

# Celebs warming up for ACC golf tournament



Former Green Bay Packers wide receiver Sterling Sharpe practices putting July 12. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

## By Lake Tahoe News

Several of the contestants in the American Century Championship were sharpening their skills Wednesday at Edgewood Tahoe.

Practice rounds and the pro-ams have a distinct casual feel about them.

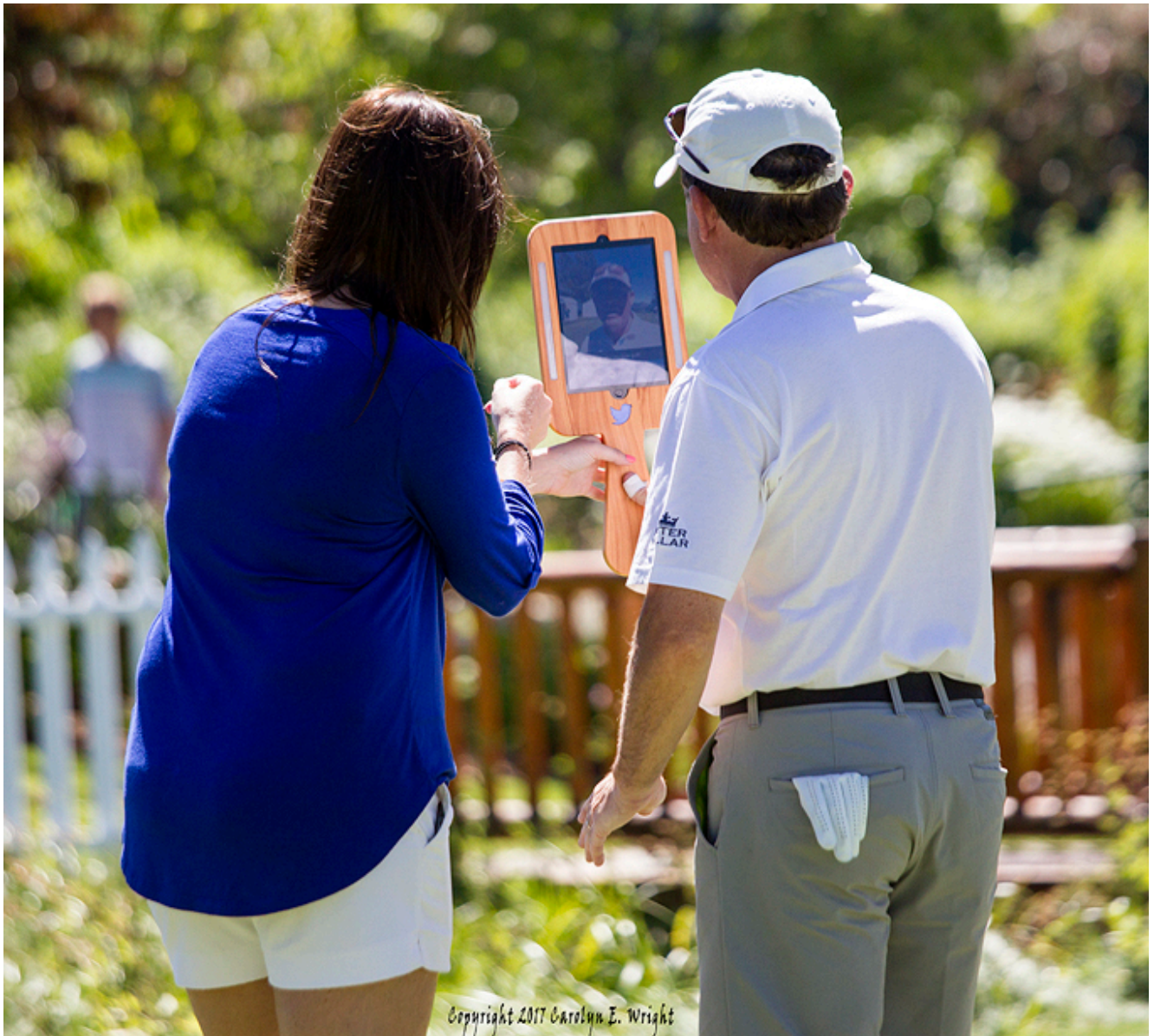
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Former Cal star Jared Goff, who is coming off his rookie season as the Rams quarterback, has a throng of fans wanting an autograph. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

And while there are plenty of guys like Charles Barkley and Larry the Cable Guy who don't ever take themselves too seriously while at Edgewood Tahoe, there are others who are in it to prove something.

It's not like any of the players really needs the money, but there is a purse of \$600,000 with first place worth \$125,000.



NBC Sports commentator Jimmy Roberts reads the Twitter feed on what looks like a mirror. The network will be broadcasting the tournament. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

Mark Mulder is the man to beat. He has won the tournament the last two years.

Even the serious golfers still find time to be playful. When it's 80 degrees out, not a cloud in the sky and a cool breeze blowing off Lake Tahoe, it's not a bad way to spend a day. Then there are all those adoring fans – most who are well behaved.



Washington Redskins two-time Super Bowl champion quarterback Joe Theismann is a regular at the ACC. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

The party, well, that's always on hole 17 – right on the beach. Get there early to have a good spot to see the players.

A little more intimacy can be found near the putting green. A quick trip to the driving range makes it easy to tell who will likely be in the bottom half or the top half when Sunday comes to a close.



Actor Jack Wagner, left, who is going for this third ACC title, chats July 12 with former pitcher Josh Beckett and musician Colt Ford. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

Here are the **pairings** for July 13.

The actual tournament is Friday-Sunday. For more info, go **online**.