

# Monthly Divot

## August



First Tee Leadership Academy in Atlanta  
By: FTGVR Participant Emma Stavelly

In Atlanta, 48 participants came together from all over the US. It was a great opportunity for me to step out of my comfort zone, in the world of golf. We were tasked with figuring out “what is and what makes a successful team?”

We were able to meet many successful leaders and teams, such as Coach Nell Fortner, Greg Beadles, The Atlanta Falcons Staff, and many more. These teams highlighted important parts of their journey, allowing us to see the reality of success. After learning about the different roads to accomplish, and dead ends, the participants were able to come up with their own team strengthening strategies throughout a series of challenges.

Atlanta was an incredible place to meet so many new adult faces, make new friends, and see the beautiful state of Georgia. This trip taught me more about myself as a leader, but also about myself as a teammate. I learned how to put my trust in others and to let every teammates individual strengths shine. Thank you to the first tee for selecting me for this opportunity, and I can't wait to see what else's to come!





## Volunteer Opportunities

Join the highly-anticipated Inspirato Colorado Senior Open at Green Valley Ranch from August 23rd to 25th! We need enthusiastic volunteers to be a part of this amazing tournament.

With a staggering \$90,000 purse, the largest in the country for a senior state open, former Tour champions and competitive seniors are vying for the \$20,000 1st prize.

Whether it be spotting golf balls, tracking player scores, or collecting caddie bibs, there's a perfect role for you. Don't miss this chance to get up close to the action and support professional golf.

Click the link below to apply and check out available positions. To learn more about the Inspirato Colorado Opens visit our website.

Be a crucial part of an unforgettable experience – sign up as a volunteer now!





## Programming Update

We are over halfway through our programming for the year and Summer (B) is well under way. With August already here and September approaching quick, we are looking forward to our Fall sessions. There are plenty of spots available for all age groups this September. Simply click on the link at the bottom of the page to be taken to registration.

FALL SESSIONS				
4 - 6	Aug 28 - Oct 9	MON	5:30 - 6:30pm	\$75
4 - 6	Sept 2 - Oct 7	SAT	8:30 - 9:30am	\$75
7 - 9	Sept 12 - Oct 3	TUE	5:30 - 6:30pm	\$75
7 - 9	Sept 2 - Oct 7	SAT	9:45 - 10:45am	\$75
10 - 11	Sept 13 - Oct 4	WED	5:15 - 6:45pm	\$100
10 +	Sept 2 - Oct 7	SAT	11:00am - 12:30pm	\$100
12 +	Sept 14 - Oct 5	THU	5:15 - 6:45pm	\$100

Glowball spots still available!



**There are still a few spots left for Glow Ball next Friday, August 11th! Don't miss your chance to enjoy one of our favorite events of the year.**

**SIGN UP AT THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE**





## Golf Club Trade-In Program

Too tall for your current set of clubs? Want a new driver or a new putter? Thanks to the many generous golfers who donate their golf clubs to First Tee - GVR, there are all types of clubs in varying sizes waiting to find a new home! If you are interested in trading in any of your clubs, please reach out to Charlie Hall at [CHall@ColoradoOpen.com](mailto:CHall@ColoradoOpen.com).

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**Bob Engel**  
Retired CoBank CEO

Bob Engel, the former CEO of CoBank, a billion-dollar agri-business bank in Greenwood Village, has made a profound impact on the Colorado Opens through his extraordinary philanthropy and dedication. Since 2014, as the Volunteer Sponsor, Bob initiated his charitable contributions, laying the foundation for a legacy of giving that would continue to blossom.

Under Bob's visionary leadership, CoBank elevated its commitment in 2016, becoming the title sponsor for all three Colorado Opens until 2020, a pivotal moment that showcased their enduring support for Colorado professional golf. Yet, Bob's generosity extended far beyond corporate sponsorship.

In 2017, together with his wife Lynda, the Engels embarked on a personal mission to uplift women golfers. Their individual donations contributed to a remarkable increase in the Women's Open purse, reaching an inspiring record level of \$150,000 at the time, a gesture that empowered female competitors and opened doors to brighter opportunities.

Their altruism didn't stop there. Even today, the Engels remain steadfast in their support, continuously contributing to the purse increase. Their commitment to the First Tee and the Colorado Open speaks volumes about their dedication to nurturing talent and fostering a thriving sports community.

As we reflect on the past 10 years, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bob and Lynda Engel for their transformative generosity. Their benevolence has touched the lives of countless athletes and empowered the next generation to pursue their dreams fearlessly.