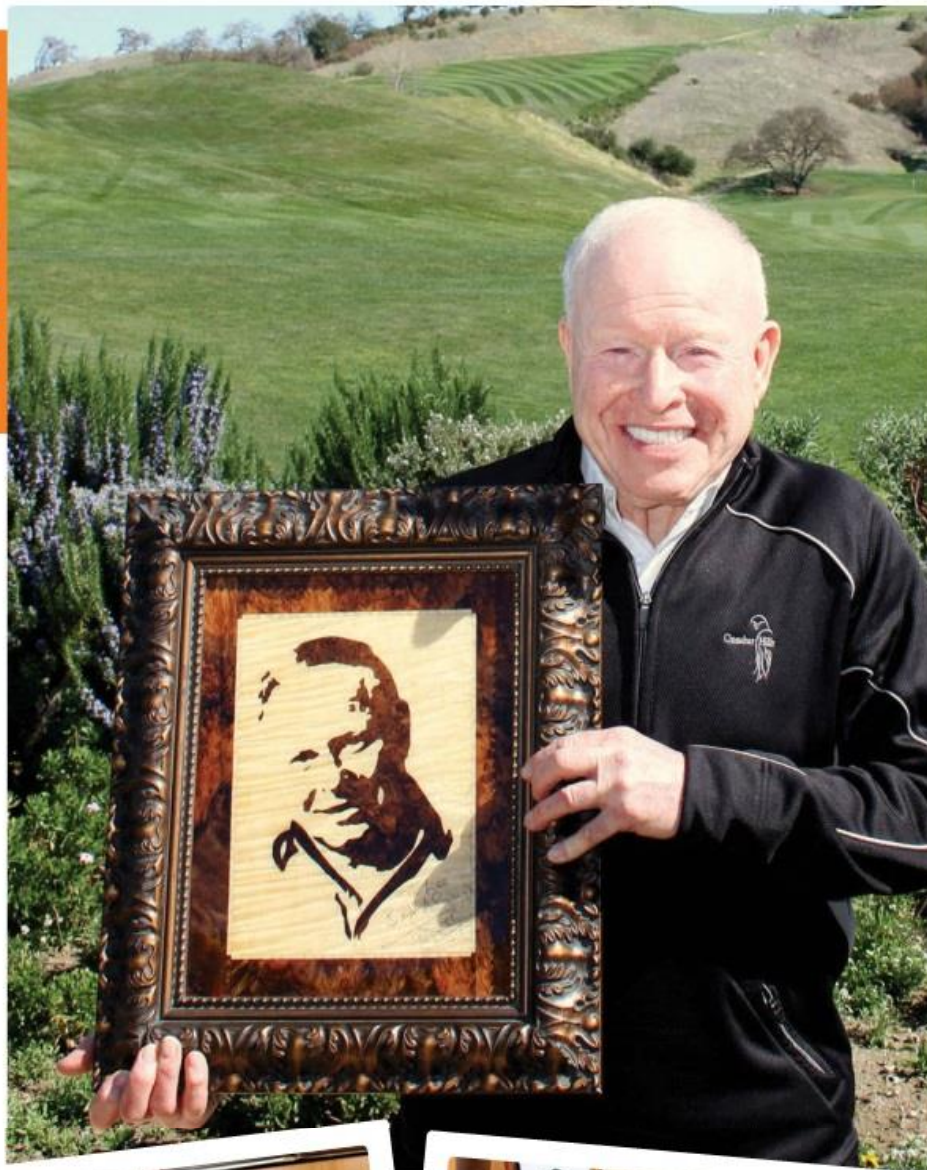


## Lee Brandenburg

**Clubs:** Spyglass Hill Founders Club (one of only 10 original members), La Rinconada CC **Family:** Wife, Diane (60+ years), three sons and one daughter, four grandkids and two great grandkids **Occupation:** Founding partner, Brandenburg Properties, a real estate development firm that helped in the creation of San Juan Oaks, Wild Wings GC and Cinnabar Hills.



Lee Brandenburg might be one of golf's greatest raconteurs and collectors. The San Jose State alum has a lifetime of memories and artifacts on display at the Brandenburg Historical Golf Museum located at Cinnabar Hills GC. Items such as replicas of major championship trophies, Walter Hagen's Ryder Cup captain's jacket, vintage balls and clubs, books and memorabilia dating to 1895 are displayed throughout the clubhouse.

**Favorite memory:** I snuck on Augusta National and somehow got to meet President Eisenhower 10 days after his election. I was a second lieutenant stationed at Camp Gordon in Augusta and had stopped by just to see the course. I'm lucky enough to now own Eisenhower's original Augusta jacket.

**Development philosophy:** When you're going to develop a golf course, you have to ask yourself one question—is there water? Without that you've got nothing. Then you have to find the "Catch 22" of the project—what could stop it.

**Pebble Beach connection:** I first played Pebble Beach in 1947. I used to play very early; we'd find the ball by following the trail of dew. I got to play in the Crosby Pro-Am for six years, one year filling in for the actor George C. Scott ("Patton").

**On creating the museum:** The motivation to create the museum came from knowing a lot of professional golfers who gave me stuff through the years and collecting a lot of memorabilia. (Brandenburg has met and/or played with golfers and celebrities such as Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope and Michael Jordan, among many others).

**Favorite piece in the museum:** Tony Jacklin's wood marquetry of me. Marquetry is a hobby of Tony's. Also, the Eisenhower jacket and the wedge that Ken Venturi hit into the final hole at Congressional the year he won the U.S. Open. 🏌️