



## **CSUCI's Annual Golf Tournament Includes New Twist: Helicopter Ball Drop**

Camarillo, Calif., Oct. 29, 2008 - The California State University Channel Islands 2008 Dolphin Classic Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Nov. 3 at Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo. This tournament will raise funds to establish intercollegiate athletic programs at CSUCI.

New for this year's tournament is the Aspen Helicopter Ball Drop, which provides an opportunity for anyone to participate in the tournament. The CSUCI University Foundation will sell up to 500 numbered golf balls for \$10 each. At 9:45 a.m. all the purchased golf balls will be dropped. The purchaser of the winning ball-the ball that makes it closest to or goes in the hole-will be announced at the award ceremony, but doesn't have to be present to win. Golf balls can be purchased by calling 805-437-8916 until 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

The tournament will be played with four-member teams choosing either to use the point-par system, which is more competitive, or the more recreational Callaway scoring system. There also will be a hole-in-one contest during regular tournament play sponsored by Spanish Hills Surgery Center. Any player who makes a hole-in-one will have an opportunity to take home \$100,000 in cash or new BMW vehicle provided by Steve Thomas BMW.

Check-in for the event and a welcome from CSUCI President Richard R. Rush will begin at 8 a.m. and will include a continental breakfast and team portraits. The Helicopter Ball Drop will be held at 9:45 a.m. The tournament's shotgun start will be at 10:15 a.m. A cocktail reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30 p.m. Dinner, a live auction and awards will be held at 4:30 p.m.

This event has attracted several tournament sponsors including Spanish Hills Surgery Center, Ventura County Star, Four Seasons Cleaners, Canteen of Coastal California, Inc., Gold Coast Broadcasting, Steve Thomas BMW, Sheeler Moving and Storage, Southern California Edison, University Marelich Mechanical, Encompass Multimedia, Omega Solutions in Healthcare, and Aspen Helicopters, Inc.

Various sponsorship levels are offered for team entries, and entries will be accepted as space is available. Tickets for the awards dinner and auction are included with all entries, and additional dinner tickets can be purchased at \$50 each.

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