



ALUMNI BEAR NOOZ

Family & Class Challenge

7th Annual Golf Tournament Results

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held on October 4, 2008 at Sycamore Canyon Golf Course. This year there were 35 teams playing—137 golfers.

It took two teams to dethrone **Team Meek**—

- **1st Place—12 under: Team Craven & Team McNeill tied for 1st place**
- **2nd Place, 3 way tie—10 under: Team Duncan , Team Nolan Campbell, and Team Class of '67,**
- ***The winner of the longest drive for men was James Veon. (Cliff Meek, the reigning long drive champion missed the fairway and was dethroned after two consecutive years of victory)***
- ***Myrna Anderson-Pelle won the longest drive for women and a 15" high-definition, flat screen TV.***
- ***Ron Kyner, Mike Ripley, and Rose Coffman won portable DVD players for being closest to the hole.***
- ***Silvestre Tapia was the winner of the putting contest.***

The Arvin School High Men's and Women's Golf Teams also participated in the tournament. Coaches are Diane Bachtel and Francisco Morales. The Students participating were: Josephina Martinez, Raquel Verduzco, Ruth Verduzco, Michael Gonzalez, Cuahutémol Rojas, Jesus Rodriguez. The Men's and Women's golf teams also helped to hand out prizes during the awards ceremony.

Thank you for your participation and support

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BREAKING NEWS!!!

The AHAA Golf Tournament name has officially been changed to honor the late Frank Barle.

Starting in 2009 it will be called

The Arvin High Alumni Association

“The Frank Barle Open”

THANK YOU

**to all that were tournament sponsors, hole sponsors, contributors, and workers.
We appreciate your support and generosity**

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Team — McNeill

Alumni Golf 2008

Teams tied
For First Place



Team — Craven

Teams tied For Second Place



Team — Duncan



Team — Nolan Camp-



Team — Class of 67

AHS Women's and Men's Golf Teams 2008-2009



***Arvin Alumnus Awarded 1st
"Washington Family"
'Horatio Alger Scholarship of
Excellence Grant'***

2004 AHS Grad Zenaida Gallardo was awarded a scholarship to continue her university studies. Zenaida was the recipient of the Horatio Alger Scholarship in 2004. She graduated from Cal-Berkeley in 2008 with honors in history. She will continue her studies at UCLA for a masters in education to become a teacher. Zenaida is one of nine to receive the grant to further her education.

***Current UCLA Student &
AHS Alumnus Invited
To attend President's Summit
In Washington, DC***

Arvin grad Randy Grigsby, who is a senior at UCLA, will represent UCLA at a National Young Leaders Conference the week of the presidential inauguration in January. She will attend the swearing-in ceremony, the inaugural parade, and the Black Tie Gala inaugural Ball, as well as have private access to the Smithsonian Museums.

*Congratulations
Zenaida and Randy*

Dr. Epifanio Herrera Honored

Dr. Epifanio (Epi) Herrera was honored with the presentation of a commemorative plaque at the 7th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. The plaque was presented to Epi in appreciation for serving as the first AHAA President from 2002-2006, and for being the originator of the annual alumni golf tournament. Larry Hallum 2006-2008 President made the presentation.



Congratulations



1st DISTINISHED ALUMNI ANNOUNCED

After more than a year of planning and consideration, the selection of the 1st Distinguished Arvin High School Alumni was announced. This honor goes to Dr. Jim 'Fizzer' Young. Dr. Young was presented with a plaque at the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament held on October 4, 2008. Mr Cal Meek made the presentation. Young was instrumental in starting the Arvin High Alumni Association.

In retrospect, Jim was a teacher at Arvin High, an administrator at the Kern High School District, and Chancellor of the Kern Community College District. Currently he helps with the "We the People" Constitution Team at AHS and works tirelessly to raise funds for student scholarships at AHS throughout the year.

Congratulations Jim on being 'First Among Many'!

MEMORIALS

Gone But Not Forgotten.

We are saddened to report the passing of our classmates.

(Correction) Margaret Rexroth McDonald—Class '52

Ruby Lee Devin—Class '52
Patricia 'Sue' McClellan Olds—Class '53
Charles Porterfield—Class '53
Birdalee Weber—Class '53
Melville Harris—Class '54
Pat Toles—Class '54
Barbara Watkins Taylor—Class '55
Janet Newton—Class '55
Ralph Soza—Class '55
George Leon—Class '56
Walter Tallon—Class '57
Phyllis Barksdale Bolles—Class '58
Rudolph James Ortiz—Class '59
Lois Sherer Sherrill—Class '59
Rudy Jack Beard—Class '60
Sergio Contreras—Class '60
Linda Fay Dozier Leon—Class '61
Roy Marrufo—Class '64
Rita Diane Robinson—Class '64
Carol Leon Garza—Class '68
Lana Towery—Class '70
Twila Harris Cota—Class '71
Sherry 'Gage' Handy—Class '72
Shirley James—Class '78
Mr. Loyd Shires—Band Director

Correction to last newsletter

Larry Pearson was incorrectly listed as A member of the Class-'55, it should be Class-'52 in The Bear Booster Hall of Fame.

Arvin High Alumni Association Participates in Homecoming!

Once again the AHAA participated in the annual Homecoming festivities. 'Fizzer' Young drove his pickup in the homecoming parade. Riding along with the alumni were Ms. Arvin High, Mr Arvin High, and the 2008 Homecoming King and Queen.

Item of Interest

Rachel 'Neeley' Hollis gave birth to her second son-Sawyer Neeley Hollis. Proud grandparents are Farrell Neeley (Class '72) and Sheree Ambrose Neeley Edwards (Class of '73). Congratulations!

ARVIN HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

If you would like to attend meetings of the Arvin High Alumni Association, they are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at El Pueblo Restaurant in Lamont at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to help with a committee or be a representative for your class please come to a meeting. We need help with membership, fundraising, and the newsletter.

"Once A Bear, Always A Bear"

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Are you enjoying your retirement, or are you held hostage to decreasing interest rates on your CD's and savings? Is a falling stock market limiting the freedom you planned for? A Charitable Gift Annuity can help restore those years you hoped for by:

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For more information, please contact Dr. Jim Young, AHAA Vice-President of Fundraising at 661-854-2102

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If you have held stock for more than one year, and it has increased in value, you can transfer stock to the AHAA and avoid capital gains tax on its increase in value since its purchase. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction equal to the full market value of the stock. If your present stock value is lower than its purchase price you can sell the stock, donate the proceeds from the sale and take a tax loss deduction.

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