



**2014 Corporate Games News**

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*From the Director*



### **The excitement is building**

Excitement for the 2014 Corporate Games is starting to build as companies throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties begin to organize, plan and prepare for the upcoming fun friendly competition.

To date we have 18 companies registered for the "Games" with many more planning to compete in the this annual event including: Intuit, Baxter Healthcare, Amgen, City of Ventura, Monsanto, Cydcor, Mission Produce, Sage Publications, Ventura County Credit Union, AECOM, Amoretti, Four Points Sheraton, Jano Graphics, Limoneira,

Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, Community Memorial Hospital, Ventura County Star, and The Cheesecake Factory Calabasas.

The following companies are considering their participation in the 25th Annual Corporate Games for the first time: Value Click, Semtech, Vista Del Mar Hospital, Parker Hannifan Areospace, and Titan Metal Fabricators, just to name a few.

Are you Game? Get your teams together and use our handy fill-in online [Event Selection Form](#) and [Registration Form](#) and send them in by mail, email or fax by February 14. Any questions? Please feel free to contact me by phone or email at 805.658.4738 or [eburton@cityofventura.net](mailto:eburton@cityofventura.net). And thank you for your support of and participation in the 25th Annual Corporate Games!

*Eric Burton*

### **Event News**

#### **CG businesses offer discounts to get your team ready for competition**

The Corporate Games would not be possible without the support of local businesses that host events like Bowling, 8-Ball/9-Ball, Paintball, Darts, Horseshoes, MB2 Racing, and the 5K Run just to name a few. Many of these companies are offering discounted pricing for Corporate Games teams, to help them prepare for the upcoming competition. Here are a few of the specials available for teams registered for the Corporate Games:



- 1) Billiards - Stiix Billiards offers ½ off table time beginning March 1
- 2) Paintball - Paintball USA offers \$15 for self-equipped players and \$25 non-equipped players.
- 3) Bowling - Buena Lanes is offers \$2.50 per game including shoes from April 1 to May 1.
- 4) Walk/Hikes - The City of Ventura and the Ventura Family YMCA are partners for walks & hikes for Corporate Games employees and their families. Each walk or hike will vary in distance and difficulty and all are FREE to employees whose companies are registered for the Corporate Games. Sign up here for Saturdays:
  - (1) [January 25](#) 9-11 am
  - (2) [February 22](#) 9-11 am
  - (3) March 29 (link coming soon)

## Register by January 27 for Ventura's Winter/Spring Adult Sports Leagues

For more information on ways to get your team ready for the "games" go to the Corporate Games website at [www.venturacorporategames.org](http://www.venturacorporategames.org) and click on Practice Opportunities.

Get ready for Corporate Games' April competitions by signing your team up for the City of Ventura Adult Sports Leagues for Soccer, Softball, Basketball and Volleyball played weekday evenings and on weekends at local parks in Ventura starting February 2014. Individuals looking for a team may add their names to the growing list of Free Agent Players. Get all info and forms at [www.teamsideline.com/ventura](http://www.teamsideline.com/ventura).



### Coordinator Information

## CG Coordinator Meetings January 23 and February 13

Learn more about the Corporate Games by attending an informational meeting scheduled on January 23 or February 13, at 6:30 pm at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli St., in the Community Meeting Room. Meetings will address the Point System, Selection of Events and other issues of the Corporate Games.



### Selection of Events

If you have registered your company to participate in the Corporate Games, the next order of business is the [Selection of Events](#). Depending on the size of your company, you may select up to 24 different events for your employees to participate in during the 6-weeks of competition. Please select your events as follows: Division D - 8 Events, Division C - 12 Events, Division B - 16 Events, and Division A/AA - 24 Events. Please note; Tug-O-War is a Mandatory Event and does not count towards your overall total. For more information on Selection of Events go to [www.venturacorporategames.org](http://www.venturacorporategames.org).

### Reserve your space at the Business & Health

#### Fair April 2

The Corporate Games Opening Ceremonies will feature a Business & Health Fair. Corporate Games sponsors and healthcare partners will provide business related information and offer ideas to improve employee health, during Opening Ceremonies, scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in the lower parking lot at the Ventura Pier. Interested? Please complete [this online registration form](#) and e-mail it to Eric Burton at [eburton@cityofventura.net](mailto:eburton@cityofventura.net) to reserve a space at the Business & Health Fair during Opening Ceremonies. Space is limited.



### 10 COMPANY COORDINATOR TIPS - SUGGESTED DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Log onto Corporate Games website and download registration information at [www.venturacorporategames.org](http://www.venturacorporategames.org).
2. Attend Company Coordinator Meetings to get tips on how to make your participation in the CG successful.
3. Develop a group of "Event Captains" to help recruit players, organize teams, and assist with internal recognition.
4. Determine what events your company would like to participate in (plus two alternates) and submit to City by Feb. 14th.
5. Download Waiver/Rosters, Rules Manual, and Practice Opportunities and get people moving.
6. Act as liaison between the City of Ventura and your employees.
7. Design and order company t-shirts, banners, and other spirit items
8. Promote the Corporate Games internally with picture walls, or highlight employee accomplishments in newsletters during the event.
9. Attend Executive Reception, Opening & Closing Ceremonies with company your Event Captains and "the boss" if possible.
10. Remember the goal of the Corporate Games is to increase camaraderie within your company with fun, friendly, competition!

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