

Valley Traffic Tees It Up

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Valley Traffic Adviser Council has annual golf tournament to 'save lives.'

On Oct. 15 at the Knollwood Country Club, the Valley Traffic Adviser Council (VTAC) held its third annual golf tournament.

The theme of the tournament was "still saving lives." Its purpose was to raise funds and support VTAC.

A letter inside the program helped explain the purpose:

"Dear VTAC supporters,

It is a great honor to have you participate in our third annual VTAC golf tournament.

Traffic issues affect everyone. The mission of the Valley Traffic Advisory Council is to provide support to Valley Traffic Division to maximize related issues and concerns in the San Fernando Valley.

Our non-profit organization heightens community awareness of traffic safety in the San Fernando Valley. We provide traffic safety and educational tools and supplies to enlighten our youth regarding driving under the influence, bicycle safety, street racing and pedestrian crossing safety to name a few. We have a

child safety seat inspection, installation and giveaway program. We also provide needed equipment to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drunk drivers.

We recognize outstanding citizens and prominent businesspeople who support our life-saving efforts. We also recognize officers who have demonstrated exceptional service to our community.

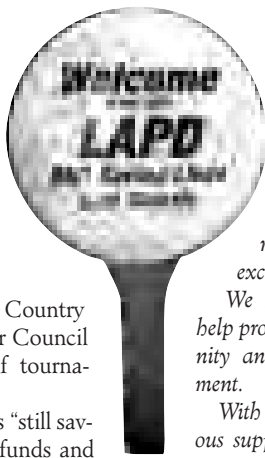
We have general membership meetings that help promote communication between the community and the police department.

With your continued generous support, we can work in partnership to save lives and make the streets of San Fernando Valley safer.

—Ed Cholakian, Chairman, VTAC"

It was Club's first year to participate in such a worthwhile cause, and we look forward to next year's tournament.

The Club would like to offer thanks to the VTAC for inviting us to their tournament, and to LAPD Officer Jim Panek specifically.



The first place trophy.



The welcoming banner.



Ed Cholakian, Chairman of Valley Traffic Advisory Council, thanks everyone for participating.



The information board.



Sgt. Roger Archambault, Valley Traffic Division, was the Master of Ceremonies.



From left: Todd Bilbo, LAPD Officer, 11 years, and Roger Archambault, LAPD Sgt., 28 years; staffed the raffle table.



From left: Mitsi Grasso, Luther Lutz, Tony Razo and Michael Apodaca, representing LAPPL.



From left: Jim Panek, Tournament Organizer, with Deputy Chief Roy Burgman.



From left: Officer Jim Panek, Tournament Organizer, and Captain Greg Meyer.



From left: R. Lee Ermey, actor, with Officer Jim Panek, LAPD, Tournament Organizer.



First-place team, from left: Fred Meck, LAPD Sgt.; Brian Meck, LAPD Officer; Ed Wheelis, LAPD Sgt.; and Eric Wheelis, LAPD Officer. Third-place team, not pictured: Jay Bender, Highland Stucco; Dave Wilke, Highland Stucco; Mike Wilke, Highland Stucco; and David Wilke, Highland Stucco.



From left: Connie Silber, Valley Traffic Division; Felicia Mcadams, Valley Traffic Division; and Melissa Rossin, Valley Traffic Division, performing player registration.



From left: Jeff Conway, Devonshire PALS; Dick Beltran, Devonshire PALS; Phil Le Boueff, LAPD Officer; and Steve Gottschalk, LAPD Sergeant.



From left: Gary Dale, Office Depot; John Viramontes, Office Depot; and Gary Mickelsen, Office Depot.



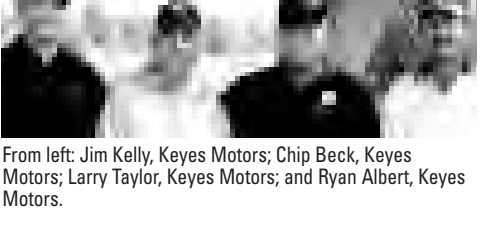
From left: Kurt Garcia, LAPD Officer; Harry Van Vorst, LAPD Officer; and Rich Todd, LAPD Officer.



From left: Luz Montero, Valley Traffic, and Jim Panek, LAPD Traffic Officer and Tournament Organizer, check golfers in.



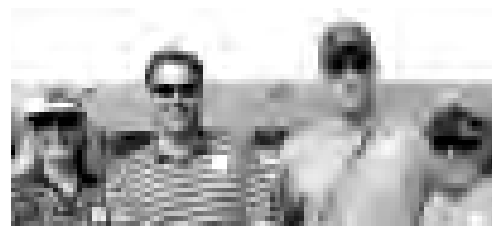
From left: Matt Bielski, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; Steve Slinsky, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; Steve Johnson, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; and Todd Bilbo, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services.



From left: Jim Kelly, Keyes Motors; Chip Beck, Keyes Motors; Larry Taylor, Keyes Motors; and Ryan Albert, Keyes Motors.



From left: Joe Curreri, Command Officers Association, LAPD Captain; Steve Whitelaw, LAPD West Valley; and Bill Sweet, Command Officers Association, LAPD Captain. Not pictured: Mary Grady, Command Officers Association, LAPD.



From left: Margot Armbruster, LAPD Guest; Andrew Baldonado, LAPD Guest; and Ron Coleman, LAPD Guest. *Not pictured Sharyn Buck, Parker Center LAPD Captain.



Second-place team, from left: John Macrae, LAPD North Hollywood; Al Cortez, LAPD North Hollywood; Tony Martinez, LAPD North Hollywood; and Paul Andrews, LAPD North Hollywood.



From left: Boyd Flinders, Herb Prinz, Bill Wilkinson and Joe Dunnigan, representing Lakeside Golf Club.



From left: Kevin Mansfield, NSB Associates, Inc.; Glenn Freeman, NSB Associates, Inc.; Greg Meyer, LAPD Captain Van Nuys, sponsored by NSB Associates, Inc.; and Geoff Taylor, LAPD Lieutenant, sponsored by NSB Associates, Inc.



From left: Michael Muller, Michael Levin Trading Co.; Bill Lawrence, Michael Levin Trading Co.; Norm Kellems, LAPD Officer; and R. Lee Ermey, actor.



From left: Walter Fantasia, Sam Grandmason, Michael Alexander and Chan Umbarger, representing Arroyo Building Materials.



The buffet dinner banquet.