



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 14, 2007

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Jim and Sally Jacobson for their volunteer work with the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Program

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize Jim and Sally Jacobson for their volunteer work with the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Program.

**DISCUSSION:** Since its inception, the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Program has prepared young golfers to play the game of golf. The program not only teaches youth (7 – 17) about golf (playing etiquette, rules) but, more importantly, gives the opportunity to meet new friends and develop as an individual. In addition to the weekly clinics for an annual fee of \$60, there are special events, such as the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Tournament and other competitive challenges to chance each player's learning experience and involvement in the game.

Russ Morrison Jr., started playing golf when he was 16 and everyone immediately noticed his natural ability for the game, even some of the local pros. Russ Jr. really loved golf and was still playing actively when he turned 21 and was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which resulted in the amputation of one of his legs. He was given only three years to live; but that didn't stop him. After the operation, he was back on the golf course, winning second place in an amputee golf tournament only months before he died at the age of 24.

Jim and Sally Jacobsen have been chairing the tournament committee and doing fundraising for 8 – 10 years. They both put in about 10 hours per week, the majority of time being the months leading up to the annual tournament. They obtain prizes, sponsors, and communicate with vendors. Sally is the mother of Russ Morrison Junior.

It's with great gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes Jim and Sally Jacobson for their ongoing support of the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Program.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy Woods, Parks and Recreation Business Manager

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director