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LAPD Honors 25 With Annual Medals of Valor

Police Dept.'s highest
honor goes to bravest officers.



LAPD — Twenty-five officers – including five women, a record – were honored May 28 with the Police Dept.'s highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

The 25 Medal of Valor recipients were honored for their bravery in moments of crisis, when officers “performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril,” according to the award guidelines.

The officers were part of six separate incidents, including a well-known incident in which a man held his infant daughter hostage in his arms while a part of a shoot-out with police. One police officer was shot during the incident, as were the suspect and his hostage, who was killed. “I couldn’t be prouder of you, and it’s great to be able to finally recognize your heroism,” said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of the incident. He spoke as part of the ceremony.

Read all about this year’s recipients starting on page 32.

Club e-Tickets: Buy ’em Now, Get ’em Now

Print Club Tickets right
at your desktop!

THE CLUB — Have you tried the Club’s e-Ticket service yet? More Club Members are using this great service all the time. Join in!

Here’s how it works: Buy your Club Tickets (at the City’s best prices, of course!), and the tickets come right in your designated email address. Just print them from your email program, and you’re all set.

And the program is expanding – there are now three vendors participating. They are Disneyland, Seaworld and the Aquarium of the Pacific.

“And stay tuned – we expect to be adding some major new vendors in the near future, as soon as their technology is ready for us,” says the Club’s Ticket Guy.

Get them faster through the e-Ticket system – another great Club service. For Club Members only.

See more details on page 35.

Summer in the City Get Into the Swing!

Play golf – or take lessons – this summer at one of the City’s great golf courses. It’s fun, it’s healthy ... and it’s affordable.

See page 14.

At the Harding golf course in Griffith Park are (from left) ‘Pete’ Frey, Golf Operations Supervisor, and Chuck Ruiz, Tournament Coordinator.

Active! photo by Tom Hawkins



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Rec and Parks' Golf Operations has award-winning courses, a variety of training programs, great opportunities for families and youths, fun social groups ... and it's all affordable. Take advantage this summer!



Waiting for the first tee at the Wilson golf course in Griffith Park are (from left) Chuck Ruiz, Tournament Coordinator; "Pete" Frey, Golf Operations Supervisor; and Robert Larios, the Club's "Sports Dude".


Summer in the City

Get Into the Swing!

Rec and Parks

On Course for Summer Fun

Take advantage of the City's golf program. There are excellent courses, lessons for all skill levels, social groups, nice clubhouses ... and, in these tough times, it's affordable.

Alive! photos by Tom Hawkins

"You can be a beginner, or you can be a hotshot," says "Pete" Frey, a two-time ladies' junior champion (at Woodley Lakes Golf Course; a City golf program legend who once shot a 73; and who has more than 20 years of service with the golf program. "But if you come to one of the City courses to play, there's something for everyone."

"We have such a variety of golf courses," chimes in Chuck Ruiz, Rec and Parks golf program's Tournament Coordinator. "We cover the whole spectrum."

"And it's affordable," Pete continues. "You can spend five hours here on a beautiful course, for just \$26 weekdays," she laughs – if you spend five hours on a golf course, perhaps it's time for more lessons. But the City's golf program has that covered, too.

In these tough economic times, it's good to remember that you can get away from it all for just \$26 weekdays for 18 holes, \$34 on weekends. And there are no membership fees, although a reservation card, which allows you to reserve a tee time up to

seven days in advance, costs \$25 annually.

"And the crowning glory of golf is that, when you're playing, you can't think about anything else," Pete adds. "You have to think about golf."

"Our courses are very well-maintained," Pete Frey continues. "The Golf Division puts a lot of emphasis on how our courses look. The maintenance guys really care about their courses. Look how spectacular they look."

More than one million rounds of golf are played each year on the City's 12 golf courses, or through its Tregman Golf Academy. Few municipal golf programs in the country could accommodate as many golfers. And that means, there's an opportunity for fun for every skill level.

Practice,

Practice, Practice

Never played before? Or you're rusty? No worries – the golf program has you covered. "You get to be a good golfer the same way you get to Carnegie Hall – practice, practice, practice," Pete Frey says. "You have to take lessons from a professional, not your

spouse. Group lessons are available at most course pro shops, and they're affordable.

"And then, when you're ready, go to Los Feliz Golf Course, a nine-hole 'pitch and putt.' You won't get discouraged. Then you graduate to a more challenging course. It's a real personal challenge."

Recent Developments

- Book a tee time online. Tee times are fully reservable online, or by phone.
- The Balboa Golf Course in Encino has recently been redesigned and remodeled to be a par-72; previously it was a par 70, so it has been made more challenging. This has been done by private donation.

- Hansen Dam Golf Course has a new irrigation system and new cart paths. It's in "spectacular shape," according to "Pete" Frey.

- Five courses have begun to use recycled irrigation water, so they do not have to stop watering during the current water shortage. The courses are Woodley Lakes, Encino, Balboa, Wilson and Harding.

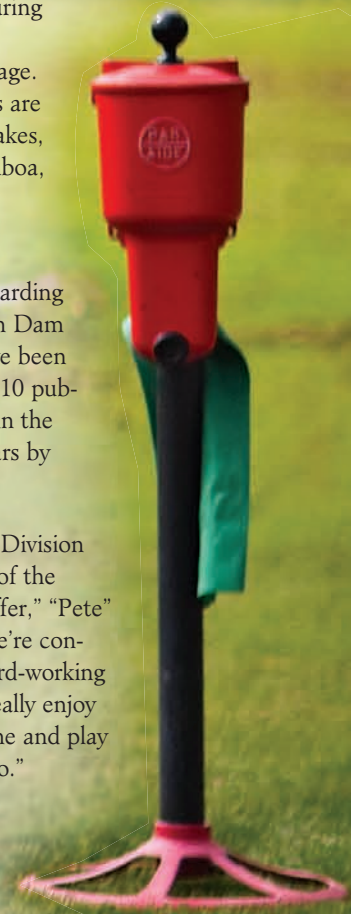
- Both the Harding and Hansen Dam courses have been named top 10 public courses in the last two years by *Golf Digest*.

"The Golf Division is very proud of the product we offer," "Pete" Frey says. "We're conscientious, hard-working people who really enjoy our jobs. Come and play a round or two."

Further more information:

www.laparks.com/golf/index.htm

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A sign at the end of the Harding course in Griffith Park.



Golf Can Be Affordable

There's no need to pay exorbitant fees to play golf at a private club. Play at one of the City courses, and have a great time. And there are reduced-cost programs for youths as well.



Chuck Ruiz, Rec and Parks Golf Division's Tournament Coordinator, shows his great form (he's a plus-one golfer).

Greens Fees (18-hole courses)

	Mon-Thurs	Friday	Weekends/Holidays
18 Holes, resident	\$26	\$30	\$34
18 Holes, non-resident	\$31	\$35	\$39
18 Holes, senior resident	\$17	\$20	—
18 Holes, senior non-resident	\$22	\$25	—
18 Holes, junior	\$6	\$6	\$7*
18 Holes, lifeline (after noon)	\$13	\$15	—
9 Holes/twilight, resident	\$16	\$18.50	\$21
9 Holes/twilight, non-resident	\$19	\$21.50	\$24
9 Holes/twilight, senior resident	\$10	\$12	—
9 Holes/twilight, senior non-resident	\$13	\$15	—
9 Holes/twilight, junior	\$5	\$5	\$6*
9 Holes/twilight, lifeline	\$8	\$9.25	—
Super Twilight, resident	\$10	\$10.75	\$11.50
Super Twilight, non-resident	\$13	\$13.75	\$14.50

Cart Rentals

	Mon-Thurs	Friday	Weekends/Holidays
Hand cart rental	\$3	\$3	\$3
Electric cart rental, double	\$24	\$24	\$24
Electric cart rental, single w/ \$8 deposit	\$16	\$16	\$16

* Open Tee - Weekend/Holiday Access: Junior golfers will be charged the regular weekend junior rate on weekends and holidays, on a walk-on basis, subject to no existing reservations and no call sheet.

Reservation Card

There's no charge to reserve a tee time (by phone or online) for any City golf course on the day you'd like to play. But getting a reservation card allows you to reserve a tee time up to seven days in advance. Reservation cards cost \$25 per year, or \$65 for three years. Consider how inexpensive that is, compared to buying a membership at a private club.

Training Prices/Options

All City courses offer group instruction, which is much more affordable (and fun) than individual lessons.

Junior Golf Month

During August, eligible youths can play during the week for \$1 when accompanied by a full-paying adult.

Summer Play Program

During the summer months, youths can join the Junior Summer Play program, where young golfers 7 to 18 years old attend a twice-a-week program for six weeks, including greens fees, refreshments, adult supervision and team play, for \$50. All play must start after noon on weekdays.

Youth on Course

Through Youth on Course, junior golfers can purchase range balls or play rounds of golf for \$2 or less at participating courses during off-peak hours. The program, sponsored by the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA), is open to young golfers who become certified by organizations including The First Tee or the Tiger Woods Learning Center. Following a rollout phase, procedures will be implemented for certifying any California youngster who wants to participate. For more information, go to www.scgafoundation.org/yoc.html

The City's Golf Courses

Here's a list of the City's golf courses. There's one for your skill level near you:

18-Hole Courses:

Balboa Golf Course

16821 Burbank Blvd.
Encino, CA 91436
Phone: (818) 995-1170
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,609
Rating: 70.7
Slope: 117

Encino Golf Course

16821 Burbank Blvd.
Encino, CA 91436
Phone: (818) 995-1170
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,789
Rating: 70.9
Slope: 114

Hansen Dam Course

10400 Glenoaks Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331
Phone: (818) 899-2200
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,745
Rating: 71.8
Slope: 121

Harding Golf Course

4730 Crystal Springs Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Phone: (323) 663-2555
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,536
Rating: 70.8
Slope: 123

Rancho Park Course

10460 W. Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: (310) 838-7373
Total Holes: 18
Par: 71
Yardage: 6,630
Rating: 71.2
Slope: 121

Wilson Golf Course

4730 Crystal Springs Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Phone: (323) 663-2555
"We Irrigate With Recycled Water"
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,947
Rating: 72.8
Slope: 123

Woodley Lakes Course

6331 Woodley Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91406
Phone: (818) 780-6886
Total Holes: 18
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,805
Rating: 71.9
Slope: 119



9-Hole Courses:

Harbor Park Course

1235 N. Figueroa Pl.
Wilmington, CA 90744
Phone: (310) 549-4953
Total Holes: 9
Par: 36
Yardage: 3,155
Rating: 34.5
Slope: 115

Penmar Golf Course

1233 Rose Ave.
Venice, CA 90291
Phone: (310) 396-6228
Total Holes: 9
Par: 33
Yardage: 2,496
Rating: 63.9
Slope: 99

Roosevelt Golf Course

2650 N. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Phone: (323) 665-2011
Total Holes: 9
Par: 33
Yardage: 2,478
Rating: 31.3
Slope: 108

3-Par and Special Courses:

Rancho Park 3-Par

10460 W. Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: (310) 838-7561
Total Holes: 9
Par: 27
Yardage: 992
Rating: Unrated
Slope: Unrated

Los Feliz 3-Par

3207 Los Feliz Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90039
Phone: (323) 663-7758
Total Holes: 9
Par: 27
Yardage: 1,043
Rating: Unrated
Slope: Unrated

Armand Hammer/Holmby Pony Course

601 Club View Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Phone: (310) 276-1604
Total Holes: 18
Par: Pitch-and-Putt
Yardage: 832
Rating: Unrated
Slope: Unrated

Tregnan Golf Academy

4341 Griffith Park Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Phone: (323) 906-3858 or Fax: (323) 906-3861
A state-of-the-art junior golf training and practice facility, designed for the youths of Los Angeles.

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Youth Golf



Tiger Woods won the City's Junior Boys Golf Championship in 1991.

"Golf is a wonderful game to play, and to get your kids to play, too," says "Pete" Frey, the City's Golf Operations Supervisor. "It teaches great values, and it encourages honesty."

The two chief golf programs for youths sponsored by the Golf Division of Rec and Parks are the Junior Golf Program, and the Tregnan Golf Academy.

Junior Golf Program

Rec and Parks sponsors a large Citywide Junior Golf Program. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for children ages 7 through 18 to develop their golf skills, competition skills, and relationships with their peers.

Junior golfers under age 13 must be certified before they will be allowed to play on most of the City's golf courses. To be certified, junior golfers must be able to demonstrate that they can consistently strike the golf ball in a manner that will allow them to keep a normal pace of play, as well

as pass a test covering golf rules and etiquette. Once certified, the junior golfer must still be accompanied by an adult during play.

Juniors may apply for certification by having their parents make an appointment with the Golf Course Manager or Junior Golf Coordinator at the following courses:

Griffith Park Golf Complex (Harding and Wilson Courses):	(323) 663-2555
Hansen Dam Golf Course:	(818) 899-2200
Harbor Park Golf Course:	(310) 549-4954
Rancho Park Golf Course:	(310) 838-7373 or (310) 838-7561
Sepulveda Golf Complex (Balboa and Encino Courses):	(818) 995-1170

Summer Play Programs

The summer play programs are offered from late June through mid-August at the following courses:

Griffith Park Golf Complex (Harding and Wilson Courses)
Hansen Dam Golf Course
Harbor Park Golf Course
Penmar Golf Course
Rancho Park Golf Course
Sepulveda Golf Complex

The fees vary by course, but are very economical. Starting times are set aside for play once a week in the early afternoon. On each day of play, guidance is given in the area of golf rules, etiquette, and sportsmanship. Although no formal lessons are given during the program, children are given tips and encouraged to take lessons offered by the pro shop teaching staff. Most of the pro shops offer a special junior rate.

Tournaments

The City sponsors a large annual Junior Golf Championship Tournament during the spring. This tournament is open to all junior golfers who meet the U.S.G.A. age requirement. Entry forms for this event are made available at each of the city golf courses. This is a wonderful opportunity for junior golfers to compete with their peers, learn good sportsmanship and meet new friends. More than 400 juniors participate annually in this event. This tournament has historically been the "kick off" tournament for the junior golf circuit.

Notable past participants in the City's Junior Golf Program and Junior Championship Tournaments:

- Tiger Woods, PGA Tour player, 1991 Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Amy Alcott, LPGA Tour player, 1971-1973 Los Angeles Junior Girls Champion
- John Cook, PGA Tour player, 1975 Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Al Geiberger, PGA and Sr. PGA player, 1954 Los Angeles Boys Champion
- Kevin Na, PGA Tour player, Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Anthony Kim, PGA Tour player, Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Duffy Waldorf, PGA Tour player, and still holds the record (64) at the Woodley Lakes course.

Tregnan Golf Academy

Tregnan Golf Academy's mission is to introduce golf to youths and provide them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to play the game throughout their lives. The focus of the academy is to reach out to young people from urban areas that have little or no exposure to the game of golf by making the Academy accessible, affordable and enjoyable.

Built entirely by private donations and foundation grants, the Tregnan Golf Academy is a state-of-the-art training and practice facility designed primarily for youths. The Tregnan Golf Academy offers:

- three practice holes
- 15-stall, 200-yard driving range
- Putting area
- Chipping area
- Practice bunker, and
- Learning Center.



The Tregnan Golf Academy.



Chuck Ruiz, Tournament Coordinator, and "Pete" Frey, Golf Operations Supervisor, at the 18th hole at the Harding Golf Course, Griffith Park.



So You Want to Get Started

You've decided you want to play golf, or learn how to play golf, on a City course. What should you do?

1. Are you experienced? If you are, then call the course of your choice (see the list as part of this story) and get going.
2. You need to take lessons? The pro shop at each golf course offers both individual and group lessons. Call the course of your choice to get started.
3. If you've never played before, don't be too anxious to take on the most challenging of the City's courses. Be patient, take instruction, and practice, practice, practice. To that end, most courses offer lighted driving ranges, practice putting greens and practice chipping greens.

Have fun!

For more information about Rec & Parks City golf courses and programs go to:
www.laparks.com/golf/index.htm

For ways you can make youth golf more affordable, see the story "Golf Can Be Affordable."