



Ready, Aim, Fire!

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Richmond High School's Athletic Department has added a new extracurricular activity to the school: Trap Shooting.

The team consists of 12 boys varying from different grades. They, also, have one boy from Anchor Bay as well.

The boys go against teams from Fenton, Unity Christian High, Ar-mada, Midland High, Dexter, and Napoleon High school.

The teams line up behind the line and get ready to shoot orange neon clay pigeons. Once the clay pigeons are shot up into the air, the goal is to hit them.

The team is coached by Officer Fred and many other members of the Richmond Sportsman Club. They support the boys and help out as well.

More importantly, the Richmond Sportsman Club sponsored the trap team.

They have paid for the team's shirts and ammo. They have also provided the team with a place to shoot and practice at least twice a week.

The team is second in the conference with an overall score of 1052 points.

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er tips. The volunteers help them correct the problems as well.

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The team practices and tries to perfect their technique. By doing this, the team helps improve their skills.

The team altogether affected Zach Elley.

“Being on the team has made me a better shooter,” said Elley. He has learned breathing skills and hand-eye coordination.

Officer Fred and the club members have helped better all of the members of the trap team by giving them pointers on how to improve.

Many memories have already been made for the members.

“My favorite memory was shooting Cole and Shane Campbell’s dad’s hat,” said Elley. Once, Cole Campbell shot a perfect score and it was a tradition to shoot your own hat. But because Campbell did not wear a hat, they used his dad’s hat to shoot at.

Overall the season for the trap team has been very successful. Good luck to the trap team at states on June 18th.



Kendal Valentine

Nickname: Ken
Age: 14
Grade: 9th
Sport(s): Cheer, Track
Favorite class: Dr. Ladds
Future Goals: Win a state championship in cheer.
Favorite Athlete: Jessica Hatcher

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Devon Nettles

Nickname: Noodles, Rookie
Age: 15
Grade: 9th
Sport(s): Baseball, Football
Favorite class: BMT
Future goals: Play college baseball
Favorite athlete: Manny Machado

Golf Is a Hole In One!

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High school can sometimes seem oversaturated with the same sports. Everybody talks about the football games, basketball games, and wrestling matches. There are even dances celebrating them. But, these are not the only sports out there. There is another sport out there, one played by silent warriors. Golf.

Yes, Richmond has a golf team. And yes, they are doing pretty well.

Currently, the golf team is placed second in the BWAC. Their championship is happening as I write this article, on May 19th. Their districts are next week.

The team is coached by Mr. Parlardge and is captained by Noah Kosal, a junior. Mr. Parlardge has been coaching for years. Kosal has been golfing his whole life, and is placed 1st individually in the BWAC.

Kosal has many responsibilities as the team captain.

He said, “I teach the newer guys and try to set an example.”

The golf team may not be “boys of fall”, but they are sure a band of brothers.

Kosal says, “We learn off each other and I try to give the guys advice.”

There is also healthy competition within the team. Most sports have this, and it is important and conducive to growing as a team.

Anthony Tavano, also a junior, said, “I like going to practice and beating Noah every day.”

The practices are pretty grueling, as junior Jonas Dorroh said, “Sprints take a lot out of you. The driving range just tears at you. When you hit ten thousand balls what do you expect?”

The golf team competes at tournaments at various different courses. The course they practice at is called Richmond Forest.

Jacob Collins, also a junior, loves golf and the competition, but believes the tournaments can get tense. He said, “There’s a lot of trash talk.”

Many of the people on the team’s families also play golf, and teach the boys on the team when their young. Jonas says of this, “It’s in the blood.” They agree on the fact that the practices are intense, with Dorroh saying, “The whole sport is just physically draining.”

Collins said, “It is energy draining, but benches and curls really help a lot.”

And anyone who has played a contact sport will tell you, you have to practice outside of the schedule as well. You have to prepare yourself to be hit, and to be hit hard.

Despite the rough practices, it pays off. Dorroh says, “That feeling of satisfaction after sinking that final putt and writing down 32 on your score card makes it all worth it.”

Brandon Salkowski, a junior as well, said that golf has helped him to center his mind. He said, “It’s taught me to keep mentally stable or else I will ruin my own situation. The practices are mentally draining, but I love it. It’s what I do. It’s all worth it.”

Kosal said that he wants to play in college. He said, “I obviously have a back up plan, but I want to do that. I would like to play on the PGA tour one day.”

Kosal said he likes golf because “it’s peaceful. It’s an escape from the troubles of everyday life.”

If you don’t know much about golf, there are four things the team made evident.

Golf is hard.
Golf is intense.
Golf is draining.

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