

Celebrity golfers help sell out ACCA-AZ tournament

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The ASU Karsten Golf Course was the site of plenty of golf action May 9—including a hole-in-one on number 16—courtesy of the Arizona Chapter Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA-AZ) in Phoenix.

Added to the excitement of a hole-in-one made by Louis Sarracino of JS Group on a 165-yard par-3 requiring a tee shot over water, were appearances by celebrity and legislative leaders who helped sell out the ACCA-AZ Spring Celebrity Golf and Texas Hold'em Tournament.

Notables participating in the tournament included State Senators Bob Burns, Pamela Gorman and Victor Soltero; State Representatives Clovis Campbell, Ken Chevront and Michele Reagan; Registrar of Contractors Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Director/Public Information Officer Brian Livingston; Carlton Oats of the Minnesota Vikings; Larry Walton of the Detroit Lions; and Jay Taylor of the Arizona Cardinals.

First place winner of the golf tournament was the AZME Sales team with a score of 52. Brewers AC and W.D. Manor tied for second with a score of 55.

Winners of specialty events included Dorothy Thrasher, closest to the pin; Bryant Kurakos, longest drive on the fairway; and Sarracino,



Tournament winners with the 'Bud Girls.' From left, Louie Sarracino (JS Group), Kevin Haugen (Flow Design), Jerry Holdaway (AZME) and Tom Gusich (University Mechanical).

no, who won for the hole-in-one and also for the longest putt made.

Jerry Holdaway, AZME Sales president and part of the winning foursome, lauded the event as "an excellent tournament, very well run and with good attendance from throughout the industry." Other foursome members were Sarracino, Kevin Haugen of Flow Design in Dallas, Texas, and Tom Gusich, vice president of University Mechanical in Phoenix.

Holdaway pointed out that Sarracino's hole-in-one helped the group come out on top.

"After he landed his tee shot, the ball disappeared and we thought he came up short," Holdaway said. "When we got to the green we found it wasn't short, but in the hole. Louis got to buy some drinks in the clubhouse later."

Antoine Coffey, executive director of ACCA-AZ, said the tournament is one of the largest events that the organization hosts each year.

"It's a great opportunity for owners to come out and relax, have fun and network with their peers," Coffey said. "We had 155

golfers on the course for the tournament, and some of them came from as far away as Boston and St. Louis, so there's a lot of extreme networking going on."

Coffey noted that in addition to the golf awards, \$7,000 worth of raffle prizes was also given out.

Sponsors of the tournament included Sunstate Equipment, GPS Fleet Services, Hilti Tools, Sun Insurance Group, AZME Sales, Kachina Sheet Metal and Chas Roberts.

The organization plans to hold another golf tournament in October.