



HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

13th Delta Police High School Golf Tournament April 24-25, 2017

Seventeen teams were competing in the tournament this year, with teams coming from as far away as Victoria. With the long snowy winter and the spring rain Day 1 of the 13th Delta Police High School Golf Tournament was looking quite grey staring upwards. However, the golf gods took the clouds and chased them away and the players ended up with a 14 degree day with clouds and sun. Unfortunately, the clouds were being blown away by the traditional Kings Links wind that had been non-existent the past 5 years of the tournament. The wind was pushing 2-3 clubs for most of the second half of the day. The strong winds didn't slow down Brock Hertz. He used the wind to his advantage on the front nine and birdied 5 holes. Brock played well on his back nine and ended the day at 5 under 67. Jackson Jacob, Brock's Walnut Grove teammate had a strong front nine and finished even on the back. Jackson carded a 3 under 69 to sit two strokes back of his teammate. Euna Kim from Gleneagle powered through the wind with a 2 under 70 tied with Ben Whiton of Walnut Grove. With 3 of the top four players, Walnut Grove set a blistering pace that probably won't be caught. Grove finished the day at 8 under 280. Seaquam had a very strong day to finish at 302 in second place. Vancouver College was a close third at 305.

Steady temperatures of 12 degrees, with a slight breeze hosted us on the second day at Northview. This year the Canal course hosted the tournament. It is our first time on the Canal and I know the players and police officers enjoyed the change of scenery. Although, the temperature was cool, it did not hold back an amazing hot day for Devin Cutforth. After a Day 1 round of 71, Devin came storming back with an amazing 7 under 65 to win the individual title by one stroke over Jackson Jacob. Devin finished the tournament at 8 under 136 one stroke ahead of second place Jackson Jacob 69-68=137 and two strokes ahead of third place Brock Hertz 67-71=138. Along with his amazing play, Devin was selected as this year's tournament scholarship winner. Congratulations Devin. After the amazing first round play of Walnut Grove, there was really no doubt they wouldn't win the team title. The question was could they post the lowest two-day team total in tournament history? The answer was Yes. Walnut Grove's 280-283=563 was 5 strokes better than their tournament record low from 2016. Congratulation goes out to Walnut Grove as they finished at an amazing 13 under playing in some difficult wet conditions. Seaquam managed to hang on to second place as they bettered their Day 1 score by one stroke 302-301=603. Vancouver College finished in third place with a respectable and consistent 305-305=610. This year's DPD winner was Steve Bentley. He shot a final round 78 to win the Mark Nieuwenhuis trophy. Next year the tournament is set for April 23-24, 2018. See you then.