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Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Announces Phil Womble Memorial Scholarship
Fundraiser kicks off to complement "Phil Womble Ethics in Sports Award"
honoring Gaucho Phil's legacy of resiliency, service, and character

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Santa Barbara, CA: The Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table (SBART) is well on its way to raising the funds to provide scholarships to honor the life of a local sports icon. "Phil Womble serves as a reminder for youth and adults alike on the power of persistence", notes Dave Pintard, Past President of SBART. The local non-profit has agreed to match up to $25,000 for all donations with the goal of establishing an endowed fund of $50,000, and public fundraising efforts will commence shortly.

Womble, who passed away recently, never let his cerebral palsy alter his outlook on life. He was a tireless UCSB sports fan leading many to call him "Gaucho Phil". The title of his book, "*Never Give Up*", perfectly sums up his approach to living a full life. Phil modeled a lifetime of integrity and he promoted the development of good character, positive attitude and conduct, and respect of others - - leading SBART to grant the Phil Womble Ethics in Sports Award to student-athletes (from eight local high schools) who demonstrate the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship. The Womble scholarship will be awarded each year to one of these awardees.

Pintard adds, "This new Phil Womble Scholarship is the perfect way to help high school student athletes to pursue their college dreams, and it does so by honoring a man that epitomized character and tenacity".

SBART is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and it plans on raising the remaining funds through individual donations on or before January 31, 2019

The fund will be administered by the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and tax-deductible donations can be made to the foundation at P.O. Box 3620, Santa Barbara 93130-3620, Attn. Womble Fund

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