



HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Inaugural Delta Police High School Golf Tournament April 26, 2005

Constable Ian Pitcairn (Delta Police) and Mr. Bill Richards (Seaquam Secondary) came up with the idea of creating a high school golf tournament. Naively, the pair planned for a one-day event with the hope of attracting a dozen high school teams. Two days later, 20 schools had answered the call leading to a revelation: the reason their new tournament was so popular was because there are no other tournaments. "Other high school sports have lots of tournaments for basketball or volleyball and we wanted one for golf," Richards said with a wry grin. "We were just looking for a golf tournament for the kids and we found out there were no other golf tournaments in the Lower Mainland. The only tournaments were the year end tournaments for the provincials. "What Richards, the golf coach at Seaquam Secondary, and Pitcairn, the school liaison officer with Delta Police, discovered is the golfers and their coaches were looking for more competition replete with a tournament atmosphere. Twenty teams showed up to play on a gorgeous day at the Links at Boundary Bay Golf Course (now Kings Links). The wind was minimal, the temperature was in the mid teens and the course was in exceptional condition. Handsworth (North Vancouver), with a score of 303, were the first winners of the tournament. Elgin Park (Surrey) placed second with a score of 309 and St. Georges placed third with a score of 320. Individual honours went to Garrett Zokol (Elgin Park) with a 1-under 71. Second place went to Thomas Petts (Handsworth) with a 1-over 73 and third place went to Lundy Trenaman (Penticton) with a 2-over 74. Richard Zokol was the guest speaker for the tournament and discussed his experiences when he was a junior golfer and how he became a professional golfer. Scott Thompson from Thomas Haney was the grade 12 recipient of the tournament scholarship.