

**Fernandez senior wins Sunrise Regional
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Fernandez double bogeyed No. 1 and bogeyed No. 18. Other than that, she was almost perfect. The foothill senior shot par 72 Tuesday at Silverstone Golf Club to take first in the sunrise regional girls golf tournament.

Whitney Welch was even better than that in the Sunset Regional tournament at the same site. The Durango senior shot a 2 under par 70 to win her first individual regional title and stamp herself the favorite to retain her title in next week's state tournament at Black Mountain Golf and Country Club.

If there was a surprise, it came in the Sunrise team competition, where Silverado, lead by freshmen Bird and Nelson, won by 16 strokes over Green Valley.

Fernandez was the state individual champion as a sophomore at Green Valley, but she was ineligible last year after transferring to Foothill. She was magnificent on Tuesday on shooting her second through 17 holes shooting three under par.

"I was happy with the score, especially after the start I had," Fernandez said. "It was the first time I played this course, and playing this much wind, it was tough. I had never even seen the course before." That may have been an advantage for Fernandez, who admitted, "normally in tournament play I'm better in practice."