

## **Saints golf alumni and boosters,**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Woodson event a success and lots of fun!**

On Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, we had 120 participants at Mt. Woodson. Due to state restrictions per virus protocol, instead of our normal shotgun event we did straight tee times from 11:00-1:00. While this meant that we didn't have the large group lunch before the round, we were still able to have a great event and players were able to catch up with friends while having a fun round of golf. It is always nice seeing Saints alumni from long ago (several from the class of '71) getting to mix with more recent graduates from the golf team to continue on the expansion of the Saints family. Mt. Woodson Golf Course was in great shape and the staff led by Head PGA Professional Perry Dotson and Director of Golf Ron Gorski made sure that things went smoothly for our event. We also want to thank some of our sponsors for the event – Golf Mart Mission Valley and General Manager Russell Imamura (if you are looking for golf supplies, talk to him and tell him you are with Saints for the best deal!), PING Regional Representative Rich Mundy, Judge Joe Brannigan (honorary Saints graduate and Commencement speaker), Dan Sivadge, Bank of Southern California Director Tony DiVita and Mt. Woodson Golf Course. There was a lot of great golf played on Sunday as highlighted by the top four teams posting 16 under par scores of 54! A scorecard playoff determined the order of finish as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place team: Mark Paule, Jacob Paule (Saints class of 2022), Christopher Paule, and Anna Davis (9<sup>th</sup> grade daughter of Saints Spanish teacher and golf team coach Bill Davis)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Joe Wagner (graduate of UNI/Cathedral but huge Saints golf team supporter!!), Scott Stevens, Nick Lumsden, Steve Schumaker

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sam Flaming (Saints golf team alumni, class of 2015), Collin McNichol (Saints golf team alumni, class of 2015), Tyler Whittaker (Saints golf team, class of 2017), Zihao Jin

4<sup>th</sup> place: Ryan Mendoza (Saints 2011), Brian Turley, Paul Rathburn, Brady Esterbrook

Old Guys Award (cumulative age of 220 years and above): With a sterling 15 under par score of 55!! Don Eklund (Saints '75), Steve Arsulich (Saints '71), Kerry Booth, Chris Booth

Closest to the Pin awards: Jeff Korn (Saints golf team member, class of 2023), Joe Wagner, Brian Kaai, Michele Riley

Long drive: Brian Turley, 365 yards

I want to thank everyone who participated and donated to the event. We were able to earn enough money to purchase uniforms and underwrite Spirit Pack fees for Saints golfers, an especially important thing in a year that the virus has affected so many lives. I'd also like to thank the Saints golf team members who worked with our staff from 9:45am -6:30pm to help golfers enjoy the day even more: Kent Vu (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Billy Davis (9<sup>th</sup>), David Gutierrez (9<sup>th</sup>), Bernardo Esparza (11<sup>th</sup>). The young men did a great job and are fantastic representatives for the program! Thanks also to our adult workers: Wanda Sing (my wife), Kellie Paule, Bill Davis, Christian Da Luz, and Pat Isaak (my mom!!).

### **Saints golfers victorious in large junior golf tournaments!**

9<sup>th</sup> grader Billy Davis won his first event as a 15-year-old in the 15-18 year old division of the Southern Californian PGA Junior event held at the Morongo Golf Resort in Banning! In a field of 55 golfers with very hot and windy conditions both days, Billy managed to shoot an even par score over two rounds and won with a great par save on the 1<sup>st</sup> playoff hole! Billy made a great up and down from a bunker shot roughly 30 yards from the pin to earn a tough par in the playoff.

11<sup>th</sup> grader Jacob Paule ended the San Diego Junior Golf Association's season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the 15-18 year old division, including a great victory in August at Arrowood Golf Course in Oceanside! Jacob shot scores of 68-69 and won in a strong field of 31 players featuring the top 15-18 year old players in San Diego County. In 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Jacob pulled off a stunning victory in the City League Match Play event in the middle of a solid run of golf that led to his qualifying for the Junior World Championship at Torrey Pines, a huge accomplishment for any age but especially for a 15 year old in the 15-18 group against the world. Last year's high school season was cut short by the pandemic but Jacob had a great summer of golf and has continued to improve as he starts the process of finding a good fit for his golf career in college.

**PGA Ticket sales info:**

Due to the virus, we were recently told that there will be no PGA ticket sales through high schools this year. I do not know that a decision has been made as far as if there will be any spectators at Torrey Pines.

Thanks to all for the tremendous support shown to Saints in general and to the golf team specifically. It is very fun to be able to provide a high school golf experience

Sincerely  
Tom Isaak