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Old Barnwell Hosts Golf Clinic for BCSD Student-Athletes

On Thursday, November 13, Old Barnwell welcomed twenty student golfers from Barnwell County School District for a special event designed exclusively for BCSD athletes. The day offered a rich blend of instruction and on-course experience for students who are either returning members of their high school golf teams or interested in joining this year. They were accompanied by Coach John Infinger of Williston-Elko High School and Coach Dwayne Garrick of Barnwell High School, both of whom supported and encouraged the players throughout the morning.



A group of 20 golfers from Barnwell County School District enjoyed a day at Old Barnwell golf course.



Old Barnwell's Director of Instruction, Pat Milkovich, works with a BCSD student on his golf swing.

Old Barnwell's Director of Instruction, Pat Milkovich, led a focused golf clinic tailored specifically for the BCSD group. Through multiple warm-up and fundamentals stations, Milkovich provided hands-on coaching, reinforced proper technique, and helped students strengthen the core skills they will rely on throughout their season. His instruction set the tone for the remainder of the event, ensuring players felt confident and prepared.

Following the clinic, students transitioned to the Kids Course for live play. They were divided into small groups, with administrators and coaches walking alongside them as they navigated a

scramble-format round designed to encourage strategic thinking, teamwork, and situational learning, while also practicing the skills they learned during the clinic.

At the conclusion of play, the group gathered at the putting green for a recap session, where the instructor reviewed key takeaways from the day and offered guidance for continued growth and development as the season approaches.

Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton visited the event and shared her deep appreciation for Old Barnwell's ongoing partnership with the district. "I loved being there for a short time that day with our golfing student-athletes. I have been able to work with Old Barnwell in many ways, and they have also reached out to us time and time again to ask how they can support our students and help our district flourish. Over the past months, I have been working closely with Ed Brockner, Mission Director for Old Barnwell, and his kindness, dedication, and genuine desire to make a difference have meant so much to us. He has been incredibly supportive as we explore new ways to work together and make an even greater impact on the children in our community. This partnership is not something they pursue because they have to, but because they truly care. Their heart for service and their mission to lift others up extends far beyond the golf course."



BCSD students were grateful to Old Barnwell for this opportunity.

Assistant Superintendent Franklin McCormack also joined the students for the experience. "I can't say enough good things about Old Barnwell and the hospitality they showed our student-athletes," he shared. "Just setting foot on Old Barnwell's grounds and witnessing the perfection of the golf course was more than enough generosity; however, Old Barnwell's Director of Instruction, Pat Milkovich, gave our golfers tips and tricks that were practical and pertinent to ensure their game continues to improve. To top it off, our golfers were able to play the junior course and receive on-the-course instruction from Pat. Even though I did not get to play the course with our student-athletes, I was able to pick up some advice from Pat as well about my own golf game!"

Barnwell County School District remains deeply grateful to Old Barnwell for their commitment to supporting local students and for providing experiences that strengthen both their skills and their love for the game of golf.