Sutherland golfers host 1st Ravenwood Invitational

The Pittsford Sutherland golf team hosted the first Ravenwood Invitational Tournament at Ravenwood Golf Club on April 26.

Ten six-man high school teams competed, including Aquinas, Brighton, Gananda, Hilton, McQuaid, Penfield, Pittsford Mendon, Rush-Henrietta, and Spencerport.

Sutherland won the team competition, with a team score of 388, based on the five lowest scores on the team.

They were led by medalist Jordan Zwick, who shot 76, followed closely by Mike Schwert who finished in second with a fine 77. In fact, Sutherland's five low scorers were all among the top 15 golfers in the field of 60. Don McClinton shot an 81, Ben Dobrzynski and Mike Dugan both shot 82, and Jeff Petrino shot a 91.

The tournament was played from Ravenwood's championship tees measuring more than 7,000 yards. Later this summer, Ravenwood will host the 2003 New York State Amateur tournament.

Rush-Henrietta finished second in the team competition with a total of 408 shots, followed closely by Penfield with 409 shots and McQuaid with 410 shots. Peter Schiller of Penfield finished third in the individual competition with a score of 77, followed by Nate Minnehan of McQuaid, who shot a 78, Eric Davison of Penfield who shot a 79 and Conor.

Members of the winning Sutherland team are: Jeff Petrino, left, Mike Schwert, Mike Dugan, coach Ernie DiBella, Don McClinton, Ben Dobrzynski, and Jordan Zwick.

O'Neill of McQuaid who also shot a 79.

Plans are already underway for next year's Ravenwood tournament. Coaches interested in participating in this premier high school event should contact coach Ernie DiBella at Sutherland High School.

Title defense

The 2003 Pittsford Sutherland golf team has started another successful season.

On April 21, Sutherland defeated McQuaid 135 - 4.5 and Irondequoit by a score of 17.5 - 0.5 in matches at Monroe Golf Club. Junior Don McClinton was medalist with a great score of 72, including three birdies. Junior Jordan Zwick followed with a fine 76, including five birdies, junior Ben Dobrzynski shot 77, including two birdies, sophomore Mike Schwert shot 80, including two birdies, junior Kyle Jackson shot 82, and senior Scott Kitterl shot 94, including one birdie.

On April 24, Sutherland defeated Homer-Evans Lima 95 - 2.5 at Island Oaks CC. Ben Dobrzynski was medalist with a 39, followed by Mike Schwert with 40, junior Mike Dugan shot 41, Don McClinton shot 44, Jordan Zwick shot 45, and senior Dave Brown shot 47. The Knights are off to a perfect 3-0 start to the 2002 season.

Veteran coach Ernie DiBella returns with a talented, exciting, well-balanced team that includes four underclassmen who earned all-county honors last year. The team looks forward to defending its Monroe County team championship, which it has worn for the last four years.

The team also includes juniors Mike Dugan, Jeff Petrino, and Ben Rublee. The next varsity matches are against Rush-Henrietta and Greece Arcadia at Wildwood Country Club on May 1.

The Sutherland junior varsity team has also started its season in impressive fashion. On April 24, they defeated Fairport 10-5 at Woodcliff. Freshman Zach Hicks was medalist with a score of 30, including two birdies. Sophomore Dan Fox and freshman Keith Remziowski followed with scores of 42, sophomore Richard Hinson shot 45, eighth-grader Andrew Schwert shot 46, freshman Chris Ravanagh shot 49, eighth-grader Andrew Kay shot 52, and freshman Ben Harman shot 57.

Coach Janet Wright has a deep and well-balanced team that also includes sophomore Joey Galja, freshman Evan Drahzal-Gasster, freshman Scott Merkel, and freshman Rob O'Leary. The next junior varsity matches are against Pittsford Mendon and Brockport at Parkview Golf Club on May 1, against Aquinas at Caledonia Country Club on May 2.