



HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

2nd Delta Police High School Golf Tournament April 24-25, 2006

"In the first year, we organized the tournament around 12 teams," Richards said. "Within a day we had 20 schools asking to come and play. That was a real surprise -- we weren't expecting that. So this year we thought we would try it with 20 teams and hold it over two days. I sent out an email and within two days we had 20 teams, just like that." Last year the event was a one day tournament with 20 teams. This year's event, which runs April 24 and 25, will feature 20 teams again with competitors coming from as far away as Kamloops and Vancouver Island. The tournament was hosted over two days, day one at The Links at Boundary Bay Golf Course (now Kings Links) and day two at Mayfair Lakes Golf Course. Members of the Delta Police joined the players this year on the second day at Mayfair Lakes. One Delta Police Officer was grouped with three players. It was a great opportunity for students to build relationships with police officers and to see them in a different light. "This is a good experience for the golfers and the police officers." Richards said. "The high school players are competing as teams where all four scores count for the team. That creates a little bit of pressure just like they would find in the provincial tournament. At the same time, they're interacting with players from other teams and with police officers and that can be a lot of fun too." After the round at Mayfair Lakes, all participants, students and police officers got together for a banquet lunch. The weather on day one was impressive. Shirt and short weather with a temperature in the low 20's was matched by the play of Nick Taylor from Yale (Abbotsford). Nick shot a course record 7-under 65 on day one and followed with a 5-under 67 under cloudy and intermittent rainy conditions at Mayfair Lakes for an impressive two day total of 132. Second place went to Kaylan Ng (Seaquam) 74-73-147 and third place was Nick McNight (Handsworth) 72-76-148. Yale ran away with the team championship trophy with a two day total of 301-301-602. Sequam placed second 316-310-326 and Lord Byng placed third 318-321-639. Doug Roxborough was the tournament's guest speaker and two grade 12 scholarships were handed out to Ryan Lang from Chilliwack Sec. and John Sim from Delta Sec.