

The loss of Salem High School Athletic Director Randy Johnson last winter had an affect on everyone who knew him.

From former SHS athletes to administrators at other schools, everyone loved to work with Johnson.

Outside of his family, no group felt the loss more than the current student athletes at Salem.

That's why sisters, Brittany and Bailey Walker organized last weekend's Randy Johnson Memorial Golf Scramble.

"I really got to know him as a freshman," Brittany said. "He helped me a lot as I was going through the stuff with the all-conference golf team."

Brittany had a good enough score to earn All-Mid Southern Conference as a freshman, but a scoring error kept her from a spot on the team and even disqualified her from the event.

"Mr. Johnson really did all he could to try to get that resolved and I appreciated how much he put into doing that for me," she said.

Johnson's work didn't help and the decision to disqualify Walker stood, but that kind of backing of the school's athletes and coaches is just one of the reasons he is so fondly remembered.

Proceeds from last weekend's scramble at Western Hills Golf Course, which totaled more than \$3,000, will be used for the Randy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was established by the Washington County Community Foundation.

Both girls agreed that it was a great thing to be part of.

Bailey, who plays volleyball and softball at SHS, said she learned a lot on how to seek sponsorship and she really enjoyed meeting people in the community she might not have otherwise got to know.

"It's neat to see a small community come together to do a big thing," she said. "It has been amazing to see how many people Mr. Johnson's life impacted in a positive way."

Brittany said she couldn't be more pleased with the turnout.

She said more than \$2,000 was given out to participants in cash and prizes.