## **Lucious Bateman Foundation**

1814 Greencreek Drive San Jose, CA 95124

#### 1st Annual Lucious Bateman Foundation Golf Tournament

Alameda/Chuck Corica Golf Complex

Completely renovated by Rees Jones - see website: <a href="www.coricapark.com">www.coricapark.com</a>

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Date: Monday, September 18, 2023

**Check In**: 11:30 a.m. **Shotgun:** 1:00 p.m.

Your invitation to participate will be arriving June 30<sup>th</sup>, so begin thinking about the Team you would like to assemble. The Team Competition will be a 4'some Scramble. The 1<sup>st</sup> 120 Entries.

The Lucious Bateman Foundation (501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation) was formed in January 2023

We contribute to the growth of Junior Golf throughout Northern California and support programs that

build character in our youth as exemplified in the life and values of Lucious Bateman. The Lucious

Bateman Foundation intends to provide the greatest impact to the greatest number with a special

emphasis on the underserved and unable.

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## **SAVE THE DATE - See you September 18th**

If you would like us to send an invitation to your friends, please forward their name and email address to:

Gary Plato at <a href="mailto:garyplato@yahoo.com">garyplato@yahoo.com</a> and we will add them to the list of invitees.

### Who was Lucious Bateman – Let's meet him.

Lucious Bateman was born in Franklinton, Louisiana in 1906 and passed away in Oakland, California in 1972. 50 years after his passing, he is still having a huge impact on the game of golf. He began his golf at the Edgewood Hotel and Golf Club in Mississippi and caddied and was the Assistant Professional under PGA Head Professional Arthur T. Saunders. He then learned to teach from Arthur T. Saunders and Johnny Revolta PGA Touring Professional. Lucious went into the Air Force during World War II and after his service to his country he located in Oakland, California. He played most of his golf at the Alameda Golf Course and was the Head Professional at Airway Fairway Driving Range across the street from the Old Oakland Airport where he taught golf for over 25 years.

Lucious Bateman taught the compact swing which was way ahead of its time. He kept golf simple which caused his students to improve quickly. In the 50s & 60s virtually every major championship in California was won by a Bateman student from the California State Amateur on down. Lucious Bateman was effectively an early "One Man 1st Tee Program".

From the 1940s to the 1970s, Lucious Bateman taught hundreds of kids how to play golf and never charged them a penny. Many of his students went on to the PGA Tour, others became PGA Club Professionals, College All Americans, and most became honorable productive members of our society. Some of his notable students who went on the PGA Tour were:

• Champagne Tony Lema – 1964 British Open Champion and multiple PGA Tour Champion



- John McMullin multiple PGA Tour Champion
- **Don Whitt** multiple PGA Tour Champion
- **Dick Lotz** multiple PGA Tour Champion
- **John Lotz** PGA Tour Champion
- Ross Randall PGA Tour 8 years

In 1964, word was getting out about this man who was having such a huge impact on Golf so in January 1965 Golf Digest wrote an article entitled "<u>California Builder of Champions</u>" by Walt Roessing. From that day on people were coming from all over the United States to take lessons from this amazing teacher. Since then, many other major golf writers have written about Lucious Bateman.

50 years after Lucious Bateman passed away in 1972 his legacy is getting larger every year. He has been given many awards posthumously and more awards are sure to come in the future. Here are the awards that have been awarded to Lucious Bateman:

- \* 2008 Awarded California Golf Writers Highest Honor Golden State Award
- \* 2008 Bestowed with an Honorary Membership in the Northern California PGA
- \* 2010 Inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame
- \* 2018 Inducted into the Northern California PGA Hall of Fame
- \* 2022 Inducted into the National African American Golf Hall of Fame
- \* 2022 Inducted into the Northern California Golf Association Hall of Fame

The Lucious Bateman LEGACY lives on - "A man who did so much - for so many - for so little"

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