

52nd ANNUAL CALTRANS INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Headquarters Team 1 Takes First; Brings Unusually Warm Weather With Them

The 52nd Annual Caltrans Invitational Golf Tournament was held on the scenic Central Coast in San Luis Obispo on May 15th and 16th at Dairy Creek and Cypress Ridge golf courses. Nine teams comprised of ninety one individuals from around the state participated in this event, competing for prizes, pride and bragging rights. Day 1 was unusually warm for the central coast but it suited Headquarters Team 1 from Sacramento just fine as they proceeded to take the lead and never surrender it. Well done! Headquarters Operations kept them in check one stroke back after Day 1, with Headquarters Team 2 and District 6 following up 11 and 12 strokes back. Headquarters Team 1 was the winner by 14 strokes, so it was a race for 2nd on Day 2 with Headquarters Operations just edging out District 6 by one stroke, and Headquarters Team 2 following up for 4th place.

In addition to the team event, all players compete on an individual basis. Players are grouped into “flights” based on their handicaps so each competes against players of similar skill level. Tommy Thompson - Headquarters, Jim Pacini - District 6, Mike Keller - District 5 - Mark Imbriani - HQ Bridge, and Ron Kosinski - District 7, won their respective flights. While the competition is based on “net” scores taking into account an individual’s handicap, Mike Giuliano of District 5 had a terrific two day low gross score of 154 for an 11 over par. David Orcutt, Headquarters Operations, shot an impressive single-day tournament low gross score of 73 at Dairy Creek, while Mike Giuliano shot an equally great low gross score of 75 at Cypress Ridge.

An awards banquet was held after the event to honor the prize winners, and share some stories, good food and beverage. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the tournament is seeing old friends and meeting new ones. This tradition was on display after Day 1 at the hotel manager’s reception hour and at the awards banquet. Participants also enjoyed the San Luis Obispo life-style by visiting the famous Thursday evening downtown farmers market.

The 53rd Annual Caltrans Invitational Golf Tournament is targeted for May 14 and 15, 2015. The District 5 Golf Club has already begun planning the event to be held somewhere in the Monterey/Santa Cruz area. The host club, having won 3 of the past 6 Invitational’s, did not live up to their predictions of being the “Team of the ERA”, but will look to keep their every other year win streak alive (Did I really just make that prediction?). Participation is open to all current and former Caltrans employees and members of the various Caltrans golf clubs around the state who have an established GHIN index (you golfers know what this means). All participation is on personal time and the golfers cover all their own expenses. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming tournament or about how to join your local golf club, you can contact Richard Rosales at (805) 549-3792.



52nd Annual Caltrans Golf Tournament Champions-Headquarters Team 1

Pictured from Left- Dwayne Breed, Ron Clemens, Bill Dougherty, Randy Ronning, Joanna Dramer, Asa Mulvey, Ryan Thatcher, Tim Buchanan, Tom Irvin, Dave Means.



Dairy Creek Golf Course