

Saints Golf Team Boosters,

With the boys high school golf season underway, our team has been busy. The Saints golf team has 29 players on the team this year ranging from returning varsity lettermen, some of who will be continuing to golf in college, to 9th graders who are just beginning their first steps in golf. Through the first couple weeks of the season, the Junior Varsity team has played in 5 matches and has 2 victories. The Varsity team is currently 1-3 while mixing lineups in the early non-Western League matches. With upcoming matches against some of the top teams in San Diego (Torrey Pines and Rancho Bernardo), chances are abundant for players to establish themselves solidly in the top part of the roster.

Several of our top players have been making their presence known in local events:

- Senior Teddy Oitzman (who will play at the University of Oregon starting this fall) finished in 9th place out of 92 golfers at Menifee Lakes GC with scores of 71-70-72 while competing on the Future Champions Tour. Teddy is a returning 1st Team All-Western League player who will continue building momentum for his collegiate career while leading the Saints team in 2016.

- Junior 3-year letterman Haytham Yousif has really stepped up his golf game in the past several months. On February 6th and 7th at Menifee Lakes GC, Haytham finished in 28th place out of 155 golfers in a Toyota Tour Cup event. Even more impressively, on Feb 27th and 28th, he finished in 9th place out of 75 golfers with solid scores of 73-73 while competing in a San Diego Junior Golf Association event at Twin Oaks GC that featured many of the top golfers from the region.

Congratulations to senior 3-year letterman Robert Case on his recent commitment to play golf for the University of Redlands in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association!! Redlands has consistently been in the top 10 for NCAA Division III over the past 10 years. Robert will have the opportunity to play immediately for the Bulldogs and make an impact on their program.

Sam Flaming (Saints 2015, golf team varsity letterman) led his four man team to victory in the 2nd stage of the Randy Jones Invitational after winning the St. Augustine Golf Team fundraiser event this summer. Now ending his first year at San Diego State, Sam has continued to work and improve his golf game this year after playing on our varsity last season.

Upcoming events to watch for:

- The Saints Golf Team will serve as the host school on Thursday March 24th at San Diego Country Club. This event features 8 of the top high school teams from the county playing the oldest country club in San Diego. This also is the only high school event that allows spectators so we would love to have you join us for the afternoon to watch some of the best high school golfers compete on a course that has held the San Diego Open, US Open/US Amateur Qualifying events, and will also host next year's USGA Women's Amateur. The first tee time on the 24th is 1:00pm with the #1 players from each team teeing off at 2:00pm. Everyone is also welcome to join us for the dinner that follows the round at 6:30pm (spectating is free, dinner is \$20 per person). If you are planning on attending, please send me an email so that there are proper dinner accommodations for all in attendance.

- The golf team will head to Palm Springs to play in the 54 hole Champions Invitational at Terra Lago GC on Friday April 1st and Saturday April 2nd. This event features 47 teams from multiple states and 240 individual golfers. Saints had a great finish at Terra Lago in 2015 and finished in 8th place as a team while Teddy Oitzman finished in 4th place individually. We will be taking 3 of the 5 golfers who competed in 2015 so it will be a good indicator of where our team stands relative to last year's Western League Champion team.

We appreciate all of the support that the Saints family of boosters have provided to our team that allows us to offer a golfing experience to the largest team in San Diego!

Sincerely

Tom Isaak, Saints Golf Coach