



# 2007 PW GOLF TEAM NEWSLETTER **VOLUME 8, NUMBER 7**

**Wissahickon ends PW's undefeated season with a 202-215 win at Cedarbrook CC. Trojans now 14-0 overall. PW scores their lowest total of the year (194) en route to a 22-stroke victory vs. Methacton at Skippack GC. Colonials place a record seven golfers in the top 88 to qualify for the 2007 SOL Boys' Golf Tournament. PW's Gia Bradley & Julia Chalphin are entered in this week's SOL Girls Golf Tournament at Five Ponds GC.**

With the regular golf season coming down to it's final two weeks, the PW golf team was forced to play four matches against 5 teams in 5 days. When the smoke had cleared, the Colonials found themselves with four wins & their first loss of the season. That put their league record at 13-1, one game back of first-place Wissahickon, setting up an important rematch with the Trojans at Green Valley CC this coming Wednesday. On Friday at Wissahickon's home course, Cedarbrook CC, the Colonials uncharacteristically struggled all afternoon and lost 202-215. Throughout the last couple weeks, PW had used team depth to overpower their opponents...not today The loss forces PW to do something they haven't had to do all season...come from behind. Wissahickon (14-0) is one game up with two to play.



PW's James Braunsberg putts on Cedarbrook Country Club's scenic par-4 fifth hole



PWHS junior golfer, Julia Chalphin, chips out of the bunker at St. Martin's GC during a practice round.

PW began the week with a solid 195-232 win over Upper Merion at the difficult Gulph Mills CC. Junior Shane Dolan shot his best round (37) of the season, while Nolan McMahon's 38 and James Braunsberg's 39 paced the Colonial attack. In a home tri-match on Wednesday, PW scored two wins over Quakertown (205-231) and Cheltenham (205-245). Trevor Urban and Christian Koniewicz both shot 40 at Green Valley CC to lead the Colonials. What was unusual about this match was that all eight PW golfers scored lower than Cheltenham and Quakertown's number one golfers. On Thursday, the Colonials traveled to Skippack GC and recorded a 194-216 victory over the American Conference's 4<sup>th</sup> place team, Methacton. Trevor Urban, Nolan McMahon and James Braunsberg all shot 38's, while Shane Dolan and Alec Kissell shot 40. Friday's loss to Wissahickon means that to win the league, they will have to defeat the Trojans by 13 or more strokes. **Tough? Yes! Impossible? NO!**

On Tuesday, the PW V2 team, led by Matt Rowe's 45, defeated Upper Merion's JV team by a 230-283 score. The V2 team hosts Methacton at Green Valley CC on Tuesday. Both teams are undefeated and should be the first real test for the Colonial team. The V2 Colonials are led by seniors Kevin Dick, Michael Witten, and Gia Bradley.

Yesterday afternoon, the final Suburban One League Handicap Differentials were published and PWHS placed a record seven golfers in the top 88 (number of golfers that qualify for the 2007 SOL Tournament). All seven golfers will be trying to place in the top 28 at Indian Valley CC that day, to earn a spot at the District One Golf Tournament held at Turtle Creek GC the following week. In all, only one school (perennial powerhouse CB East) placed all eight varsity golfers in the top 88, while only four schools placed seven golfers. They were Hatboro-Horham, Council Rock South, Council Rock North and PWHS. That is an amazing accomplishment for the 2007 PW Golf Team & one they should be very proud of. I know I am. Even the lone PW golfer who failed to qualify finished 93<sup>rd</sup>, just five spots away from the cut line (88). Here are the **final handicap differentials** with the averages for their best eight rounds this season. Some 250 golfers competed in the 2007 SOL League this year. **14<sup>th</sup>**: Braunsberg 2.71, **26<sup>th</sup>**: Urban 3.50, **42<sup>nd</sup>**: McMahon 4.09, **55<sup>th</sup>**: Dolan 4.68 **58<sup>th</sup>**: Hackenbrack 4.74, **79<sup>th</sup>**: Koniewicz 5.93, **80<sup>th</sup>**: Kissell 6.08, **93<sup>rd</sup>**: Greco 6.55.

This Wednesday, senior Gia Bradley and junior Julia Chalphin travel to Five Ponds CC to compete with 16 other female golfers at the **2007 SOL Girls' Golf Tournament**. Gia and Julia have been a great addition to the 2007 PW Golf Team and will be great representatives from our school. The team wishes them good luck!

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1-5, 2007: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Monday (O1) **VARSITY PRACTICE AT TEE'S STARTING at 3:30 V2 PRACTICE AT ST. MARTIN'S STARTING at 3:15**

Tuesday (O2) **SEVEN PW GOLFERS COMPETE AT 2007 SOL BOYS' GOLF TOURNAMENT AT INDIAN VALLEY CC**

Varsity golfers who qualified (James, Trevor, Nolan, Alec, Pete, Christian & Shane).

**HOME V2 MATCH VS METHACTON AT GREEN VALLEY CC STARTING AT 3:15** Both are currently undefeated.

Wed (O3) **HOME MATCH VS WISSAHICKON AT GREEN VALLEY CC STARTING AT 3:00** Note the early start!

**IMPORTANT MATCH: EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:05 BE ON PRACTICE GREEN BY 2:30!**

**TWO PW GOLFERS COMPETE AT 2007 SOL GIRLS' GOLF TOURNAMENT AT FIVE PONDS GC**

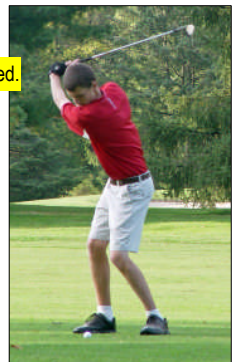
Gia Bradley and Julia Chalphin travel to Five Ponds GC in hopes of qualifying for Districts. **Represent!**

Thursday (O4) **TEAM PRACTICE AT ST. MARTIN'S GC IN FLOURTOW STARTING AT 3:15**

All eighteen golfers today for this 9-hole practice. Last trip to this facility. Coach plans to make it fun.

Friday (O5) **HOME MATCH VS UPPER MERION AT GREEN VALLEY CC STARTING AT 3:00.** Note the early start!

Last match for some of our varsity golfers (Trevor, Nolan, Pete, Vinny, Christian, Kevin, and Michael W) **V2 PRACTICE**



**MESSAGE FROM COACH WADLIN:** On a sad note, Upper Merion HS senior and three-year starter, Jordan Burnham, was severely injured from a nine-story fall Friday night and is in critical condition at the University of PA Hospital. Jordan also competed on the varsity basketball team and is the son of the Upper Merion athletic director. Jordan has been a fine young man to play golf with and he always looked forward to participating against PW, especially PW senior Trevor Urban. Our prayers go out to Jordan, his family, classmates, and his golf teammates and we hope that Jordan will be able to recover from this terrible tragedy.