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Running into familiar faces at golf course

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By Jason P. Skoda, Ahwatukee Foothills News

I wrote recently about an Ahwatukee contingent helping the Mesa Community College men's golf finish second at the national tournament for the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Four area kids made up five of the spots on the team.

Ryan Witte, Austin Fletcher, Ben Potter and Justin Hyden all did their part. It was a good story. And I figured it ended there.

Then I took my daughter to the free golf clinic at Dobson Ranch Golf Course in Mesa.

One of the main golf professional instructors is MCC coach John Guerrero and he calls on his players to help out at the clinic.

I ran into Witte and Potter, while others might have been there as well.

It was pretty cool seeing these guys give back to kids, the clinic was for 5 to 12 years old, who someday hope play at a level they had the chance to.

"It means everything to be here," said Potter, who said he hopes to play for Benedictine University, a new NAIA program starting in Mesa. "We all got our start about the same age with someone who helped us. It's nice to be able to give back."

The free clinic has been going on for 30 years and many of those who have passed through there have gone on to have success at the junior, high school and college level.

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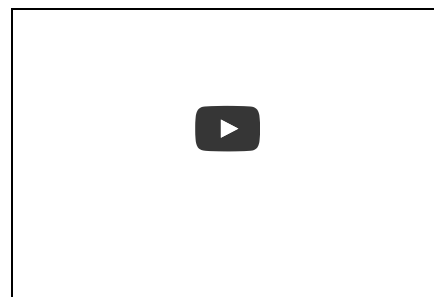
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