



PAL News
Summer 2007

PAL News is a periodic newsletter of the Abington Police Athletic League to keep supporters informed of PAL program developments and activities.

PAL Takes Golf Enthusiasts to Summer Camp



PAL camper practicing swing.

In a continuing partnership, Abington and Philadelphia PAL gave dozens of children the opportunity to learn and live the life lessons that golf teaches. Far from merely learning the sport, PAL youth were taught the value of integrity and course etiquette.

Chaperoned by Abington Police Officer Andy Gibbs and Community Service Representative Angie Jacovini, the group played at local courses they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to experience, including Island Green and Spring Mill Country Clubs and Five Ponds and Twinning Valley Golf Clubs. More than half of the Abington youth returned for a second year to hone skills

learned last year, and several played for the first time.

Instruction led by local golf pro Will Reilly, Jr. covered such basics as grip and stance, club selection, and rules and etiquette. After the first day when the players heard "Shirt" called out, all would check that their shirts were buttoned and tucked in. During camp they played better-ball scrambles and chip-and-putt tournaments to improve their short game. By the end of the program, most were competent enough to play nine holes on a regulation course.

As Officer Gibbs pointed out, "Naturally, they grew



Ofc. Gibbs explains basics about one of the golf clubs to several interested golf campers.

even more interested in the sport as they saw their skills improve. Many expressed a desire to continue playing golf, and two were motivated to try out for Abington High School's team."



Ofc. Andy Gibbs (seated, front) took pleasure in seeing kids learn and improve their golf game through PAL golf camp.

Chamber Names Abington PAL Non-Profit of the Year



Proudly accepting the Chamber Award for Abington PAL are (left) Sgt. Dan Buckley, Director Donor Development Peggy Myers, President Lew Klein, Chief Bill Kelly, and Volunteer Valerie Ward.

The Abington Police Athletic League was given the Non-Profit of the Year award by the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet in July. Each year, the Chamber

recognizes businesses and community organizations that have distinguished themselves in one of six categories. The Chamber is dedicated to promoting its more than 700 members and the economic health of Eastern Montgomery

County by bringing together business, community agencies, government, and education to make the county a great place to live and work.

Executive Vice President Wendy Klinghoffer stated, "Abington PAL received this award because of the wonderful work it does for the young people of the community. The Chamber recognizes and greatly values the programming that PAL provides."

Abington PAL recently celebrated six years of providing recreational and educational programs in safe places for hundreds of teens and pre-teens each Friday and Saturday night. Programs are free so that all Abington Township children have an opportunity to participate. Dedicated volunteers and law enforcement officers work together to make PAL possible and serve as role models.

Play Ball! Abington PAL Goes to the Phillies



Who's winning?

Thanks to the generosity of local retired businessman Charles Shorday, 90 PAL boys and girls attended one of three Phillies baseball games during the summer. Each PAL kid was also allotted money for food at the ballpark, compliments of Mr. Shorday. Transportation was made possible by the Shorday Family PAL Van provided by Mr. and Mrs. Shorday two years ago. Abington's Officers Sean Gargan and Andy Gibbs and Lt. Tom McNamara chaperoned these trips.

If you would like to pursue an idea on behalf of Abington PAL boys and girls, either call 267-536-1100 ext. 1509 or contact PAL through its web site: www.abingtonpal.org.

Do You Have Your Food Festival Ticket?

A new venue, the beautiful and spacious Philmont Country Club in Huntingdon Valley, is the site for Abington PAL's fifth annual International Food Festival to be held Tuesday, October 9, 5:00-8:00 p.m. This is a not-to-be-missed evening of feasting for the community. This year's Festival will feature an expanded array of food and beverage presentations from area restaurants, caterers, and beverage purveyors; a more lavish silent auction; and an exciting live auction offering one-of-a-kind opportunities. Celebrity guest and Philadel-

phia sportscaster Don Tollefson will greet guests and pose for special photos.

This year's Festival is dedicated to the memory of Roger D. Wolf who passed away in 2005 and, as a founding board member, was deeply committed to making Abington PAL a reality for area youth.

Tickets are now available at \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door) from Abington Police Department's Community Policing Division. To order



Tastings at the Food Festival 2006

tickets and/or make a donation to the silent auction, call 267-536-1100 ext. 1509 or visit PAL's expanding web site at www.abingtonpal.org.

Chief's Circle Members Enjoy Party in their Honor

Top, left: Charlie Kahn, Assistant District Attorney Risa Ferman, Chief Bill Kelly, and Paul Aloe.



Members of the 2007 Chief Circle gathered poolside this summer at the home of Dr. Ronald and Sandra Friedman to savor a delightful evening of

food and refreshments. During the evening, guests had an opportunity to view the Friedman's exquisite home decorated with their beautiful antiques and fascinating collections.

Anyone who makes a contribution of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year enjoys the benefits of Chief's Circle membership and the pleasure of supporting Abington PAL programs.



Top right: Janet Klein and Valerie Ward



Bottom, left: Bob and Anne White, Russ Koerwer.



Bottom, right: Pat Scott, Lorraine and Ellington Beavers, and Rachel Martin.

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safe, supervised places for the youth of
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Summer Hip-Hop Classes Help Kids Explore Dance

Abington PAL boys and girls sampled hip-hop classes for five Mondays throughout July at the A2D Addicted to Dance Company in Ambler. The owner is an Abington High School graduate who was pleased to work with a group from her home town. The group began each class by learning the proper warm-up

exercises. They then worked on several steps at each class so that by the end of the month, they could put together all their moves to perform a dance routine.

