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## Paintball/Airsoft Center Opens in Perris

The owners of the Action Star Games came up empty as they searched throughout Inland Southern California for a place to relocate their paintball and airsoft business.

Land was either unavailable or unaffordable and not every community seemed interested when Wayne and Karen Woodruff inquired about possible business sites.

Until they discovered Perris.

In a matter of a few months, the couple—which previously operated in Colton--converted a 28-acre lot on Ellis Avenue a playground that's already drawing raves from paintball and airsoft enthusiasts.

"Perris made us feel welcome," Karen Woodruff said. "We are happy to be here in Perris because there is a great sense of community."



paintball/airsoft complex on Ellis Road in the City.

The addition of the paintball/airsoft complex adds another first-class recreational outlet to the City's growing reputation as a sports-enthusiast mecca.

Other sports venues include the Perris Valley Airport, home to one of the largest skydiving facilities in the world, the Big League Dreams sports (softball and soccer) complex, the DropZone Aquatics Center, the Patriot Park Soccer Complex, the Perris Auto Speedway and the Perris Raceway motorcross complex.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, City Councilman Mark Yarbrough and Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley attended the Nov. 23 ribbon-cutting ceremony. Later on, Mayor Busch took to the airsoft range for a bit of shooting practice.

"We had a great time and it's a great venue," Busch said. "Everyone who came raved about the facility. It's another example of how Perris continues to attract all sorts of sports facilities to our City."



Competitors and friends from Orange County take a break in the action during a recent day of fun in Perris.

Online comments confirm Action Star Games is a big hit with paintball and airsoft enthusiasts. Paintball involves highenergy, intense matches in which participants fire paint-filled projectiles and score hits by striking their opponents.

Airsoft is a sport involving more tactics and strategy, concealment and stealth in which players fire plastic projectiles from an assortment of weapons.

Anywhere from a handful to dozens of players can take part in paintball or airsoft competitions. Typical matches last 20 minutes or less, allowing for a large number of contests during a single day's play.



Competitors move through an airsoft scenario during a recent Saturday at the Action Star Games complex in Perris.

"Awesome experience," wrote one player.

Another wrote: "Just an awesome park overall, with the best staff you can ask for. Real friendly atmosphere."

A third player chimed in: "We came here for the zombie apocalypse event and my son loved it...had a really fun time."

Dozens of men and women drove to Perris on a recent Saturday to play paintball or airsoft. Paul Mata of Tustin celebrated his 31st birthday at the park, along with several friends. Mata said he's made the drive to Perris almost every weekend since the park opened.



Jorge Alvarez and his son, Geo, are regular competitors who enjoy taking part in the fun at the Action Star Games complex in

"We always have a great time here," Mata said. "It's a great place to spend the day."

Father and son Jorge and Geo Alvarez from Moreno Valley said their paintballing dates have forged a closer relationship and improved their physical fitness.

"He ditched the videogames for the real deal!" Jorge Alvarez said of his 13-year-old son.

Action Star Games is located at 681 East Ellis Avenue. More information is available by calling 909-793-6743 or by visiting www.actionstargames.com



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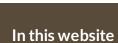
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