

LOS ALAMOS

where discoveries are made

Golf Course

The Golf course is closed during December however, the driving range stays open and we did see some practice facility usage this month. Several people also stopped in the golf shop for some holiday shopping.

Ice Rink

Skate with Santa – Dec. 14th & 15th , 300 attendees

Santa Claus and a couple of his elves stopped by the ice rink again this year and spent a couple days skating with us. People lined up and children's eyes lit up with big smiles on their faces at the sight of Santa. A big thanks to Santa and his Elves for taking to the ice and bringing fun and joy to many!!!



Luminaria Skate – Dec 24th , 200 attendees

This year's luminaria skate saw many happy faces at the ice rink enjoying beautiful Christmas lights, luminarias on the ice, and a free hot chocolate! Snow fell throughout the evening, and before the night was over everyone was skating in about 1 inch of soft, fluffy powder. The spirit of Christmas was abundant with the lights, luminarias and snow fall.



Holiday Hockey Festival – Dec. 27th – 30th, 100 attendees

During this three-day event, there were 21 games that comprised of peewee, mites' and squirts' teams. Teams from Albuquerque, Rio Rancho and Taos also attended the event. LAHA and Los Alamos County Ice Rink staff partnered together to deliver this successful event.



Recreation

North Pole Workshop – Dec. 7th, 400 attendees

The upstairs Fuller Lodge classroom was packed of all ages taking photos with Santa, decorating cookies, making crafts, and writing letters to Santa.



Recreation Customer Service Supervisor Wendy Laird - Dec. 16th

The PROS Division welcomed Wendy Laird to the Aquatic Center front desk. Wendy will be supervising our administrative team and learning the inner-workings of our front office.



Aquatics

LAHS Swim and Dive Meet – Dec. 6th - 7th, 198 participants

The Los Alamos High School swim team hosted their first home meet of the season, the Bill Hudson Memorial. Teams from around the state came to compete. The Hilltoppers came out on top for both the men's and women's teams.



Lifeguard Certification Class – Dec. 26th - 30th, 10 participants

The Aquatic Center held a lifeguard certification class during the winter break in the hopes that some of them will want to work as lifeguards for the County in the future.



Parks & Open Space

Willow Tree - December

Parks crews removed a decaying branch from a large Willow tree at Ashley Pond that had become a danger to the public.



Kudos

Golf:



MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Los Alamos Golf Course
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Phillips named Top 50 Kids Coach by U.S. Kids Golf

Peachtree Corners, Ga. – Michael Phillips, from Los Alamos Golf Course, located in Los Alamos, NM, has been honored as a Top 50 Kids Coach by U.S. Kids Golf, the world's leading organization in developing young golfers. The Award recognizes coaches who have excelled in developing players, fostering a positive environment, and using the best available resources to help advance their students.

The Top 50 Kids Coaches of 2019 includes golf professionals from 25 states, and seven international countries including Australia, Austria, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Italy, and Northern Ireland. Each year, award recipients include coaches who work at public, private, resort and municipal courses.

"This is the highest distinction for youth coaches," noted Van Horn. "These are the professionals that have dedicated a career to youth golf and families, and truly embody the spirit of the U.S. Kids Golf mission."

The Top 50 Kids Coach Award has been administered by the U.S. Kids Golf Coaches Institute (a division of the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation) since 2004. The awards will be officially presented on Wednesday, January 22nd, during a special presentation during the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. The ceremony will be live-streamed via the U.S. Kids Golf Facebook page.