

Saints golf team families and boosters,

With the high school golf season still a few months away, there are a few pieces of information to share with the Saints golf network about our current team members, some alumni who are golfing in college, and upcoming events:

Current players:

- Senior Tyler Whittaker is meeting with college coaches as he works on securing a spot on a team for college. Currently he is having some good feedback from NCAA Division III programs and hopefully by the winter or early spring will figure out where he is playing golf starting next fall
- Senior Haytham Yousif recently shot 69-70 at Menifee Lakes to finish in 6th place out of 150 golfers, thus securing a fully exempt playing card for this season on the Toyota Tour Cup. The TTC runs some of the biggest events on the west coast for high school golfers and is followed closely by college golf coaches throughout the country. Haytham is currently talking with NCAA Division I and II programs as well as NAIA schools as he looks to continue playing golf in college next year

Alumni playing in college:

- Luis Calderon is in his third year of college playing on a golf scholarship at Cal State Northridge. After a very solid sophomore year in which he was in the top 5 golfers at CSUN, Luis has decided to redshirt this season so he can focus on some of his upper level courses within his Business major. This will allow him to frontload some classes this year, continue practicing and playing with the team, and play golf in the next two school years
- Teddy Oitzman is in his first year with the defending NCAA National Champions Oregon Ducks. To allow him to get ahead in his studies and continuing practicing with the team, Teddy will be redshirting this season giving him the next four years to compete at Oregon. He will also be playing a full slate of tournaments outside of the collegiate season as he works to solidify his game for the coming years
- Robert Case is in his first year at the University of Redlands, one of the top NCAA Division III schools in the country. During qualifying for the team over the last month, Robert earned the #3 spot on the team and played in his first collegiate tournament last week! Overcoming what surely was a bit of first round jitters, Robert rebounded strongly in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, finishing with a very solid place in the middle of the field of golfers. With the team's next tournament coming up at Vista Valley Country Club on October 24th and 25th, Robert has a fantastic opportunity to showcase his combination of skill and strong work ethic over the coming four seasons as a Redland Bulldog

Upcoming team events:

- On Saturday November 19th, our team members will work as caddies for a day at San Diego Country Club. This gives the players an opportunity to see what it is like to be a member at one of the oldest and best golf clubs in San Diego. It is also a chance for the golf community to get to meet our young gentlemen! The money we raise from caddying gets donated to the Saints Orphanage Fund (we donated over \$900 in 2014 and over \$600 in 2015) to help fund operations at Hogar Infantil in Tijuana

- On Thursday January 12th at Colina Park Golf Course, the Saints golf team will host the 8th grade class from St. Patrick's Elementary school for a couple hours of golf instruction. In this role, our team members get to provide a bit of insight into what makes golf a fun sport and also allows the two school to get to interact on a fun level. This is the 5th year of the event and is again being sponsored by St. Augustine and St. Patrick's alum Dan Morrin

ALUMNI GOLFERS NEEDED:

- On Saturday January 7th, the 5th Annual Saints Alumni vs golf team match will happen at Mt. Woodson GC in Ramona. We are still in need of 8 more alumni to have a full event. The cost for alumni is \$90 which includes the greens fee for both the alumni and for the current team member who you play against (the team makes no \$ from the event). To give alumni of all golf abilities the opportunity to compete while having fun, the alumni can choose to play in a one-on-one match, play with another alumni in a best ball format, or play with another alumni in a two man scramble. This is a great opportunity to interact with fellow alumni and also meet the current group of Saints golfers. Please email Jess Wilson directly at jessfwilson@cox.net or you can respond to me for more information. In conjunction with this event, The Purple Gang (a group of Saints alumni, boosters, friends, families, etc) will be playing at Mt. Woodson. If you would like to play at Mt. Woodson but not be a part of the Alumni Match, please contact Jess as he will be organizing that portion of the event also – the fee for playing with the Purple Gang is \$60 and includes lunch following the round of golf.

Sincerely
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