

Hole-in-One for Local Kids

Charity Golf Tournament benefits Boys & Girls Clubs

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REDLANDS – The Second Mu Restaurant and Martini Bar Charity Golf Tournament raised \$6,000 for the Boy & Girls Clubs of Redlands.

The idea for the tournament began one night last year when a group of Mu Restaurant patrons were talking and the conversation turned to golf.

That was nothing new, but the idea of hosting a golf tournament was.



From left, P.T. McEwen, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands; Rich Young and Allison Benash, tournament committee members; Michael Waikoon, owner and partner of Mu Restaurant; and Mike Daniel, tournament committee member.

“We all liked playing golf and a tournament with a field of friends would be great,” said Mike Daniel oen of the golf tournament steering committee members.

So this group of friends started meeting and began dividing duties.

The first year they had about 60 players with a goal of a good time.

“The first year we wanted to cover our costs,” Daniel said, “But we ended up with a few extra bucks, that is when we thought about a charity gold tournament.”

When it became time to think about the next year tournament, the golf tournament steering committee chose the Boys & Girls Clubs.

“We wanted a charity that would put the funds to good use,” Daniel continued.

In the second year, the tournament was held at the Oak Valley Golf Club in Beaumont with 88 players. The tee off was at noon with a finish at 5:00pm and the after party from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Mu Restaurant in Redlands.

“The highlight was coming back to Mu for after party dinner and drinks,” said Rich Young another member of the tournament committee.

“We want to give special thanks to all our sponsors, Mu, Redlands Toyota, Hanger 24 and KOLA 99.9” said tournament committee member Allison Benash.

“And we can’t forget our fourth member of the committee, Michael Waikoon, owner and partner of Mu Restaurant,” said Daniel.

The winning team at the 2010 tournament is Mike Pearson, Alex Bidelman, Ben Cloninger, and Josh Murley. They already have plans for 2011.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands (www.bgcr.org) is an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-17 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff.

Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

The Club operates sites in Redlands, Loma Linda, Mentone and San Bernardino.

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