

# CENTRAL REGION HIGHLIGHTS

■ **THE 15TH ANNUAL** Ag Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on July 13 at the Windsor Golf Course. The tournament was followed by dinner and an awards presentation at Charlie's Grill. The tournament was a wonderful success with 108 players participating.

Everyone had a great time with fun and games mixed in. The putting contest and hole-in-one holes were a greater challenge than the golfers were up to this year, so no one drove the Nissan Titan NO FEAR edition truck home. Better luck next year!

We owe a few members of our Central Region staff thanks for making this year's tournament another success. The tournament is coordinated by Jana Beeman, Marketing and Alex Klein, Assistant Vice President. In addition, our 2006 summer interns once again provided the muscle - driving water carts, running the putting contest and watching the hole in one holes. The event gave the interns a day away from the intensive classroom training and first hand experience in what a customer event entails.

## ■ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PRIZE WINNERS:

### 1st Place Low Gross

Bob Besancon  
Hunt Conrad  
John Torres  
Steve Vail

### 2nd Place Low Net

John Hart  
Gary Hendricks  
Kirby Koryell  
Jeff Noble

### 1st Place Low Net

Bret Avlakeotes  
Steve Hill  
Joe Jimenez  
Alex Klein

### 3rd Place Low Net

Jack Cox  
Wes Caldwell  
Mike Pipkin  
Randy Ruddick



Low net division winners, left to right: Steve Hill, Alex Klein, Bret Avlakeotes, Joe Jimenez.

■ **FUNDS FROM THE TOURNAMENT** and raffle tickets go to American AgCredit's Ag Scholarship Fund through Santa Rosa Junior College, where \$3,000 is given out to outstanding agriculture students each year.

Finally, we give special thanks to our hole sponsors and other donors of prizes and services. Your contributions were a tremendous help in making the tournament a success.

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Flowers Vineyard & Winery  
Global Wine Partners  
JT Henley, DDS  
Kenwood Vineyards  
Matanzas Creek Winery  
Mononi Ranches  
Nissan of Santa Rosa  
Oracle Oaks Winery  
Patianna Organic Vineyards  
Sangiaco Vineyards  
Santa Rosa Junior College  
Sonoma National Bank  
Stuhlmuller Vineyards



Low gross division winners left to right: Bob Besancon, Hunt Conrad, Steve Vail, John Torres.

# SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

■ **AMERICAN AGCREDIT OFFERS** an 11-week Summer Internship Program. Students attending a four-year college with course emphasis in agriculture, agribusiness, finance, business administration or equivalent are eligible to apply.

American AgCredit attends numerous career fairs such as Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chico, Davis and the University of Nevada, Reno to attract participants to the program. Information regarding the program is also sent to other colleges in American AgCredit's territory.

The interns spend their first four weeks at the Santa Rosa office meeting with management, learning more about the Association and being trained on how a loan is completed from beginning to end, including appraisals and loan documentation. The interns then head to various branches where they are assigned a mentor. They perform credit or appraisal work depending on which internship they have requested.

In the past five years 32% of the interns who have completed the internship program have been hired by American AgCredit.

This year's interns are an exceptional group:

**JENNY ZIMMERMAN** is a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in Agribusiness and minoring in Viticulture. She grew up in Tomales, CA where her family owns a ranch. She plans to return to Sonoma County upon

graduation. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Jenny is a Credit Intern and is working in the Central Region offices.

**SARA HOURET** will be entering her fourth year at Oklahoma State University in the Fall. She will be graduating in May with a



2006 Summer interns left to right: Jenny Zimmerman, Sara Houret, Rebecca Bettencourt, Hillary Turner, Melissa Burgess, Jennifer Hall.

double major in Agribusiness and Marketing. Sara grew up in La Grange, CA on her family's cattle ranch. She is an active member of Alpha Zeta and an Ag Ambassador at OSU. Sara is a Credit Intern in Turlock.

**REBECCA BETTENCOURT** graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She majored in Agribusiness with a concentration in Finance and Appraisal. She grew up in the small town of Westley, CA where her family has a farm. Rebecca is an Appraisal Intern and working in Santa Rosa, Turlock and Stockton.

**HILLARY TURNER** is a senior at CSU Chico majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness. She is from Red Bluff, CA where she spends most of her free time outdoors running, hiking, camping, playing tennis and boating. Hillary is a Credit Intern in Salinas.

**MELISSA BURGESS** is a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is majoring in Agribusiness. She is from Manteca, CA where her parents own a fruit stand. She is currently an Agricultural Ambassador for the Cal Poly College of Agriculture and is also active in the Agricultural Engineering Society. She enjoys wakeboarding, playing softball and playing with her dog. Melissa is a Credit Intern in Stockton.

**JENNIFER HALL** is working in Santa Rosa, St. Helena, Ukiah and Eureka as a Credit Intern. She is majoring in Agribusiness and minoring in Viticulture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She is from Santa Rosa and enjoys outdoor activities including running and snowboarding. ♦

## 2007 SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

Information on American AgCredit's 2007 Internship Program will be available on our Website

[www.agloan.com](http://www.agloan.com) in January 2007.