

Golfing for a Good Cause

■ Celebrities come out for LAPD annual 'Fun Day' to benefit Memorial Foundation.

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POLICE DEPT. — The Los Angeles Memorial Foundation cause brought out local celebrities at the 34th annual Los Angeles Police Family Fun Day and Celebrity Golf Tournament May 21st at Rancho Park Golf Course. Approximately 5,000 to 8,000 were expected to attend.

This year's celebrity host was Chris O'Donnell. Celebrities who have participated in past tournaments include Wayne Gretzky, Samuel L. Jackson, Eddie Van Halen, Chad Everett, James Woods, Joe Pesci, Kelsey Grammer, Dennis Franz and Jack Nicholson.

In addition to the tournament, there were numerous LAPD displays including the helicopter, bomb squad, mobile museum and LAPD horses. There was also great food and drink throughout the park.

Attendees included golf enthusiasts, celebrity watchers and those looking for a family day in the park. A large number of children attend the event with their parents.

Proceeds benefited the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation, which financially assists LAPD family members experiencing catastrophic circumstances resulting from injury or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 million for medical, funeral and educational expenses.

The Club thanks Club Member Capt. Andrew Smith for inviting us to attend.



Capt. Richard Meraz, Commanding Officer, Commercial Crimes Division, is about to tee off.



Mounted Platoon Officer Rudy De Leon, Club Member, with his "partner," Rafael, pictured with 8-year-old Samantha.



Mounted Platoon Officer Juan Reyes with his partner, "Bo."



Sgt. Mike Hurley, 21 years, at the HAZMAT booth.



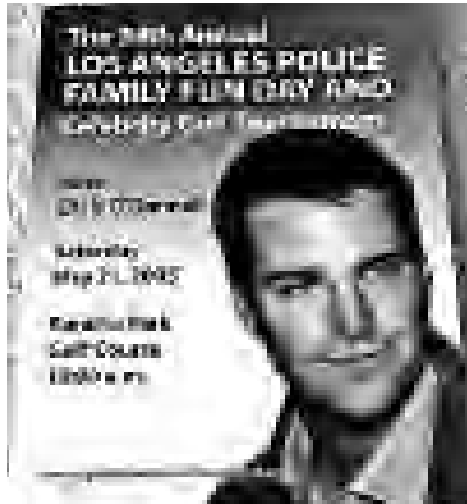
From left: Ruthann Pierce, Traffic Officer; Tracy Floyd, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Edward Harrison, Traffic Officer Instructor.



Welcome to the event.



An event ticket.



A souvenir book was a great way to remember the experience. Inside was filled with celebrity pictures, an easier way to collect their autographs.



In front of the Total Containment Vessel, which weighs 13 tons, are, from left: Officer "Andy" Anderson, Bomb Squad Reserve Officer, 57 years; and Officer Randy Becker, Bomb Squad.



At the R & I fingerprinting booth, Heather Tsai, Fingerprint Identification Expert, 6 years, shows the little girl how fingerprints are taken.



From left: Officer Scott Hurwitz, Forensic Print Specialist, 16.5 years; and Larklyn Watts, Forensic Print Specialist, 17 years, Club Member.



Underwater Dive Unit booth, from left: Officer Alex Padron, 9 years, and Det. Bob Dinlocker, 17 years.



The Los Angeles Police Relief Association booth, from left: Vanessa Rodriguez, Deborah Harris, Erika Jimenez, Linda Jones, Emalie Ortiz, Balanca Rivas and Angela Payton.



The DeLeon Family, Club Members.



From left: Arturo Bautista, LAPD Reserve Officer, West Traffic Division; Arda Guvlekjian, LAPD Reserve Officer, West Traffic Division; and Gary Kennedy, LAPD Reserve Officer, Recruitment & Employment Division.



The LAPD Air Support booth, from left: Gilbert Campos, Pilot, 24 years; Lance Ordin, Reserve Officer, 5 years.



The LAPD Recruitment booth, from left: Officer Adriana Sanchez, LAPD Recruiter; Peter R. Repovich, LAPRAAC Director; and Officer Steve Getz, West Traffic Division.



Michael Greenwald, Reserve Officer, 15 years.



The LAPD 911 Communications booth, from left: Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; and Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member.



The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union booth, from left: Lauren Rogers and Lynn Page.



Officer John Borquez, Bomb K-9 Officer, with his canine "partner," Brenda, who at 10 years old has 8 years of City service.



LAPD Off Road Detail Valley Traffic booth, from left: Officer Louis Medrano, Motor Officer, 16.5 years; and David Hovey, Motor Officer, 16 years.



Club Member Annie Ngo-Hoang, Fingerprint Identification Expert, 17 years, takes the fingerprints of Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



Boxer Michael Carbajal signs autographs.



From left: Gilmore Girls actor Scott Patterson (Luke Dane) with Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



Officer De Leon gives the children a closer look of his partner, "Raphael."