Parks and Recreation Department

2025 Farmers Insurance Open and Genesis Invitational Update

Municipal Golf Committee March 20, 2025





Background

Early Years (1952-1967)

- Originally founded as the San Diego Open.
- First played at San Diego Country Club before rotating through several local courses, including Singing Hills, Mission Valley Country Club and Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club.

<u>Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course (1968 – Present)</u>



Background

Sponsors Andy Williams (1968 – 1985)

Shearson Lehman Brothers (1986 – 1991)

Buick Invitational (1992 – 2009)

Farmers Insurance Open (2012 – 2026)

<u>Host organization</u> Century Club of San Diego (1961)

<u>Responsibilities</u> Tournament Organization and Execution

PGA Tour Liaison Player Relations Tournament Build Financial Success



Partners/Responsibilities

City of San Diego

- Golf Course Maintenance
- Tournament Preparation/Setup
- Agronomic Execution
- Special Events Permit
- Police
- Fire
- Paramedics
- Traffic Control



Partners/Responsibilities

<u>The Lodge at Torrey Pines</u> Food and Beverage, Locker Room

<u>Torrey Pines Club Corp</u> Merchandise, Carts and Range

<u>Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines</u> Accommodations, Meeting Space

<u>Scripps Hospital</u> Parking, Medical

<u>UCSD</u> Gliderport Staging Access

<u>Coastal Commission</u> Event access to Torrey Pines City Park

<u>The Alexandria</u> Parking



Genesis Invitational

Overview

- Hosted at Riviera Country Club in Palos Verde, CA since 1926
- Relocated to Torrey Pines due to the January 2025 wildfires in LA
- Less than three weeks to prepare
- Tiger Woods Foundation worked with the Century Club as the host organization
- City staff delivered a championship-worthy golf course



Tournament Comparison

Event Recap

Category	Farmers Insurance Open	Genesis Invitational
Dates	January 22–25, 2025	February 13–16, 2025
	Wednesday – Saturday	Thursday – Sunday
Course(s) Played	Torrey Pines (North & South)	Torrey Pines (South Course)
Number of Players	156 (Open)	70 (Invitational)
Total Purse	\$9 million (est.)	\$20 million (est.)
Winner's Share	~\$1.62 million	~\$3.6 million
Champion	Harris English	Ludvig Aberg
Format	72-hole stroke play	72-hole stroke play
Cut	After 36 holes	Not a full-cut
Field Strength	Strong but open field	Elite, limited, top-ranked players
Viewers	1.4 million	3.4 million





Questions

