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Over one hundred and twenty golfers came out on Monday morning to raise funds for the 13th annual Don Self Integrity Golf Tournament.

The tournament was held at the Antelope Valley Country Club, where deputies and community members came out and enjoyed a gorgeous day of golfing while raising funds for the Don Self Scholarship program.

The program is spearheaded by the Palmdale Sheriff's Boosters and provides scholarships for youth in the Antelope Valley. The program began in 2000 after long time AV Mall, Deputy Don Self, succumbed to his battle with cancer. Before his passing, Deputy Self worked with youths in the valley that may have made a bad choice and traveled down the wrong road. He believed that through Integrity, Dignity, and Credibility these youths could overcome their poor choices and still succeed.

Since the program's inception, the Palmdale Sheriff's Boosters have annually awarded scholarships to the youths in the Antelope Valley that have graduated from continuation schools and been accepted into College programs. Also, they have annually awarded scholarships to Highland High School Graduates participating in the Law and Government Program. Recently the Booster organization has also begun awarding scholarships to Palmdale and Lancaster Sheriff Explorers in the name of Rylan Jernigan an ex-explorer who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2009. All recipients of the scholarships apply to the program by drafting essays about the three words, Integrity, Dignity, and Credibility, and what they mean to them.

The tournament has over the years placed a twist on many of the traditional golf tournament games including a "Marshmallow Drive Contest", and a "Putting Contest" in which participants drive a marshmallow as far as they can, and make a relatively easy put while wearing impairment goggles. These twists and a truly noble cause have allowed the tournament to gross almost \$30,000 dollars this year to fund the scholarship program and other booster community programs.

The Palmdale Sheriff Boosters would like to thank some of the many sponsors who make the tournament and scholarship program possible.

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