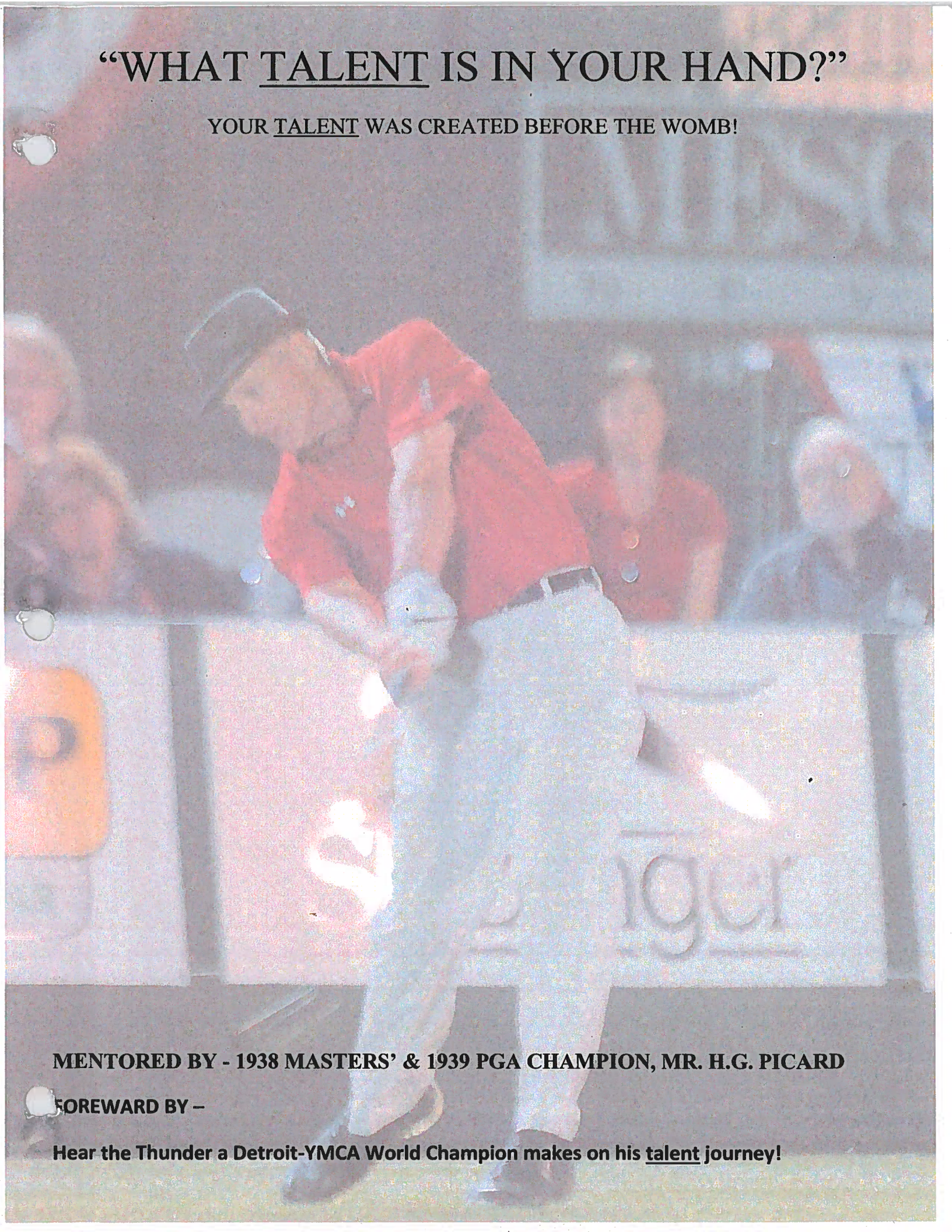


“WHAT TALENT IS IN YOUR HAND?”

YOUR TALENT WAS CREATED BEFORE THE WOMB!



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Hear the Thunder a Detroit-YMCA World Champion makes on his talent journey!

"G-O-D KNEW YOU BEFORE THE WOMB." JER.1:5

IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS 4:2, "The L-O-R-D asked Moses, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," Moses responded." Then, Moses led about 3 Million Jews across the Red Sea in the Power and Might of G-O-D, YAHWEH! More history proves this happened than your birth certificate proves that you were born. G-O-D, THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH asks all of us, "What is that in your hand?" The world is waiting to know your response! A clue could be something to do with your talent(s). A talent is what you enjoy and others would say you are very good at. Here is how Thomas Proben, a Polish, Russian, Jew raised as a Catholic responded to that question when he was 56 years old. Proben's story starts with him subbing on the 2008 Fall Church golf league. You'll experience the Miraculous! How Mr. Proben even becomes a golf-league sub is beyond human common sense. It confounds the wisdom of this world. There's an unbelievable, once in a life-time opportunity waiting to be answered. And Heaven's Angels have been fighting for it before Mr. Proben was born. A Spiritual Battle in the Heavenlies for him was warring for decades that he's unaware of. A sweet incense of the many prayers of G-O-D'S Faithful, like his parents, grand-parents, and even his great-grand parents (Bubbe & Zayde-Zayda), took over 56 years to go on Heaven's round trip. Yes, more than 56 years to reach Heaven's THRONE and return to earth, manifesting Heaven's Answer! Do you want to read this story or Not? Mr. Proben answers what all of Heaven was fighting for. Henceforth, a two year journey begins. These two years have many mountainous problems and troubles of their own. But, you'll soon experience how a champion is being molded by Our Heavenly FATHER, THE ALMIGHTY. It took more than an eraser for this stubborn, eccentric, and obnoxious guy to be molded by the MASTER'S HAND. What makes matters worse is that his own family questioned his own sanity. Thank G-O-D that they didn't admit him. They all talked about it behind his back but, left him to himself. His story is one where he experiences loneliness going to the Final – Four. You'll experience how he has to reach deep within himself to find courage, discovering his real self-worth, and finding his purpose for being born. Now, freedom allows him to go on this journey with his FAITH and hone his G-O-D Given Talent that goes well beyond his expectations. Even his Long Drive peers all stopped in their tracks, took their time, and came to see him compete on the Big Stage, the Mesquite Sports Complex in Mesquite, NV. It's the "David and Goliath" show! COME, experience the "THUNDER", and you'll have an experiential experience with his FRIEND, THE POTTER, THE ALMIGHTY, G-O-D -YAHWEH!

#1 - MY JOURNEY IN A NUTSHELL

Have you ever met a man who waited until he was 56 to play on his **first golf league**? If you never have then, you have just met that man, me, Thomas Proben. My story begins with me playing golf on a very particular golf league in the Fall of 2008. And from that golf league is how I ended up on **ESPN as the 2010 Re/Max World Long Drive "Grand Champion"**! It was a senior division, 55 and older. I was 58. Better yet, at age 58, I set a record. The oldest qualifier for the 2010 Sr. Division, **45 plus**, spotting competitors **13 years**! The World Championship was in Mesquite, NV, 77 miles north of Las Vegas. I spent 12-days there. Amazingly, nothing stopped me on that one special night when it was **58°F** at the Mesquite Sports Complex "GRID". While the Mesquite evening dew was falling on everything including your face, I "smoked" **two drives 365+ yards**! I beat two guys in the Finals, a 3-Time RWLD Champion and a 15 year RWLD-veteran by close to **20 yards each**. In the chapters to follow, I want to give you some background, thought provoking stories, quotes, and all the intricate details that earned me a World Championship Ring. I believe if you **do** go on this re-experienced journey of mine, you will see a life of my pain and suffering. My self-ambition was decreasing and my "knowing" of **G-O-D, as YAHWEH, as CREATOR** was increasing. This molded me into a World Champion.⁽⁺¹⁾ People wanted to know, what I had. Let it be known that, I believe what a golfer, Christian, and leadership speaker, Ken Blanchard said, **"None of us is as smart as all of us"**. We need each other to **succeed** in this life. As your tour-guide, I have to confess, I'm far from an angel that flew down from Heaven. I was broke, busted, poorer than a church-house-mouse, and disgusted with my life when I started playing on that golf league. I was divorced with **two daughters**.⁽⁺²⁾ I have not seen them since, they were 7 & 9. **June of 2017 makes it 21 years ago**. Plus, four weeks before the World's, I was run off a Detroit- expressway at **75 mph** by a huge truck that didn't see me in the left lane! It totaled my car. Amazingly, I walked away without a scratch. Now, on top of that I had to be careful hitting golf balls. Most days, I had **sciatica** pain in my left hip, hamstring, and ankle. The pain was so severe that I had a hard time walking. Reaching for Hope, I flew to Las Vegas and drove to Mesquite. Lastly, my Vegas-Pro-Poker and Christian friend, Shane D. told me, **"Documentation always trumps the conversation."** **I WEAR A 2010 RWLD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RING!** Are you in? Are you ready for this? Turn the page.

HOW ARE YOU DEVELOPING YOUR TALENT?

YOUR TALENT WAS CREATED IN YOU TO SERVE OTHERS, YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CITY, AND THE WORLD.

YOUR TALENT WILL REPOSITION YOU TO BECOME A VIBRANT BOLD MESSENGER OF UNCONDITIONAL – AGAPE LOVE TO THE UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED.

“IF WE HAVE GOT THE TRUE LOVE OF G-O-D SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS, WE WILL SHOW IT IN OUR LIVES. WE WILL NOT HAVE TO GO UP AND DOWN THE EARTH PROCLAIMING IT. WE WILL SHOW IT IN EVERYTHING WE SAY OR DO.” ---D.L. MOODY, FOUNDER OF MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE