

People and Events

2nd annual City of Carson/Red Ribbon week celebration for drug awareness and prevention



All winners in various categories celebrate after dinner and awarding of trophies at Hidden Valley Clubhouse. Also shown seated from left are Century Park Hotel PR manager Steve Naguiat, Philippine Department of Tourism's Annie Cuevas and PAL's Adrian M. Ingles (extreme right) and Tournament chairman Bobby Milan (standing third from left).

Photo by Dan E. Niño

Clemente, Bautista rule Southland's PAL-CPH golf challenge

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NORCO, CA – Robert Lacson Clemente, an insurance broker and a resident of Glendale, carded a three-over par 75 to emerge Overall Low Gross champion in the recently concluded 10th Annual Philippine Airlines-Century Park Hotel Golf Challenge at the Hidden Valley Golf Club in Norco, about 50 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Sharing top honors with Clemente is Rollie Bautista who fired a 62 for the Overall Low Net title. Bautista of Haven Golf Club dethroned defending Low Net champion veteran parbustler Ben Padilla of Alabang Country Club who had a 59 last year but did not play this year.

Clemente, a 49-year-old bachelor who traces his roots from Bacolod, Negros Occidental, had two eagles, two birdies and one triple bogey, one double bogey and four bogeys in the 18-hole sun-drenched golf course that was intermittently caressed by gentle breeze.

"Although this was only my second time to play at Hidden Valley, the golf course is pretty challenging and am still not yet too familiar with the layout which makes it tough for everyone including me," says the new champion with a handicap of 1.6.

Clemente of BIG Brother Golf Club also dethroned 15-year-old Andrew Galang of San Diego who did not play this year. Clemente who has played the game since he was 11 years old is the youngest of six siblings related to a political family of former Gov. Bitay Lacson of Negros Province.

Immediately after the game Robbie Clemente left in a jiffy for an urgent appointment, thus he missed receiving his championship trophy in person.

When asked in a phone interview if he had any inkling of bagging the overall championship, he told the media that he had no expectations, nor any idea. "Everybody had a chance to play well."

The new champion who plays yearly in the PAL Inter-Club in the Philippines dreams someday to play with the professionals in the big-time PGA tours in the United States. He already participated in Pepsi tour and US Open but narrowly missed his

chance to meet the qualifying cut.

Other notable winner is Don Breganza of Back Tee Boys, himself a former Low Gross champion who romped off with Class A top plum. He fired a 76, only a shot over the new champion Clemente. Efreñ Bautista of Filipino-American Golf Assn. of Ventura County (FAGA) grabbed the Low Gross Runner-up honors.

Jun Bautista, another FAGA mainstay, bagged Class A Net championship while Manny Villamin of Club 1872, Class A was the runner-up.

Norman Avendano of BIG Golf Club, captured Class B Low Gross championship while Art Crisologo of Pinoy Golfers of America (PGA) was the runner-up.

Class B Low Net championship went to Edwin Bautista of Haven Golf Club with Efreñ Velasco of International Alliance Golf Assn. (IAGA) as the runner-up.

Class C Low Gross championship was awarded to Ed Bigornia of Pinoy Golfers of America with Robert Gudrud also of PGA as runner-up.

Class C Low Net championship went to Ponce Crisologo of PGA while Perla de Jesus of Haven Golf Club was the runner-up.

Closest to the Pin winners and their respective hole numbers are Pete Natividad, #5, Al Alferéz, #8, Norman Avendano, #13 and Gerry Torres, #16.

Don San Antonio, speaking for Pinoy Golfers of America, which logged four winners, said, "the tournament was gratifying, good for the players, the sponsors and the community."

Rey Luna, founder-president of Haven Golf Club with three winners, described golf in broad perspective, observing that "in this sport we all get together for game excellence and competitive spirit while assisting a charity cause."

At the major raffle draw, PAL awarded two round-trip L.A.-Manila-L.A. business class tickets. Prizes from Century Park Hotel included gift certificates for a complimentary weekend accommodation at the five-star "golfers' home away from home" in Manila.

Despite the economic slowdown and pinch of recession,

118 players (compared to 134 in 2008) from 20 California Southland clubs took part at Norco in the PAL-CPH tournament, the only annual and longest-running Filipino-American golf classic with a Northern California seg-

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THIS year's theme, Community Is The Key To Be Drug Free! means that families and parents are valuable in building a drug-free community.

Community involvement and service teach the youth to love and care for their community. Parents are role models in fostering healthy, drug-free lifestyles in their children, playing a dominant role in their children's emotional and interpersonal development. Through community involvement and parental role modeling, we all gain better understanding, self-confidence, responsibility, job-skills, and positive social interaction. All of these ideals play an important role in the fight against substance abuse and addiction in our community.

The theme also honors the memory of Enrique (Kiki) Camarena. Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. He was abducted and one month later, Camarena's body was found. He had been tortured to death. We must not forget Camarena's battle against illegal drugs in the community.

In order to continue to address substance abuse awareness and prevention in the City of Carson, we invite the Carson community to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week through the following events:

*RRW Art/Poster & Poetry Contest (Sept. 8-Oct. 2)

*Carson City Council Proclamation & Kick-Off Day (Oct. 6)

*Tie a Red Ribbon in your Neighborhood Day (Oct. 19)

*RRW Community Forum on Drugs and Underage Drinking (Oct. 21)

*RRW Community Open Mic (Oct. 23)

*RRW Appreciation and Contest Recognition Picnic (Oct. 25)

This year's celebration is put together by representatives from the following initiative member organizations: City of Carson, Carson City Council, Carson Park and Recreation, Philippine Independence Day Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Carson, Peace and Joy Community Center Domestic Violence Program, Carson Regional Library, Pacific American Student Services, Carson Student Movement, Filipino Student Forum, Carson High Parent Center, Social Justice Committee of St. Philomena Church, Confederation of Filipino American Associations, and the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.

As organizers of these events, the Carson Initiative for Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention (CISAAP) is proud to be in the forefront in the community effort dealing with substance abuse and underage drinking through awareness and educational programs.

Remember to wear a red ribbon everyday during Red Ribbon Week!

For questions and more information please contact the City Manager's Office at (310) 830-7600 Ext. 1044 or Richard Bis and Carol Almeda at (323) 239-6284. ■

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The Trade and Conference Center consists of all new construction of a 46,000 SF structure with a predominately A-3 (Assembly) Occupancy Group and a Type IIA – I Hour Construction. It will be constructed adjacent to the existing 1930's Exhibit Hall 8 and will connect to the existing building via fire-rated door assemblies. Partial demolition and patching of the existing building is required. The architectural building design features a single-story Floor Plan consisting of a 280 foot long Pre-Function public space with access to Ball Rooms, Large Conference Rooms and Meeting Rooms. Food Service and Café accommodations will provide for casual as well as high end dining. Interior materials and finishes have been selected to express a high end hospitality environment. The structural design consists of a mat slab foundation, steel tube columns and framing with high strength curved steel tubes shaped to arch over the forty-foot high Pre-Function space. Sustainability and energy conservation have been integrated into the building design and the project has been registered with the USGBC for LEED Credit Documentation, Commissioning, and Certification. The project is a publicly funded, prevailing wage enterprise.

Sealed bids will be received at the Administration Reception desk, located at 1101 West McKinley, Gate 1 of the Fairplex Complex until 2:00 PM PST, on or before 1:30 PM on October 22nd 2009 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Please direct bid related questions to Greg McDaniel at 909-865-4159.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations beginning September 14, 2009:

Fairplex Administrative Offices, 1101 West Mckinley, Pomona, CA 91768. Park at the Gate 1 parking lot of the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds.

For On-Line viewing of the CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS and subsequent ordering of Hardcopy sets of Drawings and Specifications, DVDs or instant digital downloads contact Blair Graphics, (contact info below). Access to the Documents will begin on September 14, 2009.

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SCE forgives bills for fire victims

ROSEMEAD – Southern California Edison (SCE) customers whose homes were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by recent wildfires will not have to pay for electricity used since the last bill they received at those damaged residences. The utility is also offering payment arrangements for those who were indirectly affected by the fires, such as customers who lost business income.

SCE customers who qualify for bill forgiveness can call SCE toll-free at (800) 250-7339. Other customers who need bill payment arrangements may call (800) 950-2356.

Utility crews and support personnel continue their efforts making repairs, restoring service and responding to customers' needs in areas ravaged by the wildfires.

Customers should keep these important safety tips in mind during a widespread outage:

-Check on the safety of family and neighbors, especially those dependent on power for medical equipment.

-Use flashlights. Do not use candles, which can start fires.

-Turn off and unplug any unnecessary electrical equipment, especially sensitive electronics.

-Maintain at least three-quarters of a tank of gasoline in your vehicle(s). Gas station pumps do not operate during power outages.

-If possible, stay away from areas severely impacted by wildfires. Traffic signals

may be inoperative, poles and power lines may block streets and utility crews

could be in the area making repairs.

-Never connect a portable generator directly to a power line. State law requires that customers inform SCE when a generator is being used at their home or business by calling (800) 655-4555.

-Never touch a power line suspended in the air or lying on the ground. Call SCE and

report it to police and fire departments immediately.

For more information, visit www.sce.com/heat or www.sce.com/safety ■