

## **Saints Golf Team Boosters,**

### **Golf Team news and information from the banquet**

The 2016 Saint Golf Team had 28 players on the roster between varsity, junior varsity, and developmental teams and was very active throughout the spring CIF season. Coaches Jess Wilson, Tom Graciano, Bill Davis, Christian Da Luz and Tom Isaak guided the team all around San Diego County (and Palm Springs for one large tournament). For our team banquet, Saintsman Nick Giordano (class of 2006), member of the 2005 California State Champions team, was our featured guest speaker. To the team and parents, Nick gave some great stories and advice that was both informative and fun to hear. Nick's main theme related to the close amount of teamwork that was shown by all the players

#### Junior varsity highlights:

1. Competed in 19 matches, finishing with a 12-7 record;
2. Finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in two year-end tournaments (Francis Parker Invitational at Mission Trails GC and Best of Rest Tournament at National City GC).

#### The varsity team

1. Ended the season with a 10-11 record
2. Beat 2016 California State Champions Torrey Pines High School at their home course in a 9 hole match
3. Coming off of a Saints team best 8<sup>th</sup> place finish out of 45 teams at the Champions Invitational in 2015, finished in 29<sup>th</sup> place this season with 3 new players on the roster
4. Qualified for the San Diego CIF Sectional event at Admiral Baker GC as the #4 seed in Division 2 (ranked #9 throughout the regular season in all of San Diego County)

### **Letters and awards for 2016 golf season**

#### Varsity letters

- Luke Hazel (senior), 1<sup>st</sup> letter in his first year on the team after earning varsity letters for 4 years with the Saints soccer team
- Matthew Pins (junior), 1<sup>st</sup> letter after consistently and steadily moving up the ladder over the prior two seasons
- Aidan Clement (junior), 2<sup>nd</sup> letter
- Tyler Whittaker (junior), 2<sup>nd</sup> letter
- Haytham Yousif (junior), 3<sup>rd</sup> letter
- Teddy Oitzman (senior), 3<sup>rd</sup> letter
- Robert Case (senior), 4 year letterman

#### All-Western League team:

- Robert Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Western League
- Teddy Oitzman, 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Western League

#### Team Honors:

- Freshman of the Year, Alex Leon (consistently was the highest ranked 9<sup>th</sup> grader on the team and ended up as the #8 player on the roster this season)
- Ladder Climber of the Year, 9<sup>th</sup> grader Brandon Toscano (moved from 25<sup>th</sup> on the initial team ladder up to 15<sup>th</sup> at season's end)

- Lowest Scoring Average, 12<sup>th</sup> grader Teddy Oitzman, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row (will be playing golf on scholarship at the University of Oregon, the current NCAA D1 champions)
- Life Skills Learned, 12<sup>th</sup> grader Scott Williams (huge change in overall demeanor, maturity, golfing skills over 4 years with team, as recognized by all team coaches)

**Fundraiser at Mt. Woodson set for Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> – continued booster support sought in the form of purchasing a foursome at our main fundraiser:**

With the largest roster of players in all of San Diego goes the highest course fees - over \$8,500 was paid by the Saints team to cover rounds of golf at our home courses of Riverwalk GC, Miramar GC, and Cottonwood GC as well as entry fees for events. When added to the costs for \$200 PING Saints golf bags, team shirts, pullovers and other team items for all 28 players on the roster, our overall expenses are quite large. To fund this ambitious undertaking, we will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> annual team fundraiser at Mt. Woodson GC in Ramona on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be very similar to prior events: \$125 entry fee per person (\$500 per foursome) includes a BBQ from 11:00-12:30pm and a 1:00pm shotgun start. Following the round, there is no commitment other than picking up any items you won during the event or in the raffle.

**At this time, we are asking for commitments for foursomes** (or you can commit as a single, twosome or threesome and we will pair you up with other boosters). *For those boosters who commit and pay prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, a special bonus in the form of a dozen Saints logo Titleist Pro V golf balls* will be given at Mt. Woodson to the person in charge of the foursome. Contact me to sign up a foursome or if you have any questions about the event.

From the entire coaching staff, we truly do appreciate the boosters who step up each year in support of all the players on the golf team. We enjoyed another season spent on the links with team members of all ages and skill levels as we hopefully helped them to learn what makes a round of golf with friends such a special time. Without the support of the boosters, we would not be able to offer so many rounds of golf with teammates and competitors for our team members - "thank you" for your support!

Sincerely  
Coach Isaak