

St. George March 16 Golf Tournament To Benefit Student Scholarships

1,000 tickets at \$10 each to be sold for "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop with closest to the pin winning \$1,000

By Chuck Baker
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St. George Roman Catholic Parish is offering a charity golf event on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at Apache Creek Golf Club to benefit its Student Scholarship Fund. The golf tournament will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. and will also feature "Golf Balls From Heaven" – a ball drop event where the ball closest to the pin will win \$1,000 – and lots of raffles the day of the tournament.

The cost to play in the golf tournament is \$80 per player or \$320 per team but if you register before February 15,

2011, the cost goes down to \$75 per player or \$300 per team. The price includes green fees, golf cart, lunch and the chance to win some great raffle prizes. You can register as an individual player or as a foursome.

The "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop event will also take place the day of the tournament and only 1,000 tickets are being sold at \$10 each for the event. The golf ball that ends up closest to the pin following the ball drop is worth a \$1,000 cash prize.

Several sponsorship opportunities are available for the golf event. A "Gold Sponsor," with a donation of \$500,

includes a foursome for the tournament, 10 tickets for "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop, and a tee box sign. A "Silver Sponsor," with a donation of \$200, includes a tournament entry for one player, 10 tickets for the "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop, and a tee box sign. A "Bronze Sponsor," with a donation of \$125, includes 10 tickets for the "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop and a tee box sign.

St. George is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the golf tournament, to purchase tickets for the "Golf



Balls From Heaven" ball drop, to become a tournament sponsor, or to make a donation to the event and/or to donate a raffle prize item, please call (480) 982-2929, extension 18.

Tickets for the "Golf Balls From Heaven" ball drop are going fast and only 400 tickets are left to be sold.

Apache Creek Golf Club is located at 3401 S. Ironwood Drive in Apache Junction. Player check-in and registration the day of the tournament will take place from 6:30-7:45 a.m.

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possibly volunteer with a local high school team. Thom, who confided with me that he thinks Russ' wife wanted to get him out of the house a little, suggested AJHS to Russ.

Last Tuesday, Ortiz met up with Olmstead at the AJHS baseball field and was introduced to Prospector coach Doug Hanson and the Prospector players. After chatting with the AJHS players, Ortiz spent more than an hour working with AJHS pitchers Josh

Marsh, Johnny Converse and Nathaniel Gingrich, and plans to continue working with AJHS pitchers on a weekly basis.

Can you say Homerun? Having someone with Ortiz' background and knowledge could provide a tremendous boost to the AJHS baseball program which has struggled in recent years.

MLB's loss is Apache Junction's gain. Thanks Thom, for helping to land Russ Ortiz as a Prospector pitching coach.



Former Major League Baseball pitcher Russ Ortiz (far left) works with Prospector pitchers Josh Marsh (2nd from left), Johnny Converse (2nd from right) and Nathaniel Gingrich (far right) at last Tuesday's baseball practice

Apache Trail Wolfpack Hold Football Banquet

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The Apache Trail High School Wolfpack football team held their third post season banquet on Saturday, December 4 at the First Baptist Church in Apache Junction and doled out post season awards.

Despite a 3-7 overall record in 2010, Wolfpack coach Greg Garland termed the year "as the most successful seasons so far," a sentiment echoed by School Leader Giles Glithero.

The Wolfpack won the Charter Athletic Association "Class B" state title in 2009 with an 11-1 record in just their second season of eight-

man tackle football and came into the 2010 season in the new CAA 2A Division with a target on their backs, and with only four returning players. To make matters worse, the 2010 team was without two All-State players from a year ago and their two offensive leaders, who together accounted for more than 4,000 yards of offense.

The Wolfpack were still able to qualify for the 2A Division post season playoffs this season but lost in the first round to Mohave Accelerated Learning Center from Bullhead City.

As for awards handed out at the December 4 banquet, Steve Conn was chosen the "Freshman of the Year,"

Steven Hoelbl received the "Sportsmanship Award," Angel Ortiz was presented with the Leadership & Dedication Award," Kris Stein was chosen "Most Valuable Teammate, and Ed Walters was presented with the "SPOC (Scholastic Performance & Outstanding Character Award," an award named for former player Daniel Sepulveda, whose nickname was "Spock" during the 2009 season.

The evening ended with the retiring of two jerseys belonging to two founding team members, Ortiz and Jon Bohn. Ortiz and Bohn were both members of the 2008 inaugural Wolfpack team, the 2009 state championship

team, and the 2010 team, Ortiz as the starting center, and Bohn as an assistant coach. Ortiz started 30 games for the Wolfpack over the three seasons and Bohn was the leading receiver in both 2008 and 2009.

Glithero praised the efforts of Pastor Mitch McDonald and Chris Baker of First Baptist Church, along with twelve church members who volunteered to prepare the banquet meal.

"My deepest and heartfelt thanks goes out to the church for providing such an awesome night for the players and coaches," Glithero said.

"I am proud every time one of our students accomplishes something great," Glithero added. "This football season is no different – every one of our Apache Trail football players, cheerleaders and student-coaches accomplished something great that they can be very proud of this year. They never quit, they never let defeat slow them down, and they learned a great amount about themselves."



(above) One of the founding members of the Wolfpack football team, senior center Angel Ortiz, had his jersey retired at the December 4 post season banquet

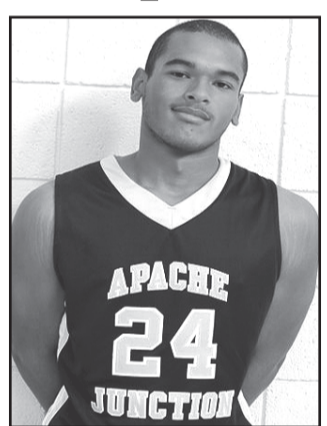
Prospectors Drop A Pair In Hoops

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The Prospector varsity basketball team dropped a pair of games last week, falling 65-31 to Cave Creek Cactus Shadows, and losing 53-44 in a nip-and-tuck battle with Gilbert Campo Verde.

In the loss to Cactus Shadows, Richie Pagels netted 11 points, Jared Kraps scored five points and handed out three assists, Lawrence Johnson and John LaChapelle both scored four points and pulled down seven boards, Devante West had three points, and David Sandoval and Ernie Bracamonte each added a bucket.

In that battle against Campo Verde, Johnson posted a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds, Kraps scored 12 points, LaChapelle netted seven points and hauled in 12 rebounds, Pagels also scored seven and handed out three assists, West contributed five rebounds and Bracamonte dished out three assists.



Senior center Lawrence Johnson had a double-double in Friday's game against Campo Verde with 18 points and 10 rebounds

Campo Verde hit 12-of-23 free throws while AJHS went just 3-of-6 from the line. The Prospectors also struggled from three-point range, making just 3-of-19 attempts.

This week, AJHS will host Combs on Tuesday, December 14 and plays at Tempe McClintock on Thursday, December 16. The freshmen team tips off at 4:00 p.m. both days followed by the junior varsity 5:30 p.m. and the

varsity at 7:00 p.m.

JV Drops Two

The junior varsity team fell to Cactus Shadows 54-27 and lost to Campo Verde 65-56. In the loss to Cactus Shadows, Shamarr Driscoll scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds, Jon McCune and Trevor White both scored six points, Anthony Madruga and Drake Munyon each scored three points, Chris Downey hit a bucket and Jacob Diaz grabbed five rebounds.

In the loss to Campo Verde, McCune tossed in 16 points to go with nine rebounds and six steals, Madruga netted 14 points, White scored 10 and had five rebounds, Driscoll scored eight, Diaz netted three and Zac O'Malley and Downey each added a bucket.

Freshmen Fall

The AJHS freshmen team fell to cactus Shadows 61-46 and lost in overtime to Cam-

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