

SWAT Golf Classic Nets Cash and Equipment

Monday, November 7, 2005, Maderas Golf Club played host to the first SWAT Officers Association Invitational Golf Classic.

The idea for a golf tournament to raise funds to buy needed SWAT equipment came from Dan Barnett, executive vice president of GeoTek, Inc., and chair of the event, and Tom Schwiebert of Chicago Title. They did a ride-along with former SWAT Commander Ray Shay, a neighbor of the Barnett's. This introduction to the Department and particularly the SWAT Unit opened their eyes to the Unit's need for equipment to

bring them more current. They sought a remedy for this equipment shortfall and planning for the SWAT Officers Association Invitational Golf Classic began.

Joined by Tom Tourtellott and Patrick Hunter of Highland Partnership, Andy Kotowicz of San Diego National Bank, DiAnne Eggleston of Architects Tucker Sadler, and Ashley Harbecke of GeoTek, serious planning and coordination got underway in August. Our goal was to raise as much money as possible "with our mission for a lot of people to do a little," said Barnett.

Former Police Chief Jerry



Jerry Sanders took a moment from his busy schedule (the day before the San Diego mayoral election) to talk with the participants in the SWAT Golf Classic.)

Sanders kicked off the event with comments of encouragement,

and drew the name of one golfer with an opportunity to go for a million dollar hole-in-one. More than 60 local businesses participated in the Golf Classic with SDG&E taking Low Gross honors and IIA Zammit Engineering taking Low Net honors. Many of the businesses offered spots on their teams to give SWAT officers an opportunity to play.

Silent auction and raffle items were provided by more than 50 local organizations, offering participants items such as restaurant gift certificates, family four-packs at local theme parks, and more golf outing chances.

Police Chief Bill Lansdowne was present at the banquet and he thanked all who made the event happen.

The Department was presented with a number of training and protection devices valued at more than \$20,000. James Mok of Pacific Coast Systems donated an Improvised Explosive Device Simulator used in critical incident training, Eric Michaelson of Instant Armor presented a 1st-Responder Ballistic Tactical Blanket System, Tactical Systems donated a "Robot in a Box," and Action Target donated a portable steel target. LaserMax and Para-Ordnance donated equipment that will be used by the Unit to recognize outstanding officers in the future. California Association of Tactical Officers contributed 10 one-year memberships for the Unit.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of a \$60,000 check by Barnett and Schwiebert to Guaderrama. Upon presentation the crowd stood in unison marking the successful completion of the first SWAT Officers Association Invitational Golf Classic. Cash donations will go toward the purchase of much-needed equipment and training opportunities for SWAT. According to Guaderrama "The unit has not been shy offering suggestions!"



2005 Invitational
Golf Classic

San Diego Police SWAT Officers Association Invitational Golf Classic

On Monday, November 7, 2005 more than 130 business people and police officers combined in a golf fundraising event to support the San Diego Police Department SWAT Officers Association.

Your generous donations allowed the San Diego Police SWAT Officers Association Invitation Golf Classic Committee the opportunity to present the Department and the SWAT Unit a \$60,000 check and more than \$20,000 in equipment donations.

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