

Celebrity schedule set for BMW Pro-Am

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Actors Oliver Hudson and Kevin Sorbo and football greats Sterling Sharpe and Kordell Stewart will be on the course Thursday at Thornblade Club for the opening round of the BMW Charity Pro-Am golf tournament.

Each of the 20 show business and sports celebrities will play the three golf courses during the Nationwide Tour event.

Actors Dennis Quad and Greg Kinnear will be at The Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg for the first round along with Clemson University football coach Dabo Swinney,

and actor Lucas Black will play Bright's Creek Golf Club near Mill Spring, N.C.

The four-day better-ball format will conclude with the lowest scoring pro-amateur/pro-celebrity teams advancing to Sunday's final round at Thornblade. Amateurs and celebrities will compete for individual prizes and cash donations to the charity of their choice out of the 78 tournament beneficiaries selected by South Carolina Charities, Inc.

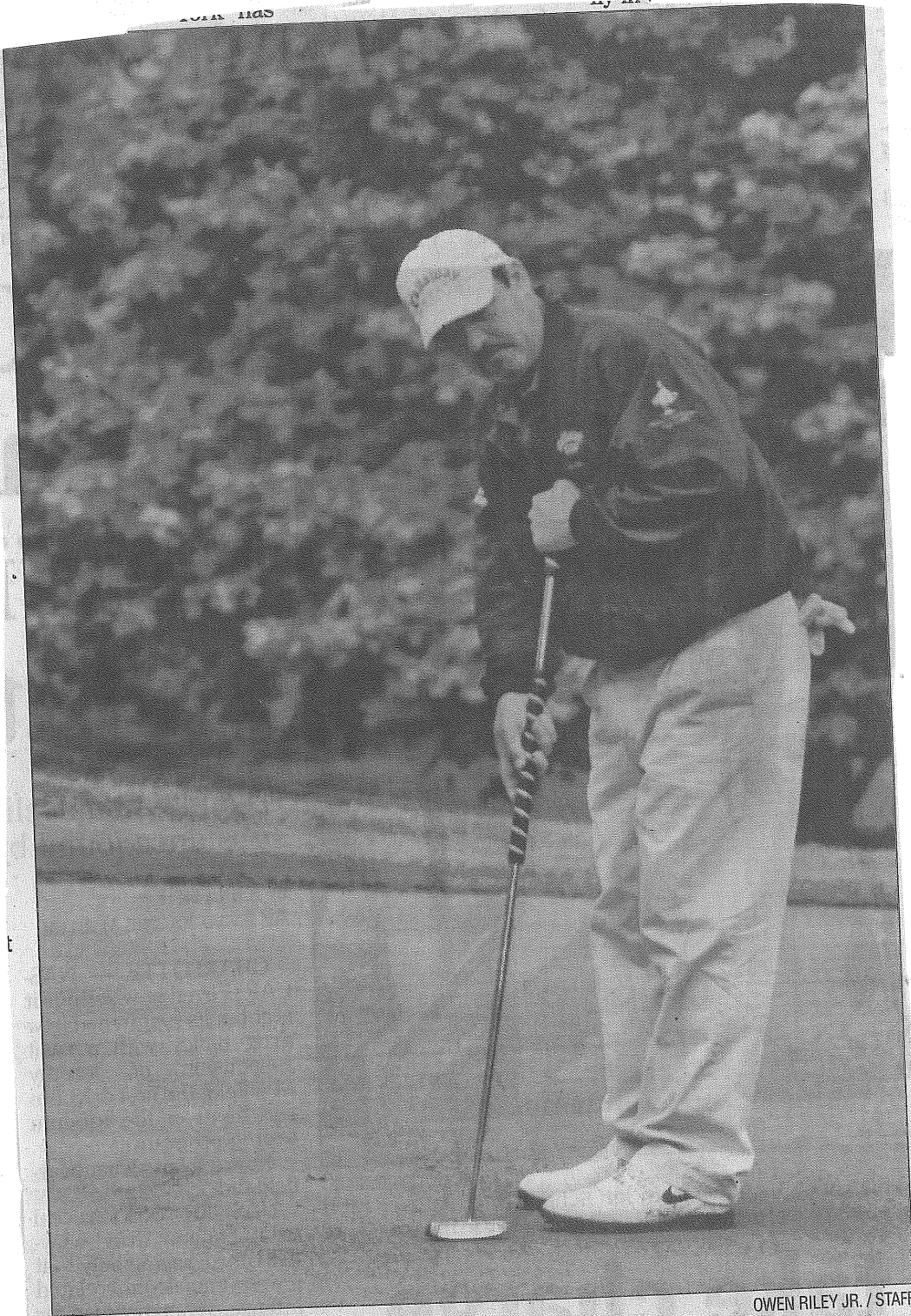
The tournament is a Nationwide Tour event with the pro winner pocketing \$126,000 from a \$700,000 purse. The first eight tournaments have raised \$6.7

million for more than 125 area charities.

■ Thursday Thornblade, Friday Carolina, Saturday Bright's: Kevin Sorbo, Michael Pena, Jason Dohring, Oliver Hudson, Sterling Sharpe, Kordell Stewart, Jennifer Mills

■ Thursday Carolina Country, Friday Bright's, Saturday Thornblade: Dennis Quaid, Greg Kinnear, Terry O'Quinn, Dabo Swinney, Stefanie Schaeffer, Javier Colon

■ Thursday Bright's, Friday Thornblade, Saturday, Carolina: Steve Azar, Gary Valentine, Joe Don Rooney, Lucas Black, Paula Trickey, George Rogers, Ben Wright



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Golfer Ben Bates putts on the green during The Ultimate Driving Machine Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament Monday afternoon at Thornblade Country Club in Greenville. The charity tournament is in advance of the BMW Charity Pro-Am which starts on Thursday.