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Photo by Deb Jacques

**Farmington Hills Mercy's Brenna Hammond helped lead her squad to an eighth-place finish at the Division 1 Oakland County tournament Sept. 23 at the Pontiac Country Club.**

## Girls golf teams battle for county title

*Hole-in-one highlights  
Rochester High's run  
to the championship*

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PONTIAC — Clubbing up just to make sure she would get it to the par-3 17th hole, Rochester High's Rosalie Shyu put the exclamation mark on the Division 1 Oakland County golf tournament Sept. 23 at the Pontiac Country Club.

The junior made an ace 130-yard hole with a 6-iron.

"It wasn't the best contact I've ever made, but the wind helped it," she said.

With the green sloping away from the tee box, Shyu said she wasn't sure it went in at first.

"I didn't want to scream in case it went in," she said.

But a quick look into the hole by her mom, Wendy, and it was confirmed.

Shyu's ace helped lead the Falcons to their fourth straight county championship and seventh in nine years.

Rochester finished with 314,

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while Rochester Hills Stoney Creek came in second with 330.

Birmingham Seaholm was third with 350 and was followed by Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 362; Clarkston High, 374; Troy High, 375; Bloomfield Hills Marian, 379; Farmington Hills Mercy, 384; Milford High, 387; Rochester Adams and Novi High, 389; West Bloomfield High, 390; Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 396; White Lake Lakeland, 397; Walled Lake Central, 399; Lake Orion High, 426; Birmingham Groves, 451; and Troy Athens, 506.

Rochester coach Jeff Haney said it doesn't always sink in just how dominant the program has been in the county for the past decade.

"I'm not taking any of the credit at all. It's from the coaches that were before me and we've been fortunate with our golfers," he said. "It shows how hard the girls have worked."

Individually, it was Stoney Creek's Devon Compton that took the top spot after carding a 68.

Compton said she wasn't playing well on the practice range just

before the tournament began, but put it together on the course.

"I was getting kind of mad at myself actually," she said. "I haven't really shot good for school golf. I've been thinking too much about my swing on the course and being too technical, but I've learned to let go and just swing the club. It's a whole lot easier to play."

Rochester's Christine Meier was second with 72 and was followed by Shyu with 76, Stoney Creek's Gabby Yurik with 76 and Seaholm's Ali Restaino with 78 to round out the top five.

Also on the day, Troy coach John Getzan was voted the Division 1 Oakland County Coach of the Year.

"We just have a team showing improvement and working hard," he said. "My success is directly tied to them. I think our best golf is still to come."

All golf teams begin their trek to find out which squad is the best in each division when regional action begins Oct. 8-10 at various courses across the state. To find where each team is heading, check the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

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