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FOG TO HONOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATIVE COLLIN MORIKAWA



Morikawa is engaged to Katherine Zhu who earned All-America honors playing golf at Pepperdine.

Friends of Golf (FOG) announced that Collin Morikawa will be the Honoree for the 42nd Annual FOG Charity Golf Tournament to be played Monday, October 3, 2022, at Bel-Air Country Club. Morikawa, who was born in Los Angeles and attended

La Canada High School, has already found success on the PGA Tour since he graduated from UC/Berkley and finished as a runner-up for the Ben Hogan Trophy in 2018 and 2019.

In his brief PGA career, Morikawa already has five wins including a World Golf Championship victory and two major golf championships: the 2020 PGA Championship and the 2021 British Open. Morikawa had a brilliant amateur career, winning five times and spending three weeks as #1 on the World Golf Amateur Ranking. As a member of the 2021 Ryder Cup, he went 3-0-1 and finished tied for third in the 2020 Olympics. As of this writing the 25-year-old has earned over \$17 million and ranks third in the Official World Golf Rankings.

LEGENDARY BROADCASTER TO RECEIVE FOG'S KEN VENTURI AWARD

There are occasions when a moment in time defines an individual while in other instances an individual defines the moment in time. The latter occurred during the 1980 Olympics when Al Michaels excitedly proclaimed, "Do you believe in miracles?" following the U.S. hockey team of amateurs upsetting the mighty Russian team of veterans. For most broadcasters, that would have been the single highlight of their career. However, Michael's career has been full of highlights, awards, and achievements. Michaels, who will be honored with FOG's 2022 Ken Venturi Spirit



Michaels (right), shown here with fellow legendary broadcaster, Jim Nantz, graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles where the football stadium bears his name.

of Giving Award, got his announcing career started as color commentator for the Los Angeles Lakers radio broadcasts next to Chick Hearn. His travels then took him to Hawaii, Cincinnati, San Francisco, and NBC before landing at ABC for three decades. Along the way, Michaels has announced college basketball, minor and major league baseball, horse racing, boxing, NBA and NFL, college football, ice skating, and of course, hockey. He returned to NBC in 2006 to call Sunday Night Football.

"The finest one day tournament of its kind in the USA." - Byron Nelson





WE GET LETTERS

In each edition of FOG Horn we devote space to reprinting excerpts from a few of the many letters FOG receives from the schools and organizations it benefits. They not only offer thanks but remind us that FOG's value extends beyond the golf course and into the community. Many coaches, especially at the high school level, are fighting budget cuts, and economic realities. FOG's support is the primary reason their programs survive. It should also be noted that in spite of the FOG Tournament not being played in 2020 and a reduced number of participants in 2021, FOG was still able to make annual donations to the many youth golf organizations it supports.

"I am writing this letter to the generous donation you made to the Highland High School boys and girls golf programs. Our golf programs have been on the rise for the last few years thanks to Friends of Golf's generous donations of both clubs and money. Due to the fact that some of our students don't have any golf equipment, these funds and clubs that we have received from your organization are a great benefit. The Friends of Golf organization has kept our program alive and saved us from making cuts to both the boys and girls programs. Without Friends of Golf, it would not be possible. When I took over the program, we had equipment that was over 20 years old and not one full set of clubs. Due to the kindness and generosity of Friends of Golf we are able to get more of our students involved and excited about golf every year. This season we finished 3rd place in the league after previously being 7th or 8th. Thank you very much for your efforts to keep high school golf flourishing."

Jeffrey Smith, Boys and Girls Golf Coach, Highland High School, Palmdale

"I'm sending this letter in appreciation of the generous donation provided to the Los Osos High School Girls Golf Program. We will be a new program in the Fall of 2022, so your donation will help us get up and running. For the past 20 years, Los Osos has had a boy's golf program, and girls have competed with the boys. A new opportunity to start a girls' team at our school has come to fruition, and I am extremely excited to get started as are the student-athletes. The support of your organization not only helps our program but helps sustain the future of golf. Thank

you for your willingness to help golf programs in Southern California."

Greg Walker, Varsity Golf Coach, Los Osos High School, Rancho Cucamonga

"I wanted to personally reach out to extend our sincere gratitude for the generous donation from Friends of Golf to Rim of the World High School. This donation will go a long way in helping to provide materials and equipment for our students, many of whom are underserved. Without a doubt, we will see an increase in the size and scope of our team as they grow in numbers due to this donation. As you well know, funding for athletics at many high schools across California has either been cut or is insufficient to meet the needs of our student-athletes. We truly value all the work you do at Friends of Golf, and for your years of generosity."

Ryan Reisbord, Athletic Director, Rim of the World High School

"We would like to express our sincere thanks for your donation to our Boys and Girls Golf programs at Arcadia High School. Both programs have been hit with budget cuts over the past several years and it's become increasingly more challenging raising the necessary funds to operate. To maintain our competitive advantage, we've been required to conduct a great deal of fundraising in order to cover the increasing cost. Your contribution was a great relief to our programs and the kids would like to express their deepest appreciation for your assistance."

Robbie Greep, Boys/Girls Golf Coach, Arcadia High School

"Thank you so much for your generous donation to Granite Hills High School. With the generous support from people like you, we will be able to help many of our low-income students experience the game of golf for the first time. Your donation will go a long way for our students and the continued growth of the game of golf on our campus. Thank you again for your generous donation."

Daniel Rincon, Assistant Principal of Athletics, Granite Hills High School, Apple Valley

RED RAIDER CAPTURES 2022 HOGAN TROPHY AWARD



Aberg beat out Finalists Sam Bennett of Texas A&M and Eugenio Chacarra of Oklahoma St. to raise the trophy.

Texas Tech's Ludvig Aberg, a native of Eslov, Sweden, captured the 2022 Ben Hogan Trophy Award becoming the first Red Raider to win the trophy. Each year, the college golfer who has the best combination of amateur and collegiate success is honored during a ceremony at Ben Hogan's home course, Ft. Worth's Colonial Country Club. The ceremony takes place during the PGA's stop in Ft. Worth and as is tradition, Aberg receives an exemption into next year's event.

Aberg has had a brilliant amateur career and ranks #2 on the World Amateur Golf Rankings. He averaged 70.03 in 11 collegiate events this year and won the Big 12 Individual Championship. Aberg was runner-up in the 2021 European Amateur and made the cut in the PGA Tour's 2021 Bermuda Championships. He is only the third European to win the trophy following Jon Rahm in 2015 and 2016 and Viktor Hovland in 2019. He's also the third Big 12 golfer to win the trophy in the last five years.

The Ben Hogan Trophy was initiated by FOG in 1990 and since 2002, the Hogan Trophy Foundation has awarded more than \$875,000 in scholarships. This year, the Foundation is making a \$10,000 donation to the University of the Southwest following the tragic bus accident that killed six golfers and a coach from the school's men's and women's teams.

STANFORD'S ALINE KRAUTER NAMED DINAH SHORE TROPHY WINNER

Aline Krauter was named the 2022 Dinah Shore Trophy winner, an award that not only recognizes collegiate success on the golf course, but also considers classroom proficiency and service to the young woman's community. Krauter, who is from Stuttgart, Germany, helped her Cardinal team win the recent NCAA Women's Golf Championship played at Scottsdale's Grayhawk Golf Club. This past year, her average round was 71.86 putting her among Stanford's all-time best for female golfers. Majoring in International Business Studies, she posted a grade point average of 3.62 and earned PAC 12 Honor Roll honors in both 2020 and 2021. Outside of the classroom and off the course, Krauter



Krauter, only the fourth PAC 12 golfer to win the award since its inception in 1995, earned an exemption to play in the Dana Open held at the end of August in Sylvania, Ohio.

is involved with Stanford's ABC Literacy Day to help low-income students improve their reading abilities and directs a children's summer golf camp at her German club.

In addition to her success as a Cardinal, Krauter won the 2020 R&A Women's Amateur Championship and has already participated in four LPGA major golf championships, two U.S. Women's Amateurs and the Augusta National Women's Amateur. The Dinah Shore Trophy is a joint effort between FOG, the LPGA and the Chevron Championships. As part of the award, the winner's program receives a \$10,000 donation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a letter written by the father of Nataliya Laciste thanking fog for their support of the Southern California Golf Association's Junior Program. Although Nataliya has excelled at the game of golf and was invited to participate in FOG's 2021 Clinic, it's the ancillary benefits her father points out that have made a difference for the entire family.

A PARENT'S SCGA STORY

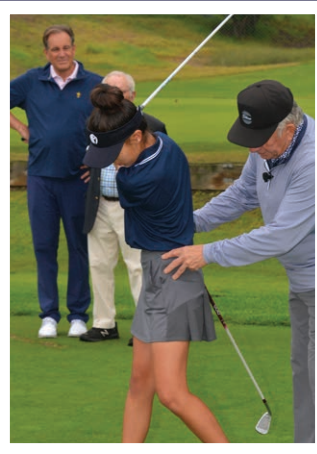
My name is Rodney Laciste and my daughter, Nataliya, has been participating in SCGA Junior for the past seven-plus years. The program holds a special place in our hearts, and from the first class Nataliya took, I knew it was unique; the coaches were so informative, very approachable, and provided so many great activities for the kids. Everyone is made to feel like they belong here, and it's something you feel right from the start. For Nataliya, I am so proud that these SCGA Junior lessons have led her to do well in high school golf, advancing to CIF as only a Freshman this season.

Recently, she had the great opportunity to participate in the Friends of Golf clinic and tournament at Riviera Country Club, where she received a personal lesson from the great Peter Kostis. That was such an amazing day for Nataliya (and me, too!) and she was very honored to be a part of it and have the great opportunity to play the course. Really, she's still talking about it!

For me, the biggest impact of SCGA Junior is the special friendships we have made throughout the years. I've learned so much from the coaches and other parents, as they've taught me a lot about things like college requirements for golf and tournament play. I would like other parents to know that this program has truly given us the opportunity to find community and have created lifelong friendships and support systems along the way.

Nataliya has mentioned many times how she wants to give back to the program. She's been so impressed by the great coaches over the years, and they've made such an influence on her that she wants to become a coach herself one day.

Thank so for your continued support of SCGA Junior, and for helping create lessons and memories that will last our kids a lifetime.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

SAL CIMBOLO



This past year, FOG lost an individual who had been one of the primary reasons for the organization's success, Win "The Commander" Uebel. As a member of FOG's Board of Directors, Win was responsible for soliciting and maintaining relationships with FOG's key sponsors and prize donors. Over the years I've thanked sponsors, participants, and others in this space, but I don't believe I could ever thank my Board of Directors enough. Except for a small administrative staff, FOG is an all-volunteer organization spearheaded by a board that has accomplished incredible results throughout the years, especially during my tenure as FOG President and Chairman. Board members have provided their valuable time to line up sponsors, prizes, live and silent auction items, enlist players, secure volunteers, donate money, and much, much more. This year, we have a passing of the torch with Peter Best succeeding John Hoffman as FOG President. Peter is a great organization guy. He is a past-President of Bel-Air Country Club and was extremely instrumental in the success of the Senior U.S. Amateur when the club hosted it in 2004. As much as I look forward to working with Peter, I want to thank John for the incredible job he did as FOG President and before that Tournament Chair. He's been extremely instrumental in helping FOG become what it is today.

I'm excited for the tournament returning to Bel-Air this year following a wonderful experience for all at Riviera Country Club. With his two major golf championships, the 25-year-old Collin Morikawa,

adds to the 130-plus majors won by FOG Honorees over the years. Plus, I'm thrilled to have my friend Al Michaels receive the Ken Venturi Spirit of Giving Award. Al has been a big supporter of FOG throughout the years and along with Jim Nantz, been involved in our dinner and interviewing our Honoree.

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19th HOLE

By Lil' Pro



The Lil' Pro is a member of 13 Halls of Fame as player, coach and instructor and now has a prestigious award in his name; The Eddie Merrins Trophy.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Hogan Trophy award ceremonies this year due to a bad back incurred during my April visit to Augusta for The Masters. It was the first year the committee implemented the Eddie Merrins Trophy and made me the inaugural recipient. The trophy is a Waterford crystal with my image on it and will be awarded annually to an individual for career accomplishments and for giving back to the game of golf. I'm extremely honored by the acknowledgment as I am being inducted into 13 Halls of Fame. Everyone of them means a lot to me.

All three of this year's Hogan finalists came from the Southwest with Texas A & M, Oklahoma St. and Texas Tech represented. The winner was Texas Tech's Ludwig, a native of Sweden who will receive an exemption into next year's PGA tournament at Colonial. Our

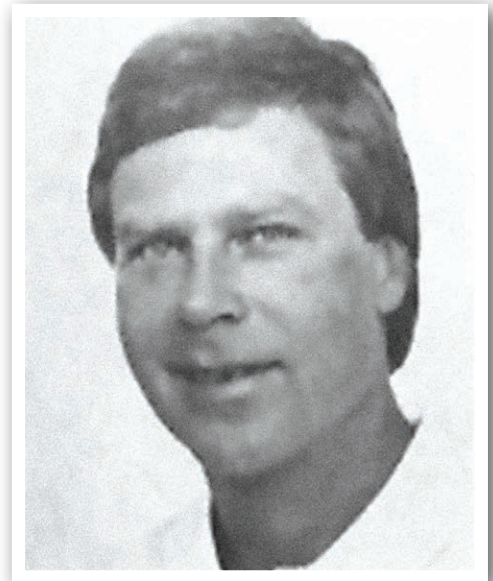
Honoree this year is Collin Morikawa, who was very enthusiastic about being named FOG's 2022 Honoree. During his career at Cal/Berkley, he twice finished as a Hogan Trophy runner-up. He lost to Doug Ghim in 2018 and Victor Hovland in 2019. He was also a Semi-finalist in 2017 when Maverick McNealy won.

This year's U.S. Open brought back a lot of memories. I was at The Country Club outside of Boston for the 1999 Ryder Cup when Justin Leonard made a 45-foot putt. Despite the celebration that included the players' wives rushing out on the green, Jose Maria Olazabal still had a putt to tie the hole. When he missed, Leonard went 1-up and was guaranteed a half which gave the U.S. team a 14 ½ to 13 ½ victory. I had a role in the event when the U.S. captain, Ben Crenshaw, asked me to use my celebrity contacts to line-up Celine Dion to sing. The thought was since she's Canadian, the entertainment would be neutral. Of course, The Country Club is also famous due to Francis Ouimet's famous 1913 U.S. Open upset. Ouimet, who lived across the street from the course, stunned the golf world by defeating the game's greatest, including two world-renowned British golfers, Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, in an 18-hole playoff. The historical achievement was later documented by author, Mark Frost, in his book, The Greatest Game Ever Played. It was later made into a movie. A key part of the story was Ouimet's caddie, a 10-year-old Eddie Lowery.

Lowery, who later became a successful car dealer in San Francisco, had another link to author Frost. While attending an event celebrating Byron Nelson's 11 consecutive victories in 1945, I heard about a story of a match in 1956 that pitted two pros, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson against two amateurs, Ken

Venturi and Harvie Ward at Cypress Point. Lowery had been instrumental in arranging the event. I had helped Frost, who was also a writer on the TV show, Hill Street Blues and co-creator of Twin Peaks, with his first two books about golf, so I relayed the story to him. His writing skill turned the unknown event into a terrific 255-page book entitled, The Match. I highly recommend it to any fan of golf.

Al Michaels will be our Ken Venturi Spirit of Giving recipient this year. Al has had one of the greatest announcing careers of all time and has given a lot to the game of golf.



Crenshaw was forced to apologize to the Europeans during the 1999 Ryder Cup when the U.S. players and their wives rushed on to the green to celebrate Leonard's putt and before Olazabal's chance to tie the hole.

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