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Masters Club members are still going **STRONG**!



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Even in a challenging real estate market, 2011 was a successful year for the Sacramento Association of REALTORS[®] Masters Club. The Club recognized and congratulated 574 Members for their professional achievement at its Awards luncheon held March 16 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. This number represents the top 10 percent of all Sacramento Association of REALTORS[®] members.

The purpose of the Masters Club is to support the Sacramento Association in providing programs and services that enhance the competency, professionalism and productivity of its members, and to recognize the achievements of the top REALTORS[®] who apply for membership and who have earned a requisite level of excellence in real estate sales.

The Sacramento Masters Club is active in supporting community activities by donating monies and services to a wide range of local charities. Giving back to the communities that have contributed so much to the success of Club members is one of the primary goals of the Masters Club.

Proceeds from the annual Masters Club fundraisers, including a golf tournament and other club activities, benefited the following charities in 2011: St. John's Shelter for Women and Children and North Roseville Recreational, Educational & Creative (REC) Center. This year's Golf Tournament demonstrated the tenacity and perseverance required to be a REALTOR[®].

On the date of this annual event, Sacramento had one of the wettest days in months. The forecast called for rain at 4 p.m., but it arrived seven hours early – just in time for tee off. Masters Club Steering Committee Members who had planned the event for months were flabbergasted at their luck. In spite of their disappointment, staff and volunteers were amazed that the foul weather did not dampen the spirit of participating golfers. Nor did it turn them away. This is a testament to the quality of professionalism and dedication our Members have.

It wasn't only golfers who endured the in climate weather. Sponsors also were good sports, braving the rain as they drove their carts around to deliver drinks or hosted a table advertising their products. SAR Retail Operations Director Carl Carlson said, "I was soaked from head to toe, as was everyone else. It



Golfers bearing the pouring rain for the benefit of the Charities.



Bert McBride, Patricia Murphy, Laurie Pasut, David Boliard.

was rather funny to hear all the squishing sounds coming from people's shoes as they came into the country club." All told, the SAR Masters Club raised and donated over

\$18,000.00 to these local charities in 2011.

Masters Club members, in partnership with their clients and the community, anticipate another fine year for the Sacramento County real estate business in 2012. Make your move to team up with the best in real estate, your Masters Club REALTOR[®]!

Congratulations to all the outstanding producers who achieved Masters Club membership during 2011!

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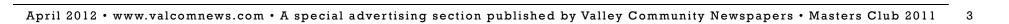
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