

Monthly Divot

August/September



Pure Insurance Championship

For many teens, being selected for the PURE Insurance Championship is the pinnacle experience of their First Tee participation. An official PGA TOUR Champions event, the PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Monterey, California pairs one First Tee junior with a PGA TOUR Champions player and two amateurs. The tournament is televised nationally on Golf Channel. Our very own participants Hunter Swanson and Kyle Leydon will once again represent our chapter by competing in the championship September 21st - 26th. Although there is a winning score on Sunday, this experience is so much more than a golf event. First Tee participants are provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the Legends & Leaders speaker program, which features notables from the business, sports and entertainment industries. This event also provides the teens a unique mentoring experience on the golf course with their PGA TOUR Champions player. The relationships formed during tournament week are genuine and deeply rooted. You can catch the

Colorado Senior Open Recap



Harry Rudolph of La Jolla, CA defended his championship and low amateur Jon Lindstrom of Denver did the same at the \$65,000 CoBank Colorado Senior Open at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. This feat marks the first time in Senior Open history that the same champion and low amateur won-back-to-back, and the second time in any CO Open championship it has been accomplished (1964-1965 Bill Bisdorf and Jim English, Sr.).

Rudolph, entering the final round with a one stroke lead over Skip Kendall of Windermere, FL, fired a second consecutive 5-under 67 to beat Kendall and Jerry Smith of Scottsdale, AZ by four strokes and take home the \$12,500 first place prize. Along with his check, Rudolph earned an exemption into the \$250,000 Colorado Open next

tournament on Golf Channel:

Friday 9/24 8pm-10pm REPLAY

Saturday 9/25 1pm-4pm LIVE

Sunday 9/26 12pm-3pm LIVE

(all times PST)



July where the champion takes home \$100,000.

Alone in fourth at 7-under 209 was Lindstrom, who became the first three-time low amateur champion of the Senior Open, all in just four years. Second place low amateur was Richard Bradsby of Denver, a fellow Lakewood Country Club member with Lindstrom.

In addition to his successful repeat, Rudolph just missed tying the all-time scoring record of 15-under set by 2011 champ R.W. Eaks when his 5-foot par putt on the final hole slid just right of the cup. The low Super Senior (players 60 years and older) was won by Kevin Dillen of Paris, TX who finished in a tie for seventh at 4-under 212.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, players, and spectators who came out to all three of our Championships!

[Leaderboard/Recap](#)

Healthy Breakfast Recipe For School or Golf

Five Minute Healthy Oatmeal Recipe

Preparing for school is very similar to preparing for golf. Having a healthy breakfast can start the day off right with a lot of energy. Here is a wonderful recipe for a quick healthy oatmeal breakfast!

Ingredients



First Tee-GVR Continue Their Fine Play

Our participants have been representing our chapter throughout the golf season! Here is update on our participants so far!

We have 13 kids playing in different tour and series events for the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado (JGAC). 30 of our participants play PGA Jr League for our program or others around the area.

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2 cup unsweetened almond milk
- 1 medium banana, mashed
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- pinch of salt

Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients into a saucepan and turn heat to medium/high
2. bring to a boil. Then, turn the heat down to low/medium and continually stir for around 3-5 minutes as the oatmeal cooks and thickens
3. Once oatmeal is at the desired consistency, remove from heat, and serve immediately.

End of Season BBQ

Mark on your calendars! First Tee - GVR's end of the year BBQ is Saturday October 16th from 12pm-2pm. The BBQ is open to any participant was active during our 2021 season! Come on out and bring the family for some fun!





Eagle participant Makaela Swanson won the JGAC 14-18 Series Championship at Coyote Creek. She also earned first place honors in the Drive portion of Drive, Chip, Putt.



Eagle participant Keagan Bond started his high school season earning first place honors at the first EMAC major of the season at Aurora Hills, Eagle participant Kyle Leydon finished 2nd in the

event as well! Keagan also played his way to first place honors in the EMAC event held at Buffalo Run!

**Eastern Metro Athletic Conference
(EMAC) Major**



Hunter Swanson secured first place honors at the JGAC Fall Tour at Sky Ranch Golf Course, he also earned two top ten finishes in AJGA play. He played to a 2nd place finish at the Junior Open at The Bridges in Montrose, as well as T8 at the Justin Thomas Junior Championship in Goshen, Ky.

With high school boys golf in full swing and girls golf in the spring, we have no doubt First Tee - GVR will be well represented throughout junior golf in Colorado!