

# Fairway to Fun

■ The Club sponsors Building and Safety's 19th annual golf tournament.

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**BUILDING AND SAFETY** — The 19th annual Building and Safety golf tournament, benefiting the March of Dimes, took place April 18 at the Porter Valley Country Club. Most of the players and hole sponsors continued their support by donating and attending the event, just as they have for about two decades. There were 162 paid players with about 143 in attendance. The majority of players are employees of Building and Safety.

This was the Club's second year participating; the Club was a Platinum Sponsor and also sponsored the "closest to the pin" contest on the third hole, where Club personnel welcomed the golfers and took their picture for *Alive!* Golfers were also given additional goodies including Club logo golf balls and tees.

The check-in and registration occurred at 8 a.m. with almost everyone arriving early. A Continental breakfast was served all morning in the bar and lounge. Hole and cart assignments and free gifts of Building and Safety embroidered hats and California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) hats were distributed, and all of the auction prizes were displayed in the parking lot. In addition, there were four hole-in-one vehicles displayed. Employees of Building and Safety, CPK and Hooters Family Restaurants helped with the registration process, which included selling the many contests and auction tickets. Contests included the hole in one, closest to the pin at two locations, longest drive, most accurate drive, and remaining pink ball. Each paid off in cash or prizes.

Each hole had at least three signs displayed of the names of the sponsors supporting those holes. At Hole 3, the City Employees Club set up a display and distributed a free sleeve of balls, tees and took photos of the many foursomes. The car deal-

erships that provided the hole-in-one vehicles also provided many other perspective prizes for the potential hole-in-one winner, and these were displayed at each of those designated holes with other grandiose signs.

During play, Building and Safety had their troops serving as "Hole Watchers" to verify any of the hole-in-one balls. And wouldn't you know it, in the early morning, Mario Mendoza got the hole in one at Hole 12 for a new Cadillac CTS. You should have heard the screaming. It set the pace for the rest of the day. During the afternoon, the players consumed 500 hot dogs and many cases of various refreshments.

The evening was filled with a wonderful banquet of steak and chicken with all the trimmings. During the feast, the auctioning of the prizes and the presenting of the trophies for the first, second and third place foursome teams took place. The prizes and cash for the other contests were presented to those winners also. Additional awards of thanks, accolades, and recognition were also given to those sponsors who were in attendance. A special presentation was given to Ted Marko in recognition of his constant and continuing contributions as founder and supporter of the tournament.

This tournament was one of the best Building and Safety has ever had. It is a direct result of the coordination and effort of many of your co-workers who put forth an extra effort to make this the spectacular it became. Thanks to Susie Adamian, Kim Arther, Deniesha Brown, Carol Brinkman, Bill Clark, Jackie Gomez, Raul Gras, Lettie Gregory, Johnny Joe, Jerry Martinez, Deanna Romey (CPK), Ed Sanchez, Larry Soskin, Bob Steinbach, Bob Thompson, Tatia Wade, Dan Wray, Corrie Wise (CPK) and Esther "Dead Eye" Ybarra.

The monies raised during this event constitute the single largest donation to the combined charity monies assembled from all of the various fundraisers throughout the department. The Club thanks each of you for keeping up the tradition in everyone's effort to help save babies.

Additional information for this story was provided by Bob Steinbach and Richard Fortman.



From left: Councilman Tony Cardenas; Rusty Peck, Cosco Fire Protection; Terry Flinn, Cosco Fire Protection; and Young Cho, Core Realty Center.



The tee sign at Hole 3.



A Porter Valley sign.



From left: Jamie Canez, Permit Expediting; Mike Arredondo, Permit Expediting; Mario Mendoza, Permit Expediting, Retired CAO; and John Vasquez, Building and Safety, Club Member.



Mario Mendoza, the hole-in-one contest winner at Hole 12. Mario won a 2005 Cadillac.



The 2005 Cadillac CTS won by Mario Mendoza.



From left: Phil Trafton, Donald F. Dickerson & Assoc.; Dave Lara, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Tom McCaslin, Donald F. Dickerson & Assoc.



From left: Kevin Sower, Dept. of Aging, with guests Tim Sower, Jose Chavez and Victor Garza.



From left: Harrison Gray, The Auto Gallery; Chip Beck, Rydell's Automotive Group; Ben Resnik, JMB&M LLP; and Mitch Englander, Councilmember Greig Smith's office, Club Member.



From left: Ron Combs, Street Maintenance; John Sapone, Street Maintenance, Club Member; Bill Robertson, Street Maintenance, Club Member; and Mark Simon, Street Maintenance, Club Member.



From left: Vic Penera, Retired, Building and Safety; Richard Holquin, Retired, Building and Safety; Horace Lumpkin, Retired, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Kyle Penera, guest.



From left: Bill Zimmer, Building and Safety, with guests Michelle Coltrain, Mike Medina and Craig Stone.



From left: Rob Gullixson, Building and Safety; Richard Gullixson, guest; and Andrew Kennedy, guest.



From left: Bob Steinbach, Building and Safety, Club Member; Ed Sanchez, Building and Safety; Dave Keim, Building and Safety; and Mike Lee, Building and Safety, Club Member.



From left: Gabriel Linares, Building and Safety; Jameson Lee, Building and Safety; Martin Fragoso, Building and Safety; Fidencio Madero, Building and Safety.



From left: Steve Timm, Armbruster & Goldsmith; Tom Clark, Armbruster & Goldsmith; Charlie Mims, Contract Admin.; and Greg Symonds, Armbruster & Goldsmith.



From left: Raul Gras, Building and Safety Wilshire; Don Mestayer, Building and Safety Van Nuys; Steve Archer, Building and Safety Wilshire; and Michael Martin, Building and Safety Metro, Club Member.



From left: Pat Kelly, Building and Safety; Marvin Godfrey, Building and Safety, Club Member; Cameron Grey, Building and Safety; and Larry Bradbury, guest.



From left: Gary Toon, Building and Safety Van Nuys; Cory Toon, guest; and Roger Woodland, Building and Safety Wilshire, Club Member.



From left: Alan Hanson, Simpson Strongtie; Jon Gaw, Simpson Strongtie; Todd Borzi, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Walk Shishim, Retired, Building and Safety.



From left: Bernard Anderson, Building and Safety, Club Member; Roger Sjudid, Building and Safety; and John Brumfield, Retired, Public Works.



From left: April Markham, guest; Geoff Folker, guest; Aaron Frei, guest; and Wade Markham, Building and Safety, Club Member.



From left: Larry Isidro, Building and Safety, with guests Dave Franco, Dan Romandi and Josh Bailey.



Assisting in check-in were, from left, Deniesha Brown, Clerk Typist, Building and Safety, 2 years; and Tatia Wade, Clerk Typist, Building and Safety, 10 years.



A few of the event organizers, back row, from left: Richard Fortman, Building and Safety; Garth Pillsbury, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Robert Thompson, Building and Safety. Front: Johnny Joe, Building and Safety; Ester Ybarra, Building and Safety; and Susie Adamian, Building and Safety.



Cars were prizes for the hole-in-one contests.



The car won by Mario Mendoza.

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