

April 27, 2009

Goleta City Council  
c/o Deborah Constantino  
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Dear Goleta City Council and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Girsh Park 2008-2009 Annual Report at your May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The report is focused on the programs, events and facility improvements that have taken place at Girsh Park over the past year. Attached you will find the PowerPoint presentation that I will present to you. You will see that the presentation opens with the 2008 goals for the foundation. I am very happy to say that we accomplished each of these goals last year.

We are most proud of the progress that we have made on the recreation programs that call Girsh Park home. We added new recreation programs and have significantly expanded our existing programs for youth and adults. We have also added several new community oriented events at the Park including the Goleta Egg Hunt and the Trick-or-Trunk Halloween Festival. We significantly improved our facility in order to better serve the community by installing the new synthetic turf Girsh-Hochman Field, installing safer and sturdier outfield fencing on the baseball fields, and we recently completed substantial turf improvement throughout the park.

I will spend about ten minutes outlining all of these accomplishments in order to give you a better understanding of what goes on everyday at Girsh Park. In addition, I will explain our goals for 2009 which include the following areas of focus:

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10. *Create a comprehensive youth scholarship program for at-risk and low income children to participate in Park programs*

I am looking forward to seeing you on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

Warmest regards,

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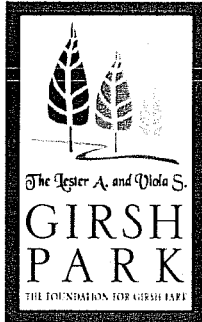
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## 2008-09 Girsh Park Report

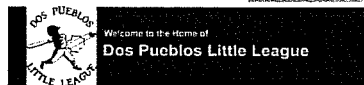


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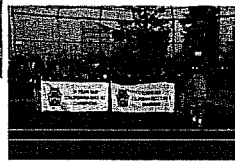
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## Dos Pueblos Little League



11&12 year old District 63 Champions,  
Section I Champions  
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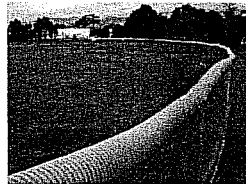


DPLL has expanded by 30+ children in 2009

DPLL and Girsh Park have invested in significant facility improvements



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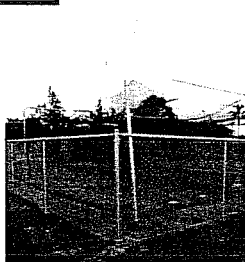


Installed sturdy and safe outfield fencing on all 4 fields

Improved the infields and outfields by utilizing volunteers and staff



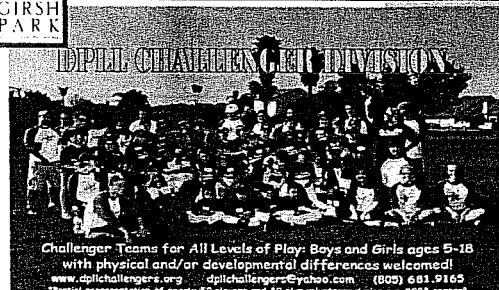
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Installed safety and security fencing Around the existing batting cages



## Challengers Baseball Program



Challenger Teams for All Levels of Play: Boys and Girls ages 5-18 with physical and/or developmental differences welcomed!

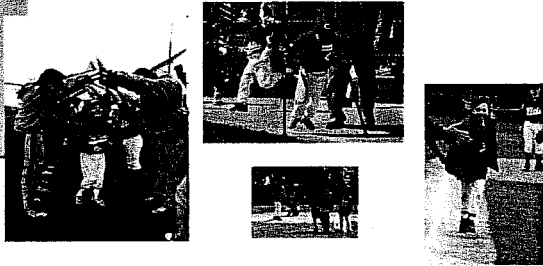
www.dp1challengers.org dp1challengers@yahoo.com (805) 683-9165

\*Partial representation of approx 50 players and 30 plus volunteers during our 2008 season

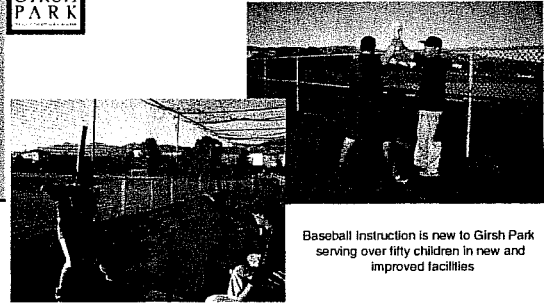


## Challengers Baseball Program

Challengers expanded from 40 to 80 children in one season!



## Full Count Fundamentals Baseball Instruction



Baseball instruction is new to Girsh Park serving over fifty children in new and improved facilities



## Goodland Tee Ball Clinic



The new Goodland Tee Ball clinic is for 4-5 year olds

Held Saturdays in the Spring

40+ participants



## Diamond Performance and G-Land Developmental Club Baseball



This new after-school program includes Yoga, Nutrition, Strength Training, Baseball Instruction, Team Development, all at an affordable price



## The Goleta Egg Hunt at Girsh Park



New In 2008, Free for the community, for children 12 and under, facilitated by Girsh Park, 750 + attendees





## The Goleta Egg Hunt at Girsh Park



**GoodLand  
Baseball Tournaments**

The Park and District  
**GIRSH  
PARK**

Teams travel from all around California to compete for the Girsh Park Championship





Six tournaments scheduled for 2009

Creates revenue for hotels, restaurants, and local businesses

**Girsh Park After-School  
Soccer Program**

The Park and District  
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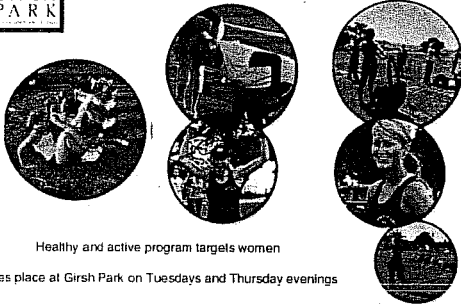
Free to students from the Goleta Union School District

10 teams in 2008

Held in late May on the new Girsh-Hochman Field

**Booty Camp SB**

The Park and District  
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Healthy and active program targets women

Takes place at Girsh Park on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings

**US Youth Volleyball League**

The Park and District  
**GIRSH  
PARK**

UNITED STATES YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Non competitive grass volleyball after-school program

Meets most Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings

UNITED STATES YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

**Summer Camps  
at Girsh Park**

The Park and District  
**GIRSH  
PARK**





Several day camps are offered at Girsh Park focused on Baseball and Soccer skills

Scholarships are available for each camp

Logos for UCSB, Fall Course Fundamentals, and West Coast Institute of Sport.

**Music in the Park**

The Park and District  
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MUSIC IN THE PARK  
ALL OF SUMMER LONG! 2008

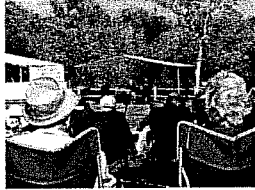
Bring a guitar, amplifier, and music to the park at an evening setting

July 7: 5PM-8PM  
July 14: 5PM-8PM  
July 21: 5PM-8PM  
July 28: 5PM-8PM

Logos for Yamaha, Fender, and other music-related brands.



### Music in the Park and Friends BBQ



Four free concerts for the community  
Held every Sunday evening in September



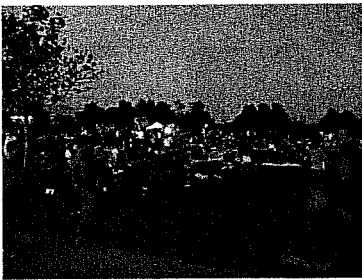
### Marborg Recycling Program



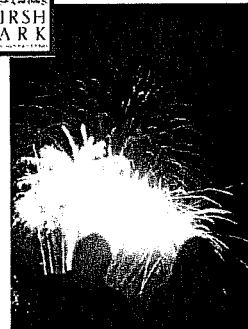
With the help of Marborg Industries,  
we are successfully operating a beverage container recycling program in the park



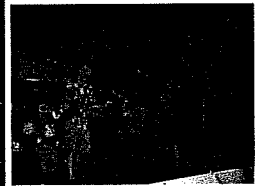
### Labor Day Fireworks



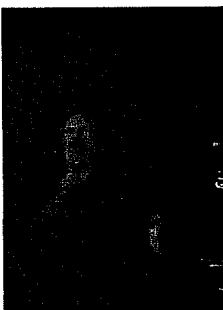
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Thousands came to experience  
the Rotary Club's Fireworks Festival



### Girsh-Hochman Pledge



The Girsh-Hochman Family  
pledged \$500,000  
to build the new Girsh-Hochman Field

This funding along with generous  
contributions from the City of Goleta  
and many other funding sources  
facilitated the construction of  
the new Girsh-Hochman Field



### Lemon Festival



In October, over 30,000 patrons enjoyed  
the 17th annual Lemon Festival  
at Girsh Park



## AYSO



Throughout the fall AYSO soccer 10 and under games and practices are held at Girsh Park



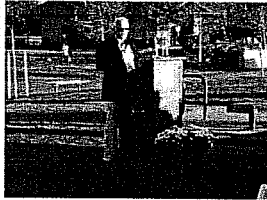
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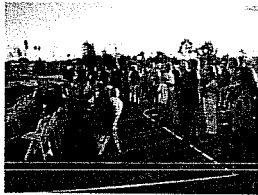
Our newest free children's festival has attracted hundreds in the first two years!



## Linehan Family Courts Dedication



Thanks to Mark Linehan the basketball courts were resurfaced and renamed the Linehan Family Courts

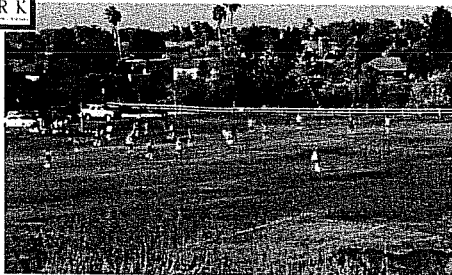


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The Linehan Family Courts are considered the best outdoor basketball courts in the area



## Fields Forever 2



The Girsh Park Soccer Field before the Fields Forever 2 Capital Campaign



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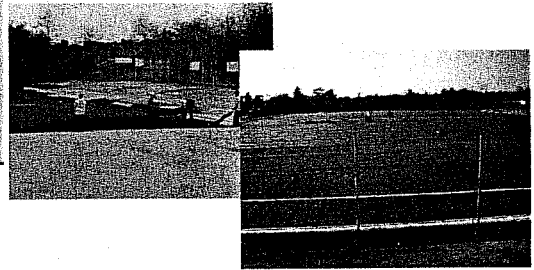
Girsh-Hochman Field Groundbreaking  
October 20, 2008



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The completed Girsh-Hochman Field



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The Girsh-Hochman Field was the vision of Pat O'Malley and the Foundation for Girsh Park



## Fields Forever 2

Girsh-Hochman Field Opening Ceremony  
March 8, 2009



## Review of our 2008 Goals

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