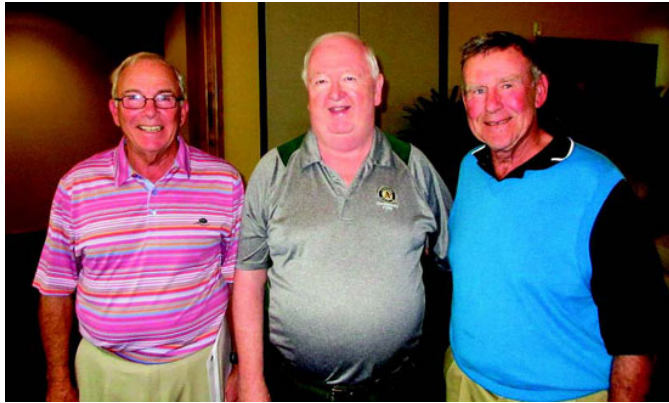


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Moraga Country Club Raises More than \$35K for Contra Costa Food Bank

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Dick Callahan, Oakland A's stadium announcer, is flanked by MCC Turkey Shoot co-chairmen Doug Brown and Rich Larsen
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The Third Annual Turkey Shoot charity golf tournament held recently at the Moraga Country Club raised more than \$35,000 to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and the total will probably be higher once the accounting is complete. This amount is about a 60 percent increase over the \$22,000 raised in 2014. It was hosted by the Senior Men's Golf Association, led by originators and co-chairmen Doug Brown and Rich Larsen, and assisted by many SMGA members, spouses and friends.

The 90 participating golfers enjoyed a nice breakfast and lunch, and many participated in the live and silent auctions, entered the raffle, sponsored a hole, generally underwrote the event, or just donated to the cause. Local resident and Oakland A's stadium announcer Dick Callahan volunteered his skill as auctioneer, and donated two premium A's ticket packages which brought a very good price at auction.

Food Bank Executive Director Larry Sly thanked the donors, participants, and organizers for their excellent work in raising so much money for the community. Sly, after he graduated from UC Berkeley, became the second employee of the Food Bank, and as executive director, he has directed its growth from 36,000 pounds of food distributed in its first year to 20 million pounds of food distributed in 2014. Sly also serves as director of several state and national organizations with similar interests, and is a past president of the Rotary Club of Concord.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Food Bank. It serves one out of every eight county residents, and 95 percent of its revenue goes to food distribution. It has paid staff of about 70 people, and averages about 1,000 volunteers each month, contributing more than 86,000 hours of time each year. The Food Bank works very hard to meet the increasing hunger problem in the two counties it serves, and co-partners with almost 300 different organizations and agencies to distribute food to needy families.

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