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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 17, 2002

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: ELLEN OPPENHEIM, General Manager 

SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT TRINITY RECREATION CENTER

On April 11, 2002, at 7:35 p.m., one innocent bystander was shot and another fatally wounded when a gang dispute erupted in gunfire just outside the Trinity Recreation Center gym located at 2450 South Trinity Street in Los Angeles.

The deceased victim, 8-year-old Anthony Ramirez, was on vacation from Arizona and was playing near the gym when he was hit in the upper torso. He was transported to USC Medical Center Hospital and pronounced dead.

A 40-year-old male standing across the street from the park was also shot in the arm, and was treated and released.

The suspects have been identified as 18-year-old gang member Luis Romano, and another male Hispanic. Romano and his affiliates had been seen at Trinity Recreation Center earlier that day engaging in a dispute with rival gang members. They left the area but returned later that evening.

At approximately 7:35 p.m., Romano and the second suspect reportedly pursued rival gang members through and outside the gym, where the shooting occurred. They were armed with a semi-automatic handgun and a shotgun.

Romano was later taken into police custody and arrested for murder. His accomplice is being sought by LAPD Newton Detectives.

Since the incident, the Department has met with the Police Department to debrief. Discussion included details of the event, communications protocols, and agreement on a joint workshop to provide training and support to Recreation and Parks employees in the area of security and safety in the parks.

Trinity Recreation Center is currently listed as a Safe Park and as one of the designated CLASS facilities.

Prepared by Gary Newton, Chief Park Ranger

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SUBJECT: 52ND ANNUAL L.A. CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY -
MARCH 23, 24, 25, 2002

The 52nd Annual Los Angeles City Junior Golf Championship was held from March 23 - March 25, 2002. Participants ranged in age from 7 through 18 and were paired by gender and age. Any player was permitted to play in the Championship flight, regardless of age, if a boy could break 80 consistently or if a girl could break 90 consistently. The Championship, A, B, and C flights played two 18-hole rounds, with a cut for the finals on Monday. Flights D and E played nine holes on Saturday and nine holes on Sunday for a total of 18 holes.

Courses Played

Six courses were utilized for Saturday and Sunday. The E flight played at Los Feliz, D flight played at Roosevelt, Championship flights, A flights, B Girls, C Girls played at Wilson and Harding, and the B and C Flight Boys played the first two rounds at Balboa and Encino. On Monday, fifty percent of the two Championship flights and twenty-five percent of A, B, and C flights played at Wilson and Harding for the finals.

Number of Participants - 539

This is approximately 100 more participants than previous years. The biggest increase is in the nine and under age group. The number of female participants has increased slightly to about 19%.

FLIGHT	BOYS	GIRLS
Championship	148	40
A	39	7
B	76	17
C	76	22
D	59	9
E	<u>39</u>	<u>7</u>
	437	102

Awards

Trophies were awarded for 1st through 4th place in all flights, except Boys Championship flight, for which 1st through 8th was awarded because of the large number of players.

A single plaque was awarded to Derek Sipe, Yorba Linda CC, for the single lowest round of 65 at Wilson Golf Course—quite an accomplishment.

Ties for first place were decided by a playoff, and ties for other places were decided by a cardoff following the recommendations of the USGA. On Monday, as each flight completed the round, an award ceremony was conducted and trophies were awarded.

Winners

FLIGHT

BOYS

Championship	1 - Neno Boonyaplanum, Oak Creek	70-68-73-211
	2 - Henry Liaw, L.A. Royal Vista	67-74-71-212
	3 - Jeremy Bovill, Westlake	68-73-74-215 (cardoff)
	4 - Jay Choe, Black Golf	68-75-72-215
	5 - Daniel Im, La Mirada	72-70-74-216
	6 - Scott MacDonald, Mountaingate CC	71-71-75-217
	7 - Nick Jones, El Niguel CC	74-72-72-218
	8 - Cean Geronimo, Industry Hills	71-75-72-218

GIRLS

1 - Jane Park, Cascades	75-73-71-219
2 - Irene Cho, Los Coyotes	77-68-75-220
3 - Selanee Henderson, Apple Valley CC	76-74-71-221
4 - Elena Kurokawa, Los Verdes	75-77-71-223

A Flight (Age 16-18)

BOYS

1 - Henry Aguila, Los Coyotes	76-76-71-223
2 - Oliver Lewis, Oakmont	78-78-73-224 (Cardoff)
3 - Ben Fuqua, Brookside	74-74-76-224
4 - Gregg Gauvin, Valencia CC	75-73-76-224

GIRLS

- 1 - Annika Windon, Ocean Trails 87-80-81-248
- 2 - Jennifer Parkes, Vista Valencia 90-81-84-255
- 3 - Jennifer Arakaki, Chester Washington 94-87-89-270
- 4 - Nicole Mayo, Simi Hills 93-89-90-272

B Flight
(Age 14-15)

BOYS

- 1 - Pete Vilairatana, Redlands CC 71-74-67-212
- 2 - Edgar Reyes, Jr., Hansen Dam 68-72-73-213
- 3 - Nick Geyer, Calabasas CC 73-71-73-217
- 4 - C.R. Mark, Griffith Park 73-69-77-219

GIRLS

- 1 - Michele Johnson, Chester Washington 80-83-80-243
- 2 - Marianne Galligan-Oltman, Braemar CC 94-83-91-268
- 3 - Alyson Golditch, El Caballero Cc 90-95-84-269
- 4 - Rachel Atienza, Hansen Dam 100-90-91-281

C Flight
(Age 12-13)

BOYS

- 1 - Dustin Rhone, Rancho Park 77-71-76-224 (4-hole
playoff)
- 2 - Jeffrey Chen, L.A. Royal Vista 77-69-78-224
- 3 - Sihwan Kim, Westridge 74-74-79-227
- 4 - Mitchell Fedorka, Claremont 75-75-79-229

C Flight

GIRLS

- 1 - Emily Mason, SCPGA 81-82-83-246
- 2 - Danielle O'Niel, Unattached 88-80-81-249
- 3 - Brianna Do, Lakewood CC 90-83-82-255
- 4 - Patty Chawalitmetha, Lakewood CC 89-82-86-257

D Flight
(Age 11 & Under)

BOYS

- 1 - Lawrence Hsu, Industry Hills 34-37-71
- 2 - Brendan Doyle, Rancho Park 37-37-74 (cardoff)
- 3 - Charles Windon, Ocean Trails 37-37-74
- 4 - Jake Sarnoff, Friendly Hills CC 39-37-76

GIRLS

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| 1 - Lalita Patipaksiri, David L. Baker | 38-37-75 |
| 2 - Pornsawan Arjarayutt, Heartwell | 39-41-80 |
| 3 - Tiffany Lua, L.A. Royal Vista | 38-45-83 (cardoff) |
| 4 - Angela Villela, Cascades | 43-40-83 |

E Flight
(Age 9 & Under)

BOYS

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| 1 - Robin Jang, Hansen Dam | 29-27-56 |
| 2 - Ramsey Sahyoun, Woodley Lakes | 29-31-60 |
| 3 - Zach Weiss, Van Nuys | 29-32-61 |
| 4 - Daniel Chian, Industry Hills | 29-66-62 |

GIRLS

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| 1 - Nicole Bullemer, Glen Annie | 37-33-70 |
| 2 - Beverly Vatananugulkit, Cerritos | 30-41-71 |
| 3 - Kendall Dusenberry, Vista Valencia | 43-42-85 |
| 4 - Crystal Wang, ALH | 42-45-87 |

Volunteers/Donations

Public Links Golf Association of Southern California donated golf towels which were distributed to each player. In addition, Chuck Jorgenson, President of Publinks donated his time on Saturday and Sunday to circulate around the golf course to monitor pace of play and act as the rules chairman. On Sunday and Monday Southern California Junior P.G.A. (a junior tournament organization) also sent a pace of play and rules volunteer, Frank Dessel.

Each foursome in the D and E flights were assigned a scorekeeper who walked along with the group to ensure the correct scores were given and to assist with rules and pace of play. These and other volunteers are members of the City's men's and women's golf clubs and also performed such duties as checking in players, working the score table, forecaddies, and site coordinators. There were approximately 86 volunteers, who will be invited to the annual "Appreciation Day" in November.