

Venturi's induction into Hall of Fame postponed until next fall

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SAN JOSE (Sept. 28, 2004) – The induction of golfer and television analyst Ken Venturi into the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame has been postponed until 2005 because of a unavoidable scheduling conflict and miscommunication.

Venturi was one of five athletes with South Bay connections selected to the Hall of Fame's 10th Anniversary Class, which will be inducted in a Nov. 4 dinner ceremony at HP Pavilion.

"We're very happy that Ken will be available next year for this well-deserved honor," said Joe Dooling, chairman of the Hall of Fame.

Venturi, a San Jose State alumnus who won the 1964 U.S. Open to launch one of the great career comebacks in PGA history, said "I'm sorry I can't be at this year's induction dinner, but I'd like to congratulate the other inductees and look forward to 2005."

The other athletes in this year's Hall of Fame class include John Brodie, former Stanford and San Francisco 49ers quarterback; Amy Chow, a double Olympic medalist and member of the championship U.S. women's gymnastic team at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics; Kurt Rambis, a former Santa Clara star who played on four NBA championship teams; and Pat Tillman, football star at Leland High and with the Arizona Cardinals before his death in combat in Afghanistan.

The event begins with a 5:30 p.m. VIP reception and silent auction followed by the dinner ceremony at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets begin at \$150 each and may be reserved by calling (408) 288-2932.

The annual dinner is an event of the San Jose Sports Authority, San Jose Arena Authority, HP Pavilion Management/San Jose Sharks and the City of San José. A portion of the proceeds benefits Special Olympics Silicon Valley Region.

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