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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE *CHAMPION OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD* FROM THE CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

The United Flyers of Sonoma (UFO's), a volunteer group supporting the Marin County Parks and Open Space Department, received a *Champion of the Community Award* from the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) for outstanding public service to the Department and to the community at large. The Marin County Parks and Open Space Department nominated the UFO's for their work in designing, building and maintaining the Disc Golf Course at Stafford Lake Park in Novato. The UFO's recognition in the category of "Professional and Service" will be honored at the 2009 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference, held in Santa Clara, California, March 3 – 6, 2009.

According to Sharon McNamee, Director and General Manager of the Marin County Parks and Open Department, the CPRS award is a credit to the UFO's dedication and devotion – they are a true community partner.

The Parks and Open Space Department manages parks facilities and open space preserves throughout Marin, as well as provides environmental education and volunteer programming. Parks and Open Space volunteers, including children, adults, families, schools and organizations, perform a variety of habitat reclamation and trail maintenance activities.

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CPRS and the Marin County Parks and Open Space Department create community through people, parks and programs. We strengthen safety and security, promote health and wellness, foster human development, increase cultural unity, protect environmental resources, facilitate community problem solving and provide recreational experiences.