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Pin Pals Junior Links
1011 Camino del Rio South
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To Tony Perez;

I can't tell you how much my Boys Sweetwater Golf Team appreciated the opportunity your Pin Pals program offered them last year. Thanks to the professional golf lessons and the practice balls to sharpen their game in the off-season, our team was greatly improved this year. They improved so much that we were able to win our league championship. No small feat when you consider the last time Sweetwater won a golf championship was 62 years ago, 1947.

Our principal always says, "Given an equal opportunity, Sweetwater students as great as any students, anywhere, anytime, both academically and athletically." That's what the Pin Pals program did for us. It leveled the playing field. Our students live in a socio-economic neighborhood that deters them from getting to enjoy the great game of golf. They do not generally have fathers who play, nor income to play or practice, and that's besides not having any of the new technological equipment. Given the opportunity for free golf lessons, my players were committed to practice and improve.

Due to state and district budget cuts, next year we are losing the funding for our afterschool golf club. Although we have some fundraising, it usually barely covers green fees for the season's high school matches. We hope to rely on Pin Pals as our only source of off-season instruction and practice.

Once again, thank you for what you have offered, not just to Sweetwater, but to all prospective golfers of the South bay area.

Sincerely,

Don Howard and Golf Members
Sweetwater High School Golf