

Black Chamber raises \$7,500 at annual tourney

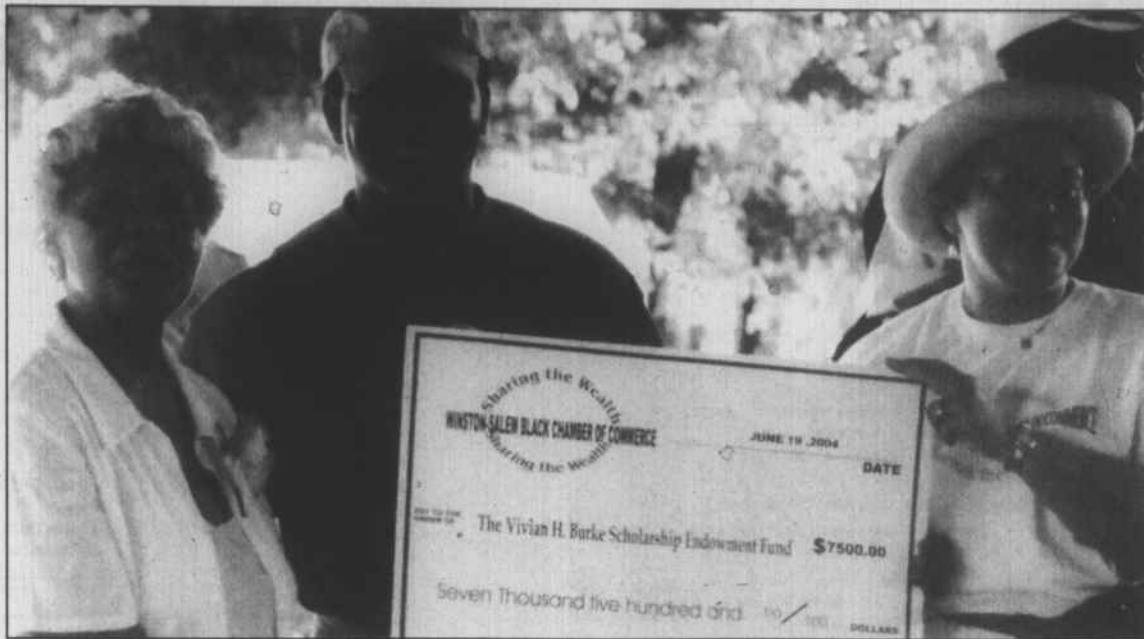
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The golfers were out in large numbers last Saturday morning to compete in a charity golf tournament. As a matter of fact, over 50 golfers teed up at Winston Lake Golf Course over the weekend. But the charity tournament definitely seemed more about raising money than competing.

"The golfers still had a lot of fun out here today," Hobart Jones, tournament coordinator, said. "But, we're about forward thinking. We like to think ahead, get people ready for what's ahead and be ahead. We feel that this scholarship will help somebody get ahead in life. It's all about giving back and helping each other get ahead in life. Once we all figure that out, things will be a lot better."

Chamber President Miriam McCarter added: "I think the tournament went extremely well. We, as an organization, definitely feel good about what we were able to accomplish during this event. We raised over \$7,500, and that was an increase from last year. And we were also able to have more sponsors this year to help with the cause. This is only the second year for this event, and we anticipate it getting larger each year."

The Black Chamber of Commerce hosted its second annual Vivian Burke Golf



Council member Vivian H. Burke (left) and W-S Black Chamber President Miriam McCarter present a check to WSSU's executive assistant to the chancellor on Saturday at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Tournament to help raise money for a Winston-Salem State University scholarship fund. The organization was able to raise more than \$2,000 more than it was able to raise last year, when it raised \$7,500. The organization earned \$5,000 last year. Proceeds from the tournament went to the Vivian H. Burke Scholarship Fund at the uni-

versity. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to deserving students pursuing degrees in accounting, business administration, marketing and other related programs that promote minority entrepreneurship.

There was also some pretty impressive golf being played on the links. The golf teams that finished the day with the

best performances were the teams of: R.J. Goolsby, C. Gisham, R. McIlwain (first flight); D. Kiger, D. Hendrix, M. Slate (second flight); and Naomi Jones and Alberta Harvey, who finished second in the second flight.

Harvey was also the closest to the pin on hole No. 18 out of all the ladies entered in the tournament. Other golfers who

were closest to the pin were: Richard "Eagle Eye" Thomas (No. 2), Willie Cannon (No. 4), Tom Fredrick's (No. 12), and Bobby Beth was the closest to the hole for No. 16 and No. 18.

"I'm pleased with the way things turned out," Jones concluded. "I wish that we could've had a few more golfers, but it was still a good turnout, and everyone had fun."

That's what's important."

McCarter added: "I was definitely very pleased with the way the tournament turned out. I thought that we got a lot of support from the community, golfers and sponsors. It's important to understand the importance of supporting education. It's great to have events like this, and we anticipate next year being even better."

Vivian Burke Scholarship Golf Tournament Results

First Flight

First place score: 60

R.J. Goolsby
C. Gisham
R. McIlwain

Second place score: 60

R. Thomas
Gene Williams Sr.
F. More

Third place score: 61

Robert "Heavy" Bethea
Harry Davis
Bobby Bethea

Second Flight

First place score: 66

D. Chigger
D. Hendrix
M. Slate

Second place score: 67

Naomi Jones
Alberta Harvey

Third place score: 68

B.G. Norman
Charles Stevens
Vincent Mann



Second-place finishers, first flight, Gene Williams, Richard Thomas and Floyd Moore pose after the tournament.



Alberta Harvey and Naomi Jones finished second in the second flight over the weekend.



Chuck Stevens and Vincent Mann finished in third place in the second flight. Note: Pictures of all winners were not available.

One-on-One

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We beat them by at least 45 points.

Anthony: (Laughs.) Dang.
Byrd: (Smiles.) Yeah, it was pretty serious. I only had about eight points. That's all good. It's not about me. It's all about the team.

Anthony: I thought you all had some big men on your team.

Byrd: We did at first, but they became ineligible. So, I had to step my game up because they moved me to the four spot (power forward). That's when I came out, averaging 30.5 points per game. I was the leading scorer in the nation for Division III.

Anthony: That's tight. Now, do you still plan on going to Winston-Salem State after you finish your final year of junior college?

Byrd: (Smiles.) Well, yeah and no. To be honest with you, I am just trying to get out of Winston, and I know that my mom is getting sick of sitting in Winston too. Wherever I go, she's gonna live too. I've been here all my life. I am not trying to stay here any longer.

Anthony: Can you kind of give me a hint of where you might be going? What are some of your choices or thoughts?

Byrd: Well, I'm thinking about Florida International University in Miami. I'm also thinking of Georgetown, Kentucky, Northwestern and Oklahoma State.

Anthony: Nice choices. You're thinking big.

Byrd: Yeah, just a lil' bit.

Anthony: Let me switch this back to Late Nite hoops for a moment.

Byrd: Aight.
Anthony: In your opinion, who's the best baller in the Late Nite league?

Byrd: (Smiles.) Do you mean best all-around baller?

Anthony: Yeah, just someone that makes you think, "Man, he's nice."

Byrd: (Smiles.) OK. Well, from what I seen last night it looked like Ricky Hickman from East Forsyth. Now, he's at UNC-Greensboro. His game has

stepped up a whole lot. He definitely gets my respect from that.

Anthony: So, you're saying he's the best baller down there? There's a few professional athletes playing in the league.

Byrd: (Smiles.) Yeah, that really doesn't matter. Organized ball and street ball are two different things. My focus is strictly on what he showed me last night.

Anthony: Yeah, he did do his thing. Let's talk about tonight's NBA draft. What do you think about all of the high school guys that's gonna get drafted?

Byrd: In my opinion, people are trying their luck in the draft for the money. They're looking at the money they could possibly make. They're not thinking about an education at all. I would've gone to college if I were them. You should spend at least two or three years in school. Try to get some kind of education before you go to the league. Peoples' parents are different from mine. My mom has always taught me the importance of an education. And I listened.

Anthony: So, if a couple teams told you that you were going to be a top-five pick in the NBA draft, while you were in high school, you would've still gone to college?

Byrd: Yeah. I would've still gone to school. Like I told you before, basketball can come and go. The main focus should always be on an education. That's my opinion about it. That's the way I was raised.

Anthony: Who were your main role models, growing up?

Byrd: (Smiles.) Of course, Michael Jordan. But to be honest with you, it was just myself. I used to always focus on myself. I didn't try to be like anybody. My momma always told me not to be a follower. She told me to be a leader. That's what I'm trying to be right now.

Anthony: What are you life plans if the NBA isn't the path that God has chosen for you?

Byrd: Well, yeah. My major is nursing. I'd like to do that or either go into sports management. When that day comes, it comes. If not, then I'll definitely have a backup plan.

Anthony: Tell me your most memorable moment in sports.

Byrd: My most memorable moment took place this past year. I hit 50 points on Central Carolina.

Anthony: You dropped 50 on a team?

Byrd: I had 50 points and 12 rebounds.

Anthony: You were doing it, dawg.

Byrd: (Smiles.) Yeah. That's what bumped my average up to 30.5 points per game. I loved that game. All the coaches were there to see it to, especially the Fayetteville State coach. They want me real bad up there.

Anthony: Oh yeah?

Byrd: (Smiles.) Yeah. I don't really know what I want to do right now, but I loved that moment.

Anthony: If you weren't playing basketball, would you be playing college football?

Byrd: Yeah. My old coach told me, "Well, Keith Wilkes always told me, 'Son, you never know. You might be better at football than you are basketball.'" I think I could've done some things in football, but I really wasn't focused on it like I should've been. I mean, I played football for two years. I've played basketball all my life.

Anthony: Tell me the best high school baller to play in the city.

Byrd: Well, I'll say, my man, Chris Paul. He came out strong. He's over there at Wake Forest, doing his thing. I am gonna always pray for him. I'm not a hater. I wish him the best of luck.

Anthony: Oh yeah. What happened to your Lakers?

Byrd: They're my team, but they disappointed me. It's all right. They might do something next year, even though the team is breaking up. We'll see.

Anthony: What's your personal life like? Do you have a girl?

Byrd: Yeah. I have a girl. I was in a relationship a few months ago, but things didn't go too well. I'm not gonna go into detail about that. I have a girl now that I think is the one. So, I've basically got to do what I've got to do to satisfy her.

Anthony: Let's conclude with free association.

Byrd: Let's go.

Anthony: Ricky Holt (former high school coach).

Byrd: He was a nice coach, but me and him had our ups and downs. I don't think he helped me get to the best school I could've gone to.

Anthony: Tim Edwards (former Carver teammate and Fayetteville State player).

Byrd: That's my man.

Anthony: Ced Hickman (North star athlete and late night

teammate).

Byrd: (Smiles.) Now, that's a big guy. He's doing his thing at North Forsyth, and I thank God that his knee is progressing well after his surgery.

Anthony: Cool. Uh, Trina (Miami rapper).

Byrd: (Laughs.) Uh, that's a bad one right there, but when I saw her in real life, she wasn't all that. (Both laugh.)

Anthony: Keith Wilkes (Carver football coach.)



Photo by Anthony Hill
A few players from Strictly Da Realist sat back and thought about how nice it would be to repeat as city champions this season. There's a lot of parity in the league this year.

Ballers

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play for us," Antonio Byrd said. "He's just on the roster to show his support for his old neighborhood. We don't want him to get hurt. He's got too much to lose."

The City View team took care of business without the assistance of "J-Ho" en route to a 63-39 thrashing of the Young Guns. The game was never close. City View looked like a team on a mission, and one with something to prove as it outplayed its opponent in every phase of the game.

The next game on Monday night was probably the most shocking of the first week of play as the One and Done team beat a talented City Heat squad 59-48. The most shocking part about the win was the fact that One and Done had to play the entire game with only five players. Sure, those five players are very good, but it's tough to beat any team without an

occasional substitution. The team was paced by professional baller and former East-Forsyth star Josh Pittman and UNC-Greensboro star Ricky Hickman. Pittman finished the game with 31 points, eight assists and two dunks, while Hickman excited the crowd with a collection of electrifying dunks and key plays down the stretch.

"Hey, Ricky Hickman got my respect after the way he played on Monday," City View player Antonio Byrd said. "Man, he was coming through the lane like Vince Carter on those boys. He's definitely stepped his game up."

Tuesday night's games were very exciting as well, especially the game between Strictly Da Realist and Two Five. Strictly Da Realist flexed their muscles en route to a 45-32 victory.

"It was really just good to get our first game out of the way," Foster said. "That's one of the best parts about tonight's game. I thought we played pretty good too. Guys really understand

what's at stake. Everybody's gunning for us. Bring it on, baby."

The key players for Strictly Da Realist were Antonio Minor, Julius "Jukie" Minor, Charles Kernes, Curtis Coleman and Kevin Blackburn, to name a few. Tory Woodbury is also on the roster.

The final game of Tuesday night was between PSC and Hot Boyz. The Hot Boyz were upset by PSC 50-43. The Hot Boyz were outscored 33-23 in the second half and couldn't find an answer for Whit Holcomb-Faye and Will Bonham.

"This will probably be a better year than last year, as far as consistency from the teams go," Little concluded. "The parody is amazing too. A lot of guys have also been waiting to play for a while. I think the action will only get better."

Note: The Martin Luther King Recreation Center League will begin play next week.