

Saints golf team boosters

Upcoming season:

The 2019 boys golf season begins in the first week of February with a week of tryouts followed by non-league matches starting for both varsity and junior varsity on February 11th. With the Saints team returning six varsity letterman, the goals have been set high for the upcoming season, both within the tough Western League and throughout the CIF San Diego section for this version of Saints golf. Returning lettermen Rodrigo Bremer (12th grade), Liam Hudson (12th), Alex Leon (12), Brandon Toscano (12), Diego Bremer (11) and Anthony Konja (11) have earned match experience and are ready to compete to be in the starting top six for league matches. The returning lettermen are going to be pushed for playing time by seniors Tim Feiner, Diego Gonzalez, Patrick Laff, juniors Andres Garza, Daniel Gutierrez, and sophomore Nolan Steinbuch as well as 9th grader Jacob Paule, who has been posting very solid scores in tournaments over the past year. Saints competes in the San Diego City Section's Western League against what is maybe the toughest league in all of San Diego: Scripps Ranch, La Jolla, Cathedral Catholic, Point Loma and Coronado.

Besides 25 nine-hole dual matches consisting of non-league dual as well as home and away matches against Western League opponents, the big event of the season is the San Diego Country Club High School Invitational. Saints serves as the host school for this event which will be held on Thursday March 21st. Consisting of nine teams and contested over 18 holes at the oldest country club in San Diego County, the opportunity to test themselves on one of the finest courses in Southern California is a highlight for our players. Whereas no spectators are allowed for any other high school golf events, this event is open to the public for walking the course.

Other notes about the season: CIF City League will be April 28 and 29th at Balboa Golf Course and is followed later that week by the San Diego City League Match Play event. CIF San Diego will be held at Admiral Baker GC on May 13th and 15th from which the top two teams and best 12 individuals from San Diego County will then move forward to the Southern California CIF Finals.

News and notes:

- The 7th Annual Alumni vs Team matches were contested on Saturday January 5th at Mt. Woodson Golf Course. The alumni were victorious by a score of 5-1 in a combination of singles matches as well as best ball matches, running the overall record to 5-2 in favor of the alumni. In singles matches, alumnus Don Eklund was victorious over Jacob Paule by a tight victory that wasn't decided until the 17th hole while alumnus Alec Padilla beat Liam Hudson. Playing in best ball matches, the alumni team of Jamie Steckbeck and Collin McNicholl won their match against Diego Bremer and Diego Gonzalez on the 17th hole; Chris Miller and Mark Paule beat team members Daniel Gutierrez and Andres Garza and the alumni team of Glenn Heibring and Tom Graciano beat the Alpine team members Nolan Steinbuch and Patrick Laff. The only Saints team victory was pulled off by Tim Feiner and Brandon Toscano who upended Jess Wilson and Greg Ranney on the 17th hole. A good time was had by all in attendance as the groups shared lunch following the morning round of golf. Thanks go out to Jess Wilson, Christian Da Luz, and Tom Graciano for running the event!
- On Thursday January 17th, the Saints golf team will serve as hosts to the 8th grade class from St. Patrick's Elementary School for an afternoon of introductory golf instruction at Colina Park. Underwritten by Saints and St. Patrick's alumni Dan Morrin (Thank you for supporting this

for 7 years Dan!!), this event provides the opportunity for our team to share some of the fun aspects of golf to younger students

- In November, the Saints golf team spent a day working as caddies for members at San Diego Country Club. The experience has many benefits as our players get to experience what being a member at a nice golf club can provide in camaraderie and making future business contacts while the SDCC members get to know more about St. Augustine High School. The fees that our players earned - \$390 this year, over \$2500 in 5 years – is donated to the St. Augustine Campus Ministry Hogar Infantil Orphanage Fund to provide operating money
- Armando Favela (Saints 2005, Loyola of Chicago 2009) is currently ranked #1002 in the world golf rankings. Besides winning on the PGA Latin American Tour, Armando has posted excellent scores on the Web.com Tour (the main feeder tour to the PGA Tour). With more good finishes this year, Armando could break through and earn a shot on the PGA Tour!
- Tyler Whittaker (Saints 2017), a sophomore at Grand Canyon University (AZ), continues to improve his golf game and will be competing in the NCAA Club Championship this coming spring

Support the Saints golf team by going to the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines:

With the Farmers Insurance PGA Tour event only days away – January 23-27 at Torrey Pines – if you are still in need of tickets, please consider purchasing them through the Saints golf team. At a cost of \$35 per daily pass (good on any day from Wednesday-Sunday), it will save you \$20 per day off of the walk up fee and also helps our team to raise money. For tickets, send me an email at tisaak@sahs.org and we will make arrangements to get them to you on time.

The entire Saints golf program wants to thank all the people who support us throughout the year. Our entire coaching staff - Tom Isaak, Christian Da Luz, Bill Davis, Jess Wilson, and Tom Graciano – are looking forward to another spring golf season with the golf team!

Sincerely
Tom Isaak