

THE NINERS' ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2026

The last
Annual Community Niner Program

The Last Hurrah

Thank you JoAnna Sawyer for over
twenty years of Entertainment



A great director,
choreographer, master
of music and dance

Niners

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Polite boy joins Niners on the course

In golf and some other sports, when you take the field for play, pleasant things can happen that are outside of the actual game.

On a recent playday, three Niners enjoyed just that. They were the last group in the league to play that Tuesday. As they teed off and played the first hole, they saw no one behind them. On the second hole a young person was catching up to them. By the time they were on #3 he was right behind them, not at all pushy, just patiently waiting. By the time the ladies were on the fourth hole he was at the teebox with them. They exchanged pleasantries and one of the women suggested that he could play two balls or at least take a few extra putts. The next hole he was right there with them again as they waited to tee off.

This young boy of 10 or so smiled and very politely asked if he could join them. The ladies

were tickled and said "Of course." He was just a joy to play with and understood golf etiquette and pace of play, including moving to the next tee when ready instead of waiting for the others to finish, and was a really good player. For example, on Green #8 he pulled out his 5 iron, teed it up and swung. He came really close to the green. The others were flabbergasted and congratulated him with great enthusiasm. His smile was huge and he modestly agreed with the others that it was indeed a good shot. As they moved on, one of the ladies asked if he had family in Charbonneau. To that, he answered his grandmother. When asked her name, he said Patch. One of the women exclaimed, Barb Patch. Yes, said the boy. Barb was a Niner when she first moved here. They ended the day with a handshake and an offer to play with him anytime.

The real point to this story is that many of us as grandparents are proud of our grandkids, and what a wonderful testimony to Barb that her grandson, Hudson, had such good manners, was clearly well taught and was a joy to be with. Grandma Patch should be proud. Grandparents know that they have done well with nurturing their grandkids when others at some point tell them about an incident like this

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The other events that took place during September came after this writing. However, there is no doubt they were a success. A new club champion was determined along with recognition of all Niners who demonstrated a successful year through

participation as a Niner or skill on the course.

Finally, it is important to recognize JoAnna Sawyer and the cast and crew of this year's show and past Niner performances. This community event has been a staple for over 20 years and delighted a great number of family, friends, Charbonneau residents and others in the surrounding cities. All good things must come to an end and this event, the very last one ever, went out on a high note.

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