

Skins game not for Couples only

FUN AND funding have become inseparable partners in golf these days, as charity events keep popping up. Everywhere you turn — in the clubhouse, or in the pro shop — posters and entry blanks seem to be battling each other for space. But every once in a while, a new one catches your eye.

This sounds interesting: Peter Jacobsen and Petty Sheehan are going to take on Fred Couples and Jane Geddes, in a special skins game exhibition Aug. 31, at the Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club. In a benefit for local charities, the 18-hole skins match is offering \$14,000 in prize money.

The gallery is being limited to 1,500 spectators, to provide a more intimate setting. And with a couple of hams like Jacobsen and Sheehan, the round should produce some laughs. Tickets are \$30 each, which includes a no-host cocktail party, and an autograph/photo session before play.

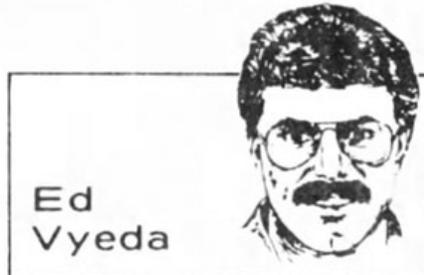
Don't be surprised if all of Sheehan's skins money goes to charity: One of the main beneficiaries is Tigh Sheehan, the home for abused and neglected young women Sheehan sponsors in Soquel.

For ticket information, call Sportsell, the Santa Cruz sports management and consulting firm that is coordinating the event, at 476-1221.

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The Janet Coles pro-am tournament, scheduled for Sept. 21 at the Pajaro Valley Golf Club, is coming together. Coles is to be joined by LPGA Tour players Geddes, Vicki Fergon, Lauren Howe, Alice Miller and Chris Johnson. The one-day benefit for the Watsonville High School Foundation is to include a teaching clinic, 18-hole tournament and awards barbecue.

Coles, a 1972 Watsonville High grad, is an LPGA veteran who last



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year was named to the WHS Alumni Hall of Fame.

Entry fee is \$100 per player, with gallery tickets \$10 (including dinner). Funds from the tourney are to go mostly toward girls' athletics. For more information, call 728-1895 or 724-3851.

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Another pro golfer from Watsonville, Patty Snyder, is apparently putting her competitive game back together. Snyder, now a full-time teaching pro in Sacramento, recently won the WPGT event in Galt, and last week was third in Santa Clara WPGT Classic, at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club.

Snyder had another 11th-place finish in the WPGT Marysville tourney and is in the top 20th on the WPGT money list, with close to \$3,500.

Snyder, who has played in only four WPGT events, also qualified for the U.S. Women's Open; but she shot 82-79 and missed the 36-hole cut.

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It was good to hear from Gary Cursio that the third Pajaro Valley Junior Golf Program went well this summer, with more than 50 boys and girls from the area participating. Cursio and his Pajaro Valley Golf Club staff, which coordinate the instructional series, have seen the program grow gradually, and have received encouraging feedback from the community.