

RIDER CUP TOURNAMENT: MOTORCYCLE CLUB “HOGS” THE COURSE FOR CHARITY

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USUALLY, IF YOU'RE A GOLFER PLAYING A LITTLE TOO SLOWLY, a marshal will hum along quietly in a golf cart to give you a gentle “goose.”

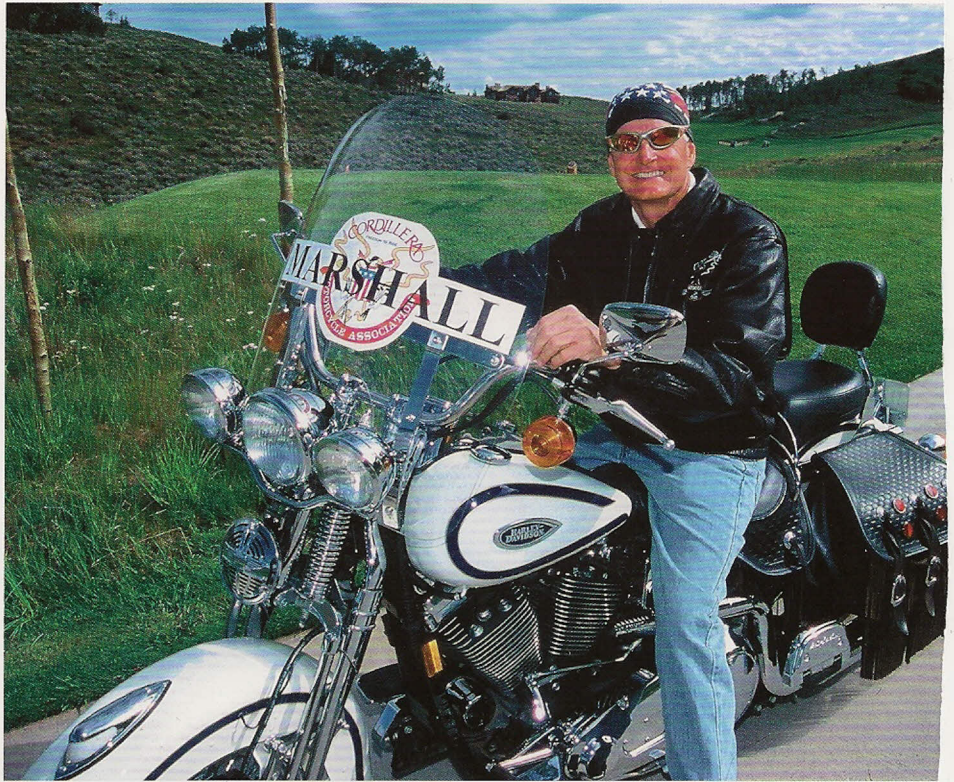
Of course, there was nothing usual about the golf being played during the three-day “Rider Cup” tournament at Cordillera last July. Golfers who took a little too much time got a slightly throatier reminder: A leather-jacketed marshal on a Harley roared up behind them.

A Harley?

What would you expect from a tournament hosted by the Cordillera Motorcycle Association?

The first annual event, drawing 76 golfers playing on the three 18-hole Cordillera courses, raised more than \$60,000 to benefit The Vail Valley Motorcycle Foundation. The Foundation, which distributes donations to local charities, was established in June by Bob Schmidt and Craig Turner as an arm of the motorcycle club.

The idea for the event surfaced at the annual “boys” golf trip last year, says Schmidt. “As Calcutta winnings were being distributed, someone—obviously not one of the winners—suggested that 10 percent of the winnings be donated to benefit junior golf.



Slow play is accelerated by the convincing course marshal, Pentti Tofferi. AT LEFT: Proceeds benefit charity; winners Rick Bowler and Bart Barnett receive modest trophies and the respect of fellow riders.