of course the Christmas party.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join your friends at the monthly member meetings. The meetings are always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Sign-ups for the monthly tournament start at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Also, bring a friend and encourage him to join the golf club. There is a special no waiting period in affect at this time for new members.

Regards,

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Member News and Notes

Eddie Cho and Neil Moore both Qualified at Brookside on June 10th for the SCGA Amateur Championship. Cho shot even par 72 while Moore posted a 71. A total of 15 BMGC members attempted to qualify on the home course for the Championship.

The qualifiers will join fellow members Tim Hogarth and Keith Kinsel—who were exempt from qualifying—at Saticoy Country Club in Somis, July 18. We wish Eddie, Neil and Tim our best!!!

Weekend Tourney Green Fee Increase

New Rate Will be Charged Beginning July 1st

"Proposed" by the RBOC and Pasadena City Council are new weekend tournament rates for BMGC. The new rates will go into effect July 1, and will be \$42 for residents and the \$47 for non- residents (this includes the First Tee fee of \$5). The weekday fees will remain the same at \$33. The primary reason stated for the fee increase is water expense. The cost of watering both courses according to Dave Sams could exceed \$1 million dollars in 2009.

Anderson/Anderson to Represent BMGC at SCGA Net Fourball

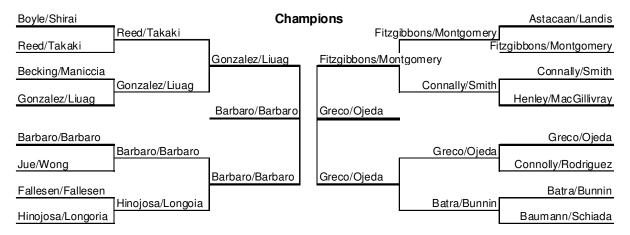
Brad and Scott Anderson will represent the Brookside Men's Golf Club at the SCGA's Four-Ball Net Tournament later this year. Qualifying for the tournament begins in August at various sites. The tournament will be contested at Robinson Ranch in Santa Clarita September 3-4. The Andersons, who had to win an extra match this year due to the rain-out during qualifying, eked out the final match against Joe Plescia and Sharif Sharifi 2 and 1. In the Consolation Bracket Bruno and Rocco Barbaro clipped Ben Greco and Jesse Ojeda on the last hole for the championship. Congratulations to all.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT



CONSOLATION FLIGHT

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Meet a Member: Tim Hogarth



he Brookside Men's Golf Club has always counted several top Southern California amateur golfers among its membership. Today is no different with the exception that the membership now boasts *THE* top amateur player in So Cal, **Tim Hogarth**.

Over the past 11 years Hogarth has amassed an impressive and unparalleled résumé of accomplishments on the golf course. Most recently, of course, he captured his 2nd consecutive Pasadena City Golf Championship and is the current reigning BMGC Club Champion. The accomplishments also include 6 Los Angeles City championships, 6 Kelly Cup championships, 2 SCGA Mid-Amateur championships and the 1999 California Amateur and SCGA Amateur titles.

But the *pièce de résistance* of Tim's career accomplishments is his lone U.S.G.A. title, the 1996 U.S. Amateur Public Links championship. Playing in the state he was born—Hawaii—Tim won the tournament with a convincing final match 8 and 7 victory over Jeff Thomas, the 1993 U.S.G.A. Mid-Amateur champion. The match included a little dust-up as Thomas, who was away on the 16th green 4 holes down, asked Hogarth to mark his ball. After Thomas missed his putt, he inquired whether or not Hogarth had returned his ball to the original spot. He had not. Thomas had clearly chose not to remind Tim to move his mark back. That unsportsmanlike gamesmanship motivated Tim and after the lunch break Tim won the first four holes and the rout was on.

That win that earned him a spot in the 1997 Masters Tournament where he was paired with legend Gary Player. That was also the year of Tiger Woods' record- setting first major championship.

In December 2006 Tim won the Amateur Qualifying Tournament for the Buick Invitational, shooting a record 5-under-par 67, then winning a sudden-death playoff on the first hole, on Torrey Pines South Course, earning him a spot in the 2007 Tournament. He ranks that round among his most memorable, noting that it proved he had the game to compete on longer courses.

Long or short course, Hogarth continues to prove to himself and to all So Cal golfers that he does indeed have the game.

The Hogarth File

Date Born: June 6, 1966
City Born: Honolulu
College: CSUN
Residence: Northridge

Family: Wife—Sandy, Children—Justin 8, Jeremy 5 **Occupation**: Owner of a natural products brokerage com-

pany, distributing products to retailers such as Whole Foods

Golf Career

Highlights: 1996 U.S. Amateur Public Links Champion

1997 Masters Participant 1997 California Amateur Medalist 1999 California Amateur Champion 1999 SCGA Mid-Amateur Champion 2004 SCGA Amateur Champion

2007 SCGA Mid-Amateur Champion 6-Time LA City Champion 6-Time Kelly Cup Champion 2-Time Pasadena City Champion Exempt or Qualified for 26 USGA Events

BB: How long have you been playing golf? At what age did you start playing seriously?

TH: I started when I was 12. I've been serious ever since.

BB: What got you started?

TH: We moved into a new neighborhood where the kids played so I thought I would give it a shot

BB: Do you have an interesting story about the first time you broke par and/or shot in the 60's?

TH: Crystalaire, I was around 15. I could really putt back then.

BB: You did play professionally for a few years, I assume you had aspirations to play on the PGA Tour?

TH: I played for 1 year out of college and realized quickly that it wasn't for me.

BB: In 1996, the same year you regain your amateur status, you win the U.S. Amateur Public Links in convincing fashion. What sticks out in your memory about that tournament?

TH: I remember the locals finding out that I was from Hawaii and they started to come out and support me. By the end of the tournament you would have thought they knew me for 20 years. It was an interesting final match and Mr. Thomas got my full attention after that move he pulled. I found out a few years ago that he died of a drug overdose, basically homeless, so I've been wondering if his life may have been different if he had won that final match.

BB: So the Public Links win gets you into the 1997 Masters! What special memory can you share with us regarding that experience?

TH: The entire experience was overwhelming, but the conversation I had with Sam Snead or possibly the first time I saw Amen Corner walking down the 11th fairway are the real vivid memories. I also remember what I was thinking when I saw that Tiger shot 40 on the front. I thought "well he isn't that good, I beat him" well he came home in 30 and the rest is history.

BB: You have an unbelievable résumé as an amateur golfer. I assume that the Public Links Championship ranks high on your list of achievements. What other accomplishments are you most proud of?

TH: Winning a USGA event is the top prize for an amateur golfer. You will always carry that with you. I'm proud of my record. I told the late Roger Kelly that I hoped my amateur career could equal what he achieved. I think I'm getting there, but I'm not done yet. I have goals that are still out there for me.

BB: What goals do you continue to pursue in golf? What eludes you?

TH: I want another USGA victory. The US Mid -Am looks like the best chance but I would love the opportunity to go to the US AM with my game clicking to see what I could do.

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History of Pasadena City Championship Uncovered

his history of one of longest running municipal golf tournaments in the western part of the country, the Pasadena City Championship, had been lost in time for many years. Started in 1929, records of the tournament's early years were sketchy at best, with the names of the former champs lost in time, as was the exact date of when the tournament switched from a match play event to a pro-style 72 holes of medal play held on consecutive days.

That is, until Tournament Committee member Tim Lawlor decided to travel to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in search of a goblet that would unlock the tournament's history.

Lawlor, a member of the Brookside Men's Club which hosts the event, was in search of a cup that he vaguely remembered being awarded as a tee prize in the 1981 playing of the event.

"I knew about (the cup) from playing in the tournament since I was a junior golfer," said the 50-year-old Lawlor. "I'd seen them at friends' houses, so I knew of their existence, and for that reason I called up Bob."

The tournament committee wanted to award a tee prize for this year's 71st playing of the tournament that listed all the past winners, so Lawlor took it upon himself to track down the names of the early champs. He contacted one of his old golfing buddies, Bob Strong, now retired and living on the Arnold Palmer-designed Running Y Ranch in the Southern Oregon wilderness.

After a morning round at the course, Lawlor and Strong retired to Strong's house, and lo and behold, out came the goblet, a Rosetta Stone that listed all the tournaments' winners from 1929-1980.

"It was just sitting on top of my desk, a little glass that says "46th annual Pasadena City Championship" with all the winners until 1980 listed on it," said Strong. "I collect water jugs from all over the place, Ireland, England, Scotland, and that is the only one that isn't a water jug."

Strong, understandably didn't want to part with his keepsake, so Lawlor copied down the names of all the winners for transport back to Pasadena. Still, there were gaps in years where no winner was listed, requiring more research.

For this, Lawlor enlisted the help of Darryl Banton, a reference librarian at the Pasadena Public Library.

"Tim called asking about specific years, as it turned out those were years that the tournament wasn't held," said Banton. "But to find that out I had to trace the history of the tournament from 1929, piece it together like a jigsaw puzzle."

Banton poured over microfilms and microfiche of the newspapers of the day, the Pasadena Post, Pasadena Star News and the internet archives of the Los Angeles Times, to fill in those gaps.

Banton discovered that the championship was moved to from the summer months to November in 1932 to make way for the Summer Olympics being held in L.A. The tournament ran into tough times in the following years and was not held in 1933-35 due to the height of the Great Depression. Resurrected in 1936, the Pasadena City was played in November or early December until 1966.

Four times in that span the event was not held: 1953 (rain), 1962 (rebuilding greens) and 1958-59 (reasons unknown). There was another hiatus in 1967-68 while the Brookside Golf Club was being built up to host the L.A. Open.

In 1969, the event took the form we see today, a 72-hole medal play event that runs from Thursday-Sunday in May, with a 36-hole cut after two days. In the early 80's handicap flights were added under the oversight of current chairman Rob Moore and the late John McGraw.

He also discovered some interesting anecdotes from the early days of the tournament, such as the time legendary golf hustler Smiley Quick fell ill before the final match of the 1947 event, but his opponent refused to accept a victory through forfeit. So the match was delayed a week until Quick recovered, then went on to defeat the Good Samaritan handily.

This was the same Smiley Quick who won the U.S. Amateur Public Links a year earlier and missed winning the U.S. Amateur the same year at Baltusrol when his 2 ½ foot put rolled past the hole on the 18th green. Quick would also, legend has it, hustle boxing champ Joe Louis out of an estimated quarter-million dollars.

Currently, the event averages more than 250 players in the scratch flight and another 360 more in the net flights.

It is seen as an opportunity to tune-up for the NCAA and Pac-10 season by collegiate golfers from all over the area, as well a chance for top midams to play in a professional-format tourney.

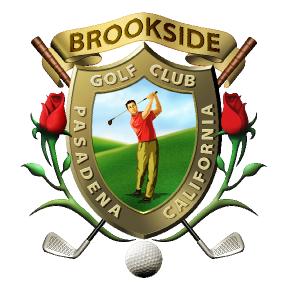
By Peter Conroy, amateurgolf.com published 14 May 2008

BMGC Unveils New Logo

BMGC LOGO MERCHANDISE COMING SOON!!!

he Brookside Men's Golf Club has unveiled a new logo in 2008. The new logo, seen at right, was designed and created by BMGC member Tim Lawlor. Using the longtime logo as a base Tim included more defined images of the golfing man, golf clubs and golf ball while updating the type font. Most significantly Tim included two roses which were not in the most recent logo, illustrating the connection with the Rose Bowl stadium. The ultimate result is a more vivid, contemporary and relative logo for the club. Thank you Tim for you effort!

In the coming months BMGC logo merchandise - including shirts, hats and jackets - will be available for purchase. Please check the club website for further details.



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his summer marks the second year of programming by The First Tee of Pasadena at Brookside. Todate, nearly 400 youth, ages 7 to 17 have participated in this youth golf and life-skills program. The mission of The First Tee of Pasadena is to positively impact the lives of Pasadena Area youth by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Also, to make the game of golf more accessions.

sible and affordable to youth of all diversities, social strata and those with physical disabilities who otherwise may not have an opportunity to learn and play the game of golf. Mark Fritz, Program Coordinator and coaches: Gary Baker; Kathy Cho; Ellen Harkins and Kim Gonzalez spend countless hours in providing an enjoyable environment for The First Tee of Pasadena participants. Also, The First Tee of Pasadena Board of Directors, including Brookside Mens Club members, Marc Striegel and Chris Gonzalez, has done an outstanding job in developing this into a successful youth program. Organizations, including The Optimist Home for Boys, Rose City High School, YMCA, PAL, Muir High School, BlairLEARNS and Pasadena Recreation and Parks (just name a few) are participating in our program. The First Tee of Pasadena is one of the newest of 203 The First Tee Chapters world-



wide. Over 2.2 million youth around the world have been involved with The First Tee for the past 11 years.

In November 1997, The World Golf Foundation created The First Tee which is overseen and has the support of a committee comprised of members representing The LPGA, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, United States Golf Association and the Augusta National Golf Club. What sets The First Tee of Pasadena apart from other successful junior golf programs is The First Tee Life Skills Experience curriculum. Through the Life Skills Education, participants learn valuable lessons about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude; how to make decisions by thinking about the possible consequences; how to define and set goals; and how to transfer values such as responsibility, honesty, integrity, respect, confidence and sportsmanship from the golf course to everyday life. These lessons for life are taught through a variety of golf-related exercises designed with the primary goal of having fun. Research determined that the primary reason more children, and especially economically disadvantaged children, did not play golf was because of the lack of places which welcomed them, places they could physically get to, and places that they could afford. The creation of The First Tee of Pasadena is a way to bring golf to youth that otherwise would not be exposed to the game and at its positive values.

The First Tee of Pasadena is very proud in having the Brookside Mens Golf Club as one of its major supporters by providing funding and volunteers. Without the Mens Club support over the past two years, this program would not be as successful as it is today. Other major supporters of The First Tee of Pasadena include The PGA of America, PGA of So Cal, The SCGA Foundation and of course, American Golf.

For more information or how to become involved with The First Tee of Pasadena, please contact David Sams at 626-397-4185. You may also visit our website at www.thefirstteepasadena.org or the national website at www.thefirsttee.org .

Meet a Member: Tim Hogarth (continued from page 6)

- BB: Do you think you are playing the best golf of your career right now and if so what do you attribute that to?
- TH: I would say yes. The reason is that I've been very lucky to receive great instruction. My teacher, Randy Peterson, has worked with me since I was 18 years old and now I'm able to play at a fairly consistent level. If my swing starts to leave me I can normally fix myself. Also, the technology of the clubs has made me a much more consistent ball striker.
- BB: Do you have aspirations to play on the Champions Tour?
- TH: I would be lying if I said no, but my kids will still be young when I reach 50 so I don't know. I guess we'll have to see what kind of game I have in 8 years.
- BB: You joined Brookside Men's Golf Club a few years ago. What/who got you involved in the club?
- TH: I started playing in the Tuesday skin game and I really like the guys. I have met some good friends at the club. It's a good mix of fun guys and good players, we have a good time.
- BB: What do you like best about being a Brookside Men's Golf Club member?
- TH: The guys that i play with are great and you combine that with a really good golf course. What more could you need?
- BB: What do you think about the golf courses at Brookside?
- TH: I really enjoy playing here. I think the course is very challenging. You get to hit a lot of different shots and I really like the new bunkers. I think that the course is getting better and better.
- BB: What are the favorite or most memorable courses you have played?
- TH: Augusta, Winged Foot, Pebble beach, Merion, Oakland hills, Riviera etc.. They're all great, but a friend of mine told me "it's not the course, it's the company" and I think he's right.
- BB: What courses would you most like to play that you have not yet?
- TH: I would like to go play in the Crump Cup at Pine Valley. One of these days I'll make that trip.
- BB: Last question...you can only play one more round of golf where and with whom do you play?
- TH: I wish I had one more chance to play the Van Nuys executive course with my father.