

Saints golf team boosters,

Several current and former Saints Golf team members have been working on their games this summer and competing in various tournaments – here is a sampling of their results:

- Incoming 9th grader Anthony Konja has been taking lessons and practicing regularly as he looks to push his cousin Haytham Yousif on this year's team. Recently, Anthony had his first tournament experience in a North County Junior Golf Association event. With more upcoming events this summer, Anthony is excited to join the team and make his mark at Saints;
- Sophomore Alex Leon is looking to build on his solid freshman season. After playing in multiple varsity matches throughout the season and continually improving as the high school year progressed, Alex' next goal is to establish himself as a varsity golfer next season. While regularly practicing and taking lessons at Salt Creek, Alex has also been playing in North County Junior Golf Association events. Finishing 2nd in an NCJGA event at Vista Valley CC prepared him for his first victory which Alex achieved at Rancho Carlsbad on the Future Champions Tour!
- Senior 3-year letterman Tyler Whittaker has continued to work hard at his game by taking lessons and playing in tournaments. In recent San Diego Junior Golf Association events, Tyler finished in 13th out of 36 golfers in a two day event at Bernardo Heights Country Club and in 16th out of 43 golfers at the Vineyard. Tyler has also begun working at The Vineyard this summer to better immerse himself in the game of golf and learn about different aspects of what goes into successfully running a golf course;
- Senior 3-year letterman Haytham Yousif is in the middle of a busy summer, to say the least. While traveling to Phoenix, Reno, Orange County and the state of Washington for American Junior Golf Association events, Haytham has further established himself as a top golfer in the region with some strong finishes by shooting 73 in an AJGA qualifier in Phoenix and playing in the full AJGA events in Reno, Yorba Linda and Washington. Haytham also finished in a very impressive 6th place out of 71 golfers with scores of 74 -70 -73 in a Future Champions Tour event held at Mission Hills Country Club (the same course that the LPGA plays the major Dinah Shore Invitational);
- Recent Saints graduate Teddy Oitzman, who heads off to the University of Oregon in less than a month to play on the defending NCAA Champions golf team, also has had a busy summer of tournament golf. Playing mostly American Junior Golf Association events, Teddy has had a strong summer as he sharpens his game to compete at the next level. Playing in Washington state (and still proudly sporting his "Saints Golf" bag!!), Teddy finished in 18th place out of 72 golfers with scores of 73-73-74. At the AJGA event held at Yorba Linda Country Club last month, Teddy was in the running to win the event with solid rounds of 70-74-71, which earned him a 6th place finish out of 75 golfers.

Saints boosters and golfers still needed for our main fundraiser on Sunday September 18th at Mt. Woodson!!

There are still 4 openings for foursomes in the 1:00pm shotgun start – lunch runs from 11:00-12:30 on the 18th and there is no commitment following your round other than to pick up any team prizes and

raffle items you may have won. With Saints family members and alumni spanning a wide range of years, this is a great chance to renew friendships and enjoy the fun golf course with your friends while supporting our team. The entry fee is \$125 per player (\$500 for a full foursome). The pace of play is kept moving quickly so that everyone has an enjoyable day on the course. The money raised by this event goes to pay for our greens fees at our 3 home courses, buys a golf bag for all players on the team, and helps fund our uniforms as well. With 28 players on last season's team and a similar amount expected this year, our tournament brings in the funds needed to provide a great golf experience for players ranging from beginning golfers up to those with aspirations of playing in college. If you are interested in playing, please contact me to reserve a group – you can also sign up as a single, twosome, or threesome and be paired with others.

Another way to support the golf team if you can't make it to Mt. Woodson: In conjunction with the golf event at Mt. Woodson, the team is running a raffle. There are over 50 golf and/or Saints related items headlined by a 3 day/2 night stay in a condominium in Mammoth Lakes as well as a Sycuan golf/dinner/hotel stay. Other prizes include Saints Golf jackets, 20 dozen Titleist ProV golf balls, hats, etc. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, you can contact me directly at any time – tickets cost \$10 each. You can also buy raffle tickets at the first three Saints home football games this fall. The raffle drawing will be on Sunday September 18th at Mt. Woodson but you do not need to be present to win.

Our coaching staff and team members again thank you for all of the support that the Saints family provides to make our program successful.

Sincerely
Tom Isaak