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### 34th Annual NATIONAL PAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Come out and enjoy Olympic style boxing at its best!

Dates: Sept. 29 - Oct. 4

Location: 350 S. K Street, Oxnard Oxnard PAL Gym

Ages 5 and under...FREE  
Children 6 - 17.....\$5.00  
Adults 18+.....\$10.00  
Multi-Day Pass.....\$30.00  
Ringside.....\$20.00

Doors Open at 4:30 PM

#### Tournament Fact

Past participants at the National PAL Boxing Championships include:

Local pros Victor Ortiz, David Rodela & Miguel Garcia (2005 National PAL Champion) and 2008 U.S. Olympians Gary Russell, Jr. and Rau'shee Warren.

## CAMP HOLLYWOOD

### ACTION!

Keepin' It Reel, Oxnard PAL's video production program, held its first ever summer camp this quarter, offering instruction in video editing, camera operation, acting and script writing. The program, which was completely free, included lunch and a surprise field trip to Universal Studios. The 2-week camp went from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and was offered to 20 participants, ages 11 to 17. Originally scheduled for only one session, the program filled up within days

of opening and eventually added a second session which took place in late June.

Those individuals most closely involved with the camp included program coordinator, Greg Barnes, volunteer J.T. Peterson and lead instructors E.J. Jackson and Diego Zuniga.

"We had a blast. It was their first camp—and ours too. We ended up accomplishing more than we originally planned," said instructor and PAL staff member, E.J. Jackson.



As part of the camp, each group created a 5 to 10-minute video. Be sure to check our next newsletter for information on how you can view these special projects.

CUT!

## PAL Boxers Make Their Mark in Memphis

This June, six members of the Oxnard PAL boxing program traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to compete in the 2nd Annual Title National Boxing Championships. The



group competed strongly, advancing at all levels and medaling in five of the six divisions in which it competed.

Participants at the event included, 16 year-old Nicolas Urgoiti from Rio Mesa H.S. (Silver Medal), 17 year-old Angel Perez from Camarillo H.S. (Silver Medal), 16 year-old Paul Vera from Oxnard H.S. (Silver Medal), 16 year-old Louis Ybarra from Channel Islands H.S. (Gold Medal), and 16 year-old Johnny Hernandez from Oxnard H.S.

Also, participating was boxer and assistant coach, Joseph "Jo-Jo" Santistevan. Jo-Jo put on an especially courageous performance, earning a silver

medal in an upper weight class after discovering there were no competitors in his age and weight division.



Left to right - Louis Ybarra, Angel Perez, Joseph Santistevan, Paul Vera, Johnny Hernandez, Nicolas Urgoiti.

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## 805 Cruizin' Car Show & Concert



Q104-7 morning show personality, Nancy Rodriguez, poses for a picture with the President of the Latin Bombas Car Club—Oxnard Chapter.

In May, Oxnard PAL, with partner Q104-7, held its 2nd Annual Cruizin' Car Show & Concert at Campus Park. The event's car show and concert format attracts a wide variety of residents, including a large number of local youth drawn to the event by Q104-7 sponsored radio artists.

Others drawn to the event included fans and supporters of local artists, like the Viejitos Car Club of Oxnard, who showed up in strong support of former Hueneme High School alumni, The Majors. With the group's new single



receiving regular play on Q104-7, the 805 Cruizin' Car Show & Concert was a true example of local involvement and support at all levels. Contributing to this theme, staff and attendees of the event embraced the Montes De Oca Family, who participated as representatives of the

National Bone Marrow Registry. Sharing information about their son and his need for a bone marrow match, the family registered more than 40 individuals, including several Oxnard police officers and PAL staff.

"It's always good to talk about these things, otherwise they can go unnoticed," said PAL Development Director, Mike Ramirez. "It was great to see everyone out here supporting each other."



Asst. Chief, Mike Matlock and PAL Co-Director, Terrel Harrison and at the PAL Youth Soccer League opening ceremonies. Over 3,500 youth and adults attended the event, which included a march that began at Oxnard PAL and ended at Fremont Jr. High School.

## PAL Program Becomes County's Largest

At over 130 teams and 2500 players, PAL's Youth Soccer League is Ventura County's largest.

Utilizing his strong soccer background, newly appointed Co-Director, Sr. Officer Luis McArthur, has been the program's primary architect.

Designed with both a competitive and recreational component, the league can accommodate varying skill levels, from school formed teams to club teams.

While the league does not currently accept individual sign-ups, individuals interested in participating usually have little difficulty. Referrals are commonplace and PAL itself has six teams, which take sign-ups throughout the year.

Participants in the league pay an average of only \$17, in contrast to the standard \$100 per player, and PAL team participants are free.



"Our goal is to keep costs low and standards high," said McArthur. "We want to ensure quality programming for all youth, regardless of economic status."

Financial supporters of the league, thus far, have included Taconic Farms, Santa Barbara Flooring Installation, Lee & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Paso

Del Norte Painting Co., and Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn.

Most of the league's participants are local but the heightened level of competition has attracted teams from as far away as San Luis Obispo.

Adding to its prestige, the league's affiliation with the US Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer has allowed previously ineligible teams to participate in club soccer tournaments under the PAL League umbrella. To this point, PAL has enabled 22 first-time teams to participate in the Coast Soccer League.

For more information, contact Officer McArthur at (805)385-8104.





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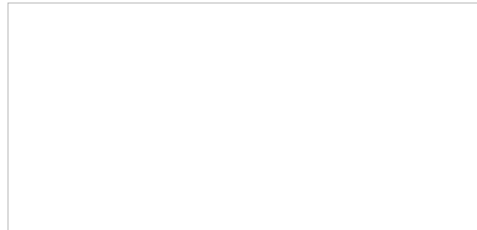
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**PAL Co-Director  
Luis McArthur**

## A Closer Look: <sup>Sr. Officer</sup> Luis McArthur

Oxnard PAL is proud to welcome the newest member of its team, long time volunteer and supporter, Sr. Officer Luis McArthur.

Assigned to PAL in early January, the new Co-Director wasted no time getting started, establishing PAL as the largest and most affordable soccer league in Ventura County within just a few months of his arrival.

Also a spokesman for the Oxnard Police Department, Officer McArthur has many duties, including liaison to the Mexican Consulate Office and

host of the Oxnard Police Department's "Straight To You" web cast. In addition, McArthur appears regularly on an interactive Spanish radio program, where he answers various law enforcement questions from members of the community. A former student-athlete of Channel Islands High School, McArthur's sports background



coupled with his community ties and love for working with youth made him the ideal candidate for PAL's Co-Director position.

"Officer McArthur is a major asset to our PAL program. He's well liked and for good reason. He has a pure heart and a true understanding of the needs of our community," says fellow Co-Director Terrel Harrison.

"As a police officer I have sworn to protect and serve. Organizing *preventive oriented* activities is a great way to accomplish both."

—Sr. Officer Luis McArthur