



Pro-am host Janet Coles had as much fun as anyone else Monday at Pajaro Valley Golf Course. Dan Covro/Sentinel

## Shoe-in

Coles Pro-Am a golf invitational with plenty of sole

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WATSONVILLE — You might have thought it was the Imelda Marcos Invitational they were playing Monday, with all the new pairs of shoes — styles never before worn anywhere — being worn around the Pajaro Valley Golf Course.

The shoes, specially flown in from Korea, via Massachusetts, were drawing rave reviews from the women golf pros, on whose demanding feet the new line of golf footwear made its world premier, at the Reebok/Janet Coles Pro-Am. There was Stephanie Farwig, who said, "These are the best shoes I've ever had on."

Then there was Chris Johnson, whose broken little toe wasn't bothered by the new shoes she was breaking in.

And, there was Coles herself, Monday's tournament host, who for 12 years on the LPGA Tour has been wearing a certain make she's always considered a joy. "Hey, I really like these shoes," Coles noted.

Of course, the idea behind the

whole day was not shoes. Rather, it was raising money for the Watsonville High Foundation, and girls' interscholastic sports programs at the school, from which Coles graduated in 1972. And 17 LPGA Tour stars joined Coles for as enjoyable a day of scrambles pro-am golf you're going to find: sunny day, comfortably cool breezes, friendly atmosphere, all-day barbecue and a round of golf in about four hours.

"I think it all turned out great," said Coles, who got a chance to play with her dad, Hank. "All of the pros have said, 'Invite me back next year.' That means it was easy for them to do — Monday is usually our day off — and fun. And it means they had a good time."

It was a memorable day.

Amateurs Joe and Sue Fogel, and Louise and Andy Chinchiolo will remember teaming with pro Martha Foyer to shoot net 46.8 for first place.

Popular Watsonville High teacher/coach Norm Haney will remember being a guest celebrity for a day; some of his former Wildcat girls' basketball players got

together and gave him a \$250 gift certificate to cover his spot in the tournament.

And young Wildcat golfer Michelle Mio, who played on the school golf team last spring, may remember it as her first LPGA pro-am, named for the first girl — Janet Coles — ever to play on what until the early 1970s was exclusively the boys' golf team.

But, the pros themselves may remember it as the first time they wore Reebok golf shoes. Reebok, the tournament sponsor who contributed \$17,000 to cover the pros' appearance fees, had the opportunity Monday to have 18 Tour pros test-walk the new shoes. "The comments have been spectacular," Reebok representative Kent Wilson said.

The tournament, which in one year grew from a six-pro event to 18 pros and 72 amateurs, had a solid field of pros: Jane Crafter, Sally Little, Donna White, Alice Miller, Penny Hammel, Joan Delk, Val Skinner, Jo Anne Foreman, Vicki Fergon, Sandra Palmer, Jane Geddes, Cindy Currier, Therese Hession, Kay Cockerill, Johnson, Farwig, Foyer and Coles.