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A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT LAWN BOWLS

Holmby Park will hold a free open house on Saturday, May 9

LOS ANGELES – Holmby Park, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility on the Westside, will be one of 59 locations statewide to participate in the annual California Lawn Bowls Day on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Dubbed “Saturday on the Green,” it’s a free open house at which there will be demonstrations by and lessons with experienced instructors (flat-sole tennis type shoes are required; equipment will be provided) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

While it can be competitive, lawn bowls is a casual activity with unique social interaction especially appealing to adults and senior citizens, who comprise the majority of players. Lawn bowls is a finesse-skill game sometimes described as billiards on a grass surface.

Free pizza and beverages will be served. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club and the Greater West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and is endorsed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who declared May 9, 2009 California Lawn Bowls Day.

California’s first lawn bowling green opened in 1901 at San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park, followed in Southern California by bowling complexes in Redlands, Pasadena, and Long Beach. The Holmby club was formed in 1927.

Holmby Park is at 646 Comstock Ave., across from the Los Angeles Country Club, between Wilshire Blvd. and Beverly Glen Blvd. For more information, call Dave Horner at (310) 276-1743 or Carol Eglin at (818) 986-0287, or the clubhouse at (310) 550-6116.

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