

Monthly Divot

August



Bryant Shoots Record Score at 86th CGA Amateur, Swanson Finishes Top 10

Colorado State University Ram and our very own alumnus Davis Bryant, shot an opening round 12-under 60 in the 86th Colorado Golf Association Amateur Championship at River Valley Ranch Golf Club in Carbondale. This tournament dates back to the 1930s. Although records are not complete, this is considered the lowest score to par in the history of the tournament. It is easy to have the confidence to shoot low when your mom and our very own Executive Director Julie Bryant is on the bag.

Davis went on to finish individual 2nd place, shooting 21-under for the tournament. Current First Tee participant Hunter Swanson finished T8, shooting 11-under for the tournament. Both boys showed their perseverance over the four grueling days of golf against some of the best amateur competition the state has to offer. We are so proud of the both of you!

Swanson and Leydon Continue on Course Success at CO Junior PGA Championship

Fresh off their efforts at the First Tee National Championship, Hunter Swanson and Kyle Leydon participated in the Colorado Junior PGA at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. Hunter took home first place honors shooting 12-under par over the 54-hole event. Fellow participant Kyle finished solo third place at 7-under par for the tournament after winning in a playoff. These boys continue to impress us week after week!





86th CGA Amateur Championship
Leaderboard



2022 Inspirato Colorado Open

Wil Collins of Albuquerque, NM overcame a two-stroke deficit through the first four holes to make seven birdies over the next 11 and outlast runner-up Rico Hoey of Rancho Cucamonga, CA for the \$100,000 first place check at the Colorado Open at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. Collins made his seventh birdie of the day at the par-4 16th to take the lead by two, then a costly bogey by Hoey at the par-3 17th gave Collins a comfortable three stroke lead heading into the final hole. Hoey birdied 18 but Collins lagged his par putt to mere inches from the cup, tapping in for bogey and winning by one stroke at 23-under (261 total).

Hoey's 22-under second place finish was worth \$20,000, while Collins' win was worth \$77,000 more the second time around (\$23,000 first place in 2005). Collins' two victories 17 years apart is eclipsed only by 2-time



2022 Drive, Chip, and Putt

PGA Tour winner Jonathan Kaye, whose CO Open wins were 21 years apart (1996, 2017).

In a two-way tie for third was 2013 champion Zakhai Brown of Arvada, CO and low amateur champion Connor Jones of nearby Westminster, CO, who both shot 68 to finish at 19-under (265). Jones' closest competitor for low amateur was another local Griffin Barela of Lakewood who shot even-par 71 to finish at 7-under 277 (T-39).

Thank you to all of our volunteers! Our championship would not be nearly as successful without your help!



Qualifiers for the 2023 Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship at Augusta National have been taking place throughout Colorado this summer. We had a number of participants try and make their way through the qualifiers, sub-regionals, and regionals, in hopes of making it all the way to the finals. Finals take place the week prior to the Masters. We had eight kiddos participate in a qualifier. Of those eight, three of them qualified for a sub-regional, taking place later this month.



We had two participants compete at the Cherry Creek Country Club local qualifying. Isabella Tran took 5th place, earning alternate status for the girls ages 12-13. Sophia Capua took 1st place! She qualified for the sub-regional August 14th at Murphy Creek Golf Course. Sophia earned herself a spot at Augusta this past spring after working her way through regionals last season!



Three of our PGA Jr League players competed at the Colorado National local qualifying. Ella Martin placed first in the girls 12-



End of Year BBQ and Play Day

Mark your calendars, the End of the Year BBQ is Saturday, October 15th, 12pm-2pm at our First Tee Learning Center. Come enjoy some food, drinks, and fun! We will have donations of clothing, shoes, clubs, and balls out for families to take home! We also host a Play Day before the BBQ for Play Day Certified participants and their families to play in a Scramble formatted event on our par 3 short course! If you have any questions about how you can get your child Play Day Certified or more information about our BBQ please reach out to our Program Coordinator, Aaron Pinkerton, at Apinkerton@coloradoopen.com



13 age group; earning her a spot in the sub-regional at Murphy Creek. Her sister Olivia Martin and fellow teammate Sydney Hopper just missed alternate spots by a few points in the girls 10-11 age.

At the University of Denver Golf Club at Highlands Ranch, PGA Jr League player Rowen Vincent competed in the 12-13 age group. He did not qualify but he has two more years to try again.

At the Saddle Rock Golf Club Qualifier, Haley Johnson (pictured above) placed 3rd in the girls 10-11 age to qualify for her sub-regional at Thorncreek Golf Course August 27th! While her sister Leah Johnson just missed qualifying by 2 points, she is an alternate for the Thorncreek sub-regional!

No matter where they finished we are all proud of how well they all competed and persevered!

Drive, Chip, and Putt Results

Fall Classes still available

We still have plenty of room in our fall sessions to finish the season!

GVR Location

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Monday 8/29-10/10, 5:30-6:30pm
spots available: 13

Saturday 9/3-10/8, 8:30-9:30am
spots available: 17

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Saturday 9/3-10/8, 9:45-10:45am
spots available: 12



Tuesday 9/20-10/11, 5:30-6:30pm
spots available: 13

10-11

Sat. 9/3-10/8, 11:00-12:00pm
spots available: 17

Wed. 9/21-10/12, 5:30-6:30pm
spots available: 17

12+

Sat. 9/3-10/8, 12:15-1:15pm
spots available: 19

Tues. 9/22-10/13, 5:30-6:30pm
spots available: 18

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