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## Holmes captures California Tour Players event

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Moorpark resident Steve Holmes won the California Tour Players tournament on Feb. 26-27 at Rustic Canyon.

Holmes finished the two-day event with a score of 4-under 140, including a 3-under 69 on the final day. Oxnard's Tom Stankowski tied for second with John Leary of Woodland Hills. Each finished at 143. Simi Valley's Roy Moon was seventh with a 146.

Former UCLA standout Melissa Martin won the inaugural women's event, finishing with a 160. Former teammate Venessa Brockett was second at 173.

The next event is set for March 19-20 at the Alisal River Course. Information: <http://www.calplayerstour.com>.

Drive, Chip & Putt: Moorpark Country Club will be one of the host courses for the ninth season of the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition, presented by Golf Channel.

Billed as the world's largest junior golf skills competition, a total of 83 local communities throughout North America will host events in 2007.

Moorpark will host both a local qualifier and the SoCal Regional, on May 20.

It is a free event for junior golfers of all skill levels between the ages of 7 to 14. Golfers in the local championships are divided into four age divisions competing in three categories: driving, chipping and putting. The top three juniors in each age division from the local championships advance to one of 20 regional championships in the summer.

Regional championship winners advance to the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt National Championships in Orlando in the fall.

Information: <http://www.GolfChannel.com>.

Hole-in-one report: Mitchell Gavin of Thousand Oaks aced the 161-yard fourth hole at Rustic Canyon. Gavin, 52, used a 7-iron to score his first career ace. It was witnessed by Katsuya Nitta and Katasushi Nitta.

Chuck Busher scored a hole in one on the 113-yard 15th hole at Saticoy Regional. Busher used an 8-iron. It was witnessed by Richard Atmore, Manuel Quezada and Duane Zukowski.

Robert Pelzmann aced the 196-yard 16th hole at Los Robles Golf Course. Pelzmann used a 3-iron and his shot was witnessed by Buzz Burner.

U.S. Open tickets: Ticket applications for the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla will be available to active USGA members starting Thursday morning.

The request time for active USGA members runs until 2 p.m. PDT on April 15, 2007.

Ticket requests for the general public will be accepted from June 18, 2007, until 2 p.m. PDT on Aug. 15, 2007.

Applications for the random drawing of 2008 U.S. Open Championship tickets will be accepted by the USGA through the mail or on its Web site at <http://www.usga.org/tickets>.

A request for a printed ticket application or ticket questions can be e-mailed to [ticketquestions@usga.org](mailto:ticketquestions@usga.org) or directed to 800-698-0661.

The 2008 U.S. Open will be played June 9-15.

Charity golf: The Newbury Park High Football Boosters will host the 2006 Panther Golf Classic on April 2 at Spanish Hills. Cost is \$175.

Information: 498-8262.

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