



NVPA Holds First Valet Olympics



3rd Place Team - Ultimate Parking

The National Valet Parking Association held its first ever Valet Olympics in conjunction with its Annual Conference Nov. 3–5, 2009, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Eleven four-person teams competed in four events—valet relay, key jumble, individual maneuvering and slalom.

The winning team was from Sunset Parking Service of San Diego, Calif. Team members were Tyler Wiemann, Reggie Oronoz, Josh Escalante and Robin Destiche. Andy Cushman served as coach.

The second place team was from Ameripark, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga. Team members were Luis Chapman, Evan Larkin, Pete Zamora, Katie



In addition to the top three teams, teams competed from Advanced Parking Concepts, American Valet, Curbside Valet, LAZ Parking, Park Inc., Quality Parking Service, Towne Park West and Towne Park East.

2nd Place Team - Ameripark, Inc.



1st Place Team: Sunset Parking Service



Richards and Tom Loiacono. Richards, a full-time valet from Scottsdale, was the only female competitor.

Third place went to the team from Ultimate Parking of Boston, Mass. Team members included Ivaylo Filyov, Yavor Kolarov, Iliya Gyzov and Sidahmed Djatou.

The top three teams were presented with ribbons during a closing awards dinner held after the competition on Nov. 5. Herb Citrin, founder of Valet Parking Service and a pioneer in the valet parking business, served as master of ceremonies.

The NVPA's conference featured keynote speaker Melodie Reagan of Auromira,

who spoke on "Team Performance Through Personality Profiles;" as well as roundtable discussions on claims prevention, facilitated by Michael Harth of Sunset Parking; and special events and shuttles, facilitated by Jerry South of Towne Park. Mike Stevens, a partner with Arent Fox, of Washington, DC, gave a legal update.

The mission of the National Valet Parking Association is to advance and promote professionalism within the valet parking industry and to educate clients about the benefits of retaining members of the association. For more information, go to www.nvpaonline.com.

