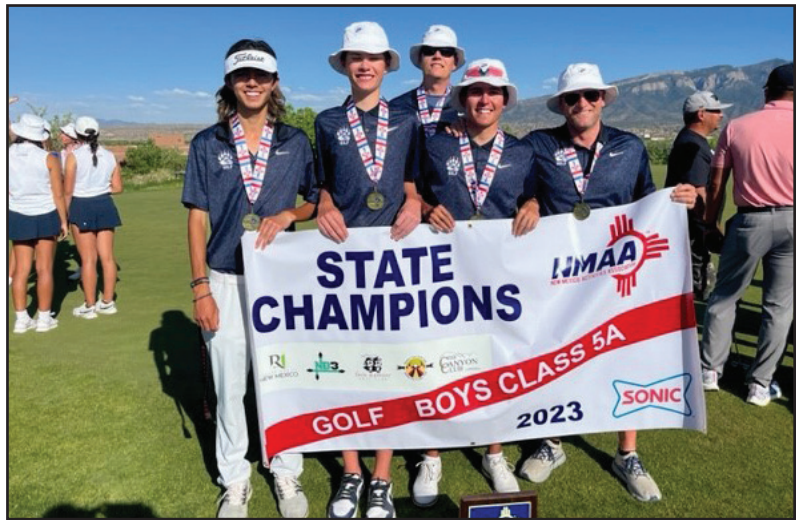




2023 NB3 State Golf Championships presented by Realty One of New Mexico

Class 5A

2023 was the year of the Bear as La Cueva High School took home team titles in both the Boys and Girls 5A Classification at the NB3 State Golf Championships presented by Realty One of New Mexico. At the Twin Warriors Golf Club, located on the Santa Ana Pueblo, the La Cueva boys took the team title with a two-day total of 622, 20 shots better than second place Volcano Vista. It's La Cueva's first boys title since 2016 and 10th overall for the program. Individually, La Cueva's Jake Yrene led from start to finish, posting a two-day score of 138 (6-under par) with a round of 69 on each day. Yrene was 11 shots better than second-place finisher Sebastian Massey of Piedra Vista.



The La Cueva girls won the team title with a two-day total of 651, five shots better than defending state champ Centennial. It's La Cueva's 8th overall title and first since 2018. La Cueva had three golfers in the top ten, their highest individual was Stephanie Romero who finished 6th with a 157 total. Centennial's Alex Armendariz won medalist honors with a final round 1-under 71 for a two-day total of 144. Armendariz edged out first-round leader Annie Yost of Piedra Vista by one shot.



Class 4A

For the second-consecutive year, the Deming Wildcats boys golf program finished the season on top. Deming won the Class 4A Title at the NB3 State Golf Championships presented by Realty One of New Mexico. The Wildcats claimed the Class 5A Championship in 2022 and moved to Class 4A in 2023. Deming dominated the field with a two-day total of 587 at the Santa Ana Golf Club, located on the Santa Ana Pueblo. The Wildcats were 19 shots better than second-place St. Pius X. Individually, Deming senior Vari Mariscal fired a final-round 67, including an ace on the par 3 12th hole. Variscal said it was his third overall ace in his career. Variscal beat out two-time defending state champ Grady Cox of Belen by one-shot.



The Albuquerque Academy girls took home top team honors for the third straight year. The Chargers put together a two-day total of 683, 8 shots better than second place St. Pius X. Academy placed two golfers in the top four. Junior Anya Parasher was second after firing a final round 1-under 71. Her teammate, 8th grader Adelyn Haas, finished fourth with a two-day total of 160. Defending state champion Rylee Salome of Belen took top honors for the second straight year. The sophomore was the only golfer under par for the tournament. Salome followed her opening day 71 with a final round of 69 (140 total, 4-under), good enough for a ten shot victory.



Class A-3A

There were a pair of dominant team performances in Class A-3A at the NB3 State Golf Championships presented by Realty One of New Mexico. The Mesilla Valley Christian boys won their second straight state title and Socorro High School won their 22nd overall title for the girls. Mesilla Valley won the boys title by 77 shots with a two-day total of 633 at the Canyon Club Golf Course in Albuquerque. Individually, the Son-Blazers had the top three golfers in the field. Logan Morris won medalist honors with a 154 total. Logan was one shot better than his brother, junior Riley Morris. It was the second straight year Logan and Riley finished 1-2 individually. Mesilla Valley junior Aydan Muro finished third with a 163. All five Mesilla Valley golfers finished in the top eight.



The Socorro girls won their third straight state championship with an overall score of 795, 88 shots better than second place Texico. Socorro senior Tivonne Anaya led from start to finish with a two-day total of 182, good enough for an 8-shot victory over second place finisher Logan Woods of Hot Springs.

