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City of San Diego's Second Annual Adaptive Golf Championship Returns to Torrey Pines Golf Course

INSPIRATIONAL ADAPTIVE ATHLETES SHOWCASE THEIR GOLF SKILLS AT WORLD FAMOUS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

SAN DIEGO – For the second consecutive year, the City of San Diego is hosting some of the best local, national and international adaptive golfers at its annual Torrey Pines Adaptive Golf Championship on Thursday, May 2. The tournament allows golfers with disabilities and other adaptations to compete and showcase their talents at one of the most well-known municipal golf courses in the world.

The event is a collaboration between the City's Parks and Recreation Department Golf Division and Therapeutic Recreation Services program, which provides adaptive sports opportunities to individuals with disabilities who have difficulty accessing and participating in recreational opportunities offered to the general public.

"We're thrilled that we've been able to make the Torrey Pines Adaptive Golf Championship happen for a second year," said Therapeutic Recreation Services District Manager Kristi Fenick. "Every day we work to promote opportunities for adaptive athletes to compete. Our goal is to create a space where these talented golfers can shine, and I believe we're doing that."

The Adaptive Golf Championship is open to all players from amateur to professional. This year, the championship has drawn not only local players but national and international athletes as well. While adaptive golfers from California make up the bulk of the lineup, Florida, Wisconsin and even Argentina will be represented out on the links.

The event will be held on the Torrey Pines North Course and will feature more than 40 adaptive golfers competing in eight different playing classifications. Course yardages will be modified to the appropriate distance for each classification according to the rules set forth by the United States Adaptive Golf Alliance (USAGA).

The Golf Division intends to continue to develop and expand the event in keeping with the City's efforts to make golf an activity that is accessible for everyone. All three City golf courses — Balboa Park, Mission Bay and Torrey Pines — offer specialized golf carts to help assist golfers with mobility challenges.

"We're excited and honored to once again host the Adaptive Golf Championship at Torrey Pines and to have the opportunity to see these athletes compete on such a high level," said Golf Operations Division Deputy Director John Howard. "Golf is a sport for everyone, and it is truly inspiring to watch the skill, dedication and perseverance these golfers display."

The City of San Diego Golf Division operates three golf complexes (Balboa Park, Mission Bay and Torrey Pines) and is dedicated to serving its patrons and players of all ages and abilities while enhancing their enjoyment of the game by providing a high-quality golf experience. For more information, please visit <u>sandiego.gov/golf</u>.

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