

Local group enjoys winter golf outing in Southern Pines

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Some famous golf quotes are: "It never rains on the golf course." "Want to see a bad shot? Look up." "Golf - the game you love to hate." "Even the Lord can't hit a 2-iron." Well, all of these superlatives and a few more were used a few weeks ago in Southern Pines.

Seems as though a group of 40 or more avid golfers led by Herman Springs "eased on down the road" to Southern Pines for their annual winter golf outing. Springs had the idea several years ago before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was a local and national holiday. The outing has grown in numbers since Springs and a few of his friends took the opportunity to play a round or two at Winston Lake

Golf Course.

About five years ago Springs had the idea to move the outing to the Southern Pines area and it is held the Sunday before and Monday of the King holiday. This year, as in years past, Dennis Mickles and Ruppert Bell are the cooks for the group. These two brothers can "burn." The "skin pot" is open and the bragging rights are serious.

The real truth is that this annual outing is a great bunch of friends having a great time. During the outing a collection was taken and a donation was made to help two families in East Winston who recently lost everything to fires in their homes.

These good friends are also thankful for their blessings and don't mind helping someone in need.



The golf outing is a gathering of a great bunch of friends, who have a great time enjoying the game of golf and helping other people.

Glenn JV basketball season better than expected

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Despite one of their best records in recent seasons last season, the expectations were not very high for Glenn's junior varsity basketball team this season. After two sophomores and two freshmen were called up to the Bobcats' varsity team, there were even more concerns about how the team would fare this season. But first-year coach John Fowler and his team have acquitted themselves well thus far. The Bobcat's victory on Tuesday night improved their record to 14-6 overall and 7-2 in the Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference.

With three games remaining in the conference season, the Bobcats still have a chance to capture the conference title if they can get a little help from their friends. The Bobcats are one game behind Greensboro Dudley in the conference race and are the only team in the conference to defeat the Panthers this season.

Fowler said his players have responded very well to him this season and worked hard to put themselves in the position in which they now find themselves. "We're having a really good year," Fowler said. "The kids have worked very hard and we've had some people who have really come through for us."

None have been bigger than Shanton Eldridge and Trey Misenheimer, who have been the team's top inside players. Eldridge has led the team in scoring all season and Misenheimer has stepped up to help out inside.

Another key has been the emergence of freshman point guard Derrick Griffin. "He really has

emerged strong at the point," Fowler said. "Early in the season he was probably averaging two or three points a game, but he's been averaging over 10 points in the last five games."

Jimmy Butler has continued to perform well at the shooting guard slot. So has Michael Copeland, the team's top defensive player. "He was out with the flu a couple of games ago and that's when we could really tell how much he meant to our defense," Fowler said.

One of the strengths of this team has been its depth. The Bobcats have had a different high scorer in nearly every game this season. That has really helped Glenn after losing the players who moved up to the varsity. "We've been down to eight or nine players and it's good to have guys who can step up and give us the scoring that we need."

The Bobcats finish the season with a game this Friday against Greensboro Smith before playing Carver and Parkland next week. "I think we've done really well this season and we'd like to finish strong," Fowler said. "I really do like this situation. The guys have done everything we've asked of them. The guys have really played like a team."

Fowler, who is in his first season as a head coach, said he feels that his past experience as assistant coach on the Bobcats varsity to Napoleon Cloud prepared him well for his current situation. "I'd like to give a lot of credit to those two people who helped to prepare me for this," he said. "Swandell and Napoleon Cloud helped me a lot with the X's and O's and also taught me a lot about working with the young men."



Glenn JV Basketball Team

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