



## Perris Press Release

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### Perris Amigos Step Out in Style

Members of the Perris Senior Center "Amigos" billiards team are looking pretty spiffy these days, thanks to new customized polo shirts provided by a City vendor.

The Amigos pocket billiards team, which includes members 59 to 88 years of age, has been a fixture in the City for more than 20 years. The team practices daily at the Perris Senior Center and competes weekly with contingents from other senior centers in Riverside, Corona and Moreno Valley.

But the Amigos found themselves behind the eight-ball with their ratty looking polos that made them feel unlucky and unloved.

All that's changed with the recent arrival of blue-and-white shirts with the team name and logo on the back and the names or nicknames of every player on the right front.

"When you get your car washed you feel like it runs better," said Roy Yuman, 80, a retired general contractor who has been part of the Perris pool team since 1995. "It's the same with these new shirts. They mean a lot to us. When we got these new shirts with the help of the City, it was a blessing to us. We are proud and enthusiastic to wear them."

Amigos team members thanked Deputy City Manager Darren Madkin for the new duds. They spoke to Madkin about getting new team apparel and he directed them a City vendor, who eventually donated the new uniform tops.

Roy "Rifleman" Gonzales, 62, said members of the billiards team look forward to practicing and taking part in tournaments with their peers. The dozen members of the team have formed a "great sense of camaraderie and friendship."

The Rifleman won't say if wearing the new gear translates into better play but he's glad the City and its vendor came through.

"It's nice to know the City is being thoughtful," Gonzales said. "It's good they came in and did what they did."

Amigos team captain Danny Daniels, 73, a retired upholsterer, said many of the billiards guys consider the Perris Senior Center their home away from home. Their pastime keeps them mentally sharp and provides hours of fun and friendship every week.

"We get to do something besides watch television," Daniels said. "We get out of the house and we get to enjoy ourselves. We want to thank the City for giving us a place to play and for their continuing support."



The Perris Amigos Pool Team with its new polo shirts. The team practices almost every day at the Perris Senior Center.



Team Captain Danny Daniels lines up a shot prior to a competition at the Perris Senior Center.



The Perris Amigos logo adorns the back of every member's polo shirt.