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## Tee Time : 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Thirty two golfers met at the Coronado Golf Course on Coronado Island on Super Bowl Saturday for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cal Rho Alumni Golf Tournament to benefit the Balanced Man Scholarship at UCSD. Special thanks to Jason Karavidas, Cal Rho Class of '07 for his leadership and persistence. He took over the tournament from the great foundation established by Drew Reynolds, Cal Rho Class of '92. Also, special thanks to the Alumni Association of UCSD who graciously donated \$500.

For the 2008 Balanced Man Scholarship 250 applications were submitted. This year the chapter hopes to receive more than three hundred applications from the best of UCSD's 2009 Freshman class. A banquet will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the East Ballroom in Price Center at UCSD. The banquet will have several guest speakers from the faculty of UCSD, along with alumni of the Cal Rho chapter to celebrate the accomplishments of the finalists. Alumni are invited and encour-

aged to attend this special event. Please contact John Wood at [jfwood858@yahoo.com](mailto:jfwood858@yahoo.com) for more information and to RSVP. Contact Jason Karavidas at [karavidas19@yahoo.com](mailto:karavidas19@yahoo.com) to volunteer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament.



Left: President, Greg Reynolds; Right: 2008 BMS winner Sam Straus

## A New Beginning

After over 10 years of managing a debt peaked at \$12,000, the chapter was effective in paying off the balance. The chapter has now been debt free for over a year. Financial responsibility continues with a recent Alcohol Risk Awareness program that saved the chapter \$300.

A savings account has been established that will hold

Alumni donations. It will be jointly managed by the chapter and the Alumni board and funds will be utilized to support chapter improvements.

The past few quarters have brought much recognition to the chapter in the form of UCSD Greek Awards for Outstanding Brotherhood, Outstanding Chapter Achievement, Community

Involvement, New Member Education, and Risk Management. Also, the Alumni Volunteer Board's expansion with 8 new members was recognized at the Carlson Leadership Academy with the Volunteer Recruitment Recognition Award.

# Spotlight on Past Presidents

## Jeff Symon

Cal Rho Class of '90, and Annette were surrounded by family and friends as they celebrated 15 years of marriage and renewed their vows at their home in Carlsbad, CA last July. The weekend's festivities included a sunset visit to Moonlight beach in Encinitas and a group outing to Legoland. Among those in attendance were 14 SigEp brothers from Cal Rho and their families. Jeff was the founding president of the California Rho Chapter at UCSD. Jeff continues his involvement by mentoring members of the chapter's executive board and providing sponsorships for the annual golf tournament that supports the Balanced Man Scholarship. Four of the original 12 founding members were present at the celebration: Kevin Gelbard, Mark Waltzman, John Wood, and David Brooks.



**Congratulations to Jeff, Annette, Sofia and Marisela!**



**Thirteen Cal Rho Alumni on Hand to Celebrate Derek Derman's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June**

## John Bonds

After college John Bonds, Cal Rho Class of '94, moved to Washington, DC. Eventually he went on to attend business school at Georgetown and has lived in DC for more than 10 years. John is married to Jeanine and is currently working in strategic planning at Choice Hotels International (NYSE CHH; one of the largest and most successful lodging franchisors in the world). John has remained close to his Cal Rho brothers throughout his time away from college and that connection was never more valuable than it was in July 2006 when he was diagnosed with Stage IIC melanoma. John began treatment through a melanoma vaccine clinical trial at the NIH in October of that year but relapsed in March of 2007. Several surgeries followed and in May 2008 he completed a one year cycle of interferon treatment. During any break from the rigors of treatment, John and Jeanine were assembling friends and family to join them in efforts supporting cancer research philanthropies. Over the past three years, they have raised over \$27,000 to support cancer research. Last August, John was joined by Cal Rho brother Paul Breakman in the LiveStrong Challenge in Philadelphia where they rode 70 miles to raise money for Lance Armstrong's Foundation to benefit cancer survivorship and research. This year, John and Paul are targeting 100 miles and working towards a team fundraising goal of \$15,000. Visit John's fundraising page at [http://](http://philly09.livestrong.org/jeb)



[philly09.livestrong.org/jeb](http://philly09.livestrong.org/jeb) and Paul's page at [http://](http://philly09.livestrong.org/pmb) [philly09.livestrong.org/pmb](http://philly09.livestrong.org/pmb) for more information, pictures, and updates on their progress. Be warned though, that both are wearing biking shorts!





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From the outside looking in its impossible to understand; from the inside looking out its impossible to explain. We aren't conceited, we are convinced

Thanks to all of the alumni who have supported us and continue to do so. To help keep in contact with us make sure we have updated information about all of you. If you know any alumni that are not on the server or you think the information we have is outdated please email Jeremy Garber at [jlgarber@ucsd.edu](mailto:jlgarber@ucsd.edu).

**Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love,**  
- Cal Rho



## SigEp SunCup

This year on May 2nd, the SigEp chapters from UCSD, SDSU, and USD came together to have a joint philanthropy. Suncup was a beach soccer tournament between twenty sororities from the three different schools. The event was sponsored by Beach Soccer USA in which they provided all of the goals and soccer balls. There were four different categories that they received points for: soccer, sand castle building, tug-o-war and community involvement. The event also consisted of numerous vendors from the San Diego area, as well as a free concert.

Through donations, entrance fees, and vendor sales the three chapters raised more than \$20,000 towards YouthAids.

