

## **Saints alumni, golfers, and boosters:**

### **Saints golfers of all ages continue competitive golfing careers:**

- **Congratulations to Saints alumnus Don Eklund for his victory this month in the Senior Division of the San Diego City Amateur Championship!!** Playing over three rounds at Balboa GC and Torrey Pines GC (one round each on the North and South courses), Don outlasted a very strong field of the best 55 and older golfers in southern California to take home the prestigious title. Don emerged from a playoff against Howie Knodt (a recent Southern California and California Senior Player-of-the-Year) to win the 2017 Championship. A high level tournament golfer who has played in the USGA Senior PGA Open, Don shows that golf can be a lifelong competitive passion as well as a great social sport. Don has qualified for the 2017 Golf Channel Tour Championship in the senior division which will be held this year at Mission Hills Country Club (Palm Springs) this September. We wish Don continued success in his upcoming tournaments.
- The following Saints men will be golfing competitively in college in the coming school year. You can follow their progress through their college website and also at [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com)
  - Tyler Whittaker is a freshman on the club team at NCAA Division 1 Grand Canyon University (Phoenix) with the goal of playing well enough to earn a spot on the university team
  - Haytham Yousif will golf as a freshman at NCAA Division II California State- Stanislaus
  - Robert Case is a sophomore at NCAA Division III University of Redlands
  - Teddy Oitzman is a sophomore at NCAA Division I University of Oregon (NCAA Champions in 2015)
  - Luis Calderon is a junior at NCAA Division I California State Northridge
- Two players will be competing in the PGA Tour's Qualification school to earn fully exempt status on the Web.com Tour
  - Armando Favela (Loyola - Chicago), a winner on the PGA Latino American Tour, currently playing on the Latin American Tour as well as on a partial exemption on the Web.com Tour
  - Tyler Torano (Loyola - Marymount), competes on the PGA Latino American Tour, Canadian Tour, and various mini-tours

### **Update on 6<sup>th</sup> annual Saints golf team fundraiser:**

This is a quick update for those who may be interested in playing in or sponsoring a foursome at Mt. Woodson on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Here is some information on the event:

- The event will be a four person scramble with a 1:00pm start time with men teeing off from the blue tees and women teeing off from the red tees;
- BBQ lunch will be served from 11:00-12:45 at the clubhouse so that your group can come early to hang out with other alumni, current team members, coaches, and Saints boosters. There is no commitment after the round of golf is over and in past years we have finished the round in 4 ½ hours;

- The top three teams will win various prize packages, including free entry into the Randy Jones Invitational scramble
- The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 for the foursome
- There is still have room for 2 more foursomes at this point so if you have any friends who may be interested, please have them contact me. ***We also have two foursomes that are reserved for singles or twosomes to join the event and play with the 'Purple Gang' which is a combination of alumni and boosters.*** This way, we can hopefully get some people to join our group at Mt. Woodson even if they don't have a complete foursome.

**Barona golf/food/hotel package up for auction to support the Saints golf team:** Barona has once again generously donated a package to be used as a team fundraiser. It includes: a two night stay at the Barona resort, a complimentary round of golf for a twosome, a \$100 food credit, a \$25 gaming credit, and a welcome fruit basket in your hotel room. All totaled, the value of the Barona package is \$950. Saints golf is also including 1 dozen Titleist or TaylorMade logo golf balls for the winning bidder. To get the auction started, an alumnus has submitted an opening bid of \$500. The auction will continue until 1:00pm on October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to bid, send your bid to me in increments of \$25 (you can submit a maximum offer to me as well) – the next bid will be at \$525.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the event.

Thank you again for your support of the Saints golf team.

Sincerely  
Tom Isaak