

# Monthly Divot

## May



### Hunter Swanson and Kyle Leydon to compete in the Inaugural First Tee National Championship

Eagle participants Hunter Swanson (pictured top) and Kyle Leydon (pictured bottom) will compete in the upcoming First Tee National Championship, June 20-25 at Clemson University. Hunter attends Northfield High School and Kyle attends Brighton High School. The first-ever event with a total of 48 players will bring together First Tee's elite golfers for an opportunity to showcase how the program has helped build the strength of character needed to play at the collegiate or next level. First Tee - GVR is one of four chapters with multiple invitees. The Tournament was postponed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The First Tee National Championship will be held annually at various college campuses around the nation providing First Tee participants the opportunity to network with others from across the country and take in the college

### Strong First Tee Showing to Start Golf Season

Multiple participants of First Tee - Green Valley Ranch started the 2021 golf season on high notes. Birdie participant Leah Johnson (pictured below) earned first place honors in the MAXD Junior Golf Tour event at Quail Dunes in Fort Morgan.

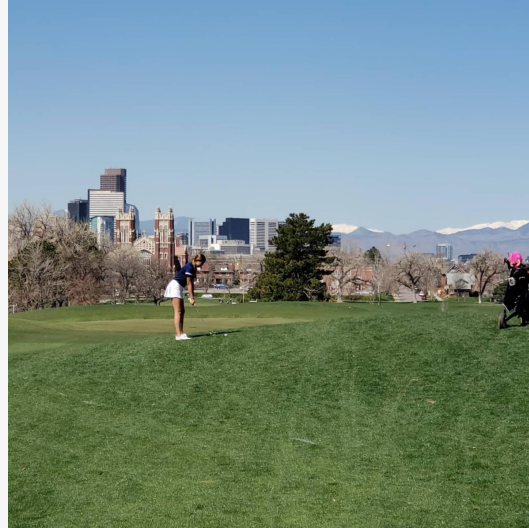


Birdie participant Makaela Swanson (pictured below) played in her first high school event for Northfield High School, placing 9th at the Denver Public Schools Invitational at City Park Golf Course.

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Clemson University's The Walker Course is set to host the inaugural Championship. During the week, Kyle and Hunter will have the opportunity to hear from PGA Head Golf Professional Steve Scott on how his values intersected with his experience of finishing Runner-Up to Tiger Woods in the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship.

The field includes 24 boys and 24 girls, ages 14-19, who were selected based on their golf skill, competitive golf experience and handicap. Players will come from 32 First Tee chapters across the country.



Eagle participants Kyle Leydon (pictured below top) and Emma Bryant (pictured below bottom) started off their Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado season in Pueblo. Kyle won the boys tour event at Walking Stick Golf Club while Emma tied for first place and eventually lost in a scorecard playoff at Pueblo Country Club. Emma also started her senior season of high school golf on a very high note, winning back to back events. After finishing her volleyball season, Emma started her senior golf season with a bang, winning the Centennial League opener by 8 strokes (shooting 6-under 66) at Murphy Creek. A day later she secured the victory at the Denver Public Schools Invitational held at City Park, winning by 7 strokes after posting 5-under 67! We are so proud of all four of you, your perseverance and respect for golf is amazing! You can read the scoring recaps of the high school events below.

[Centennial League](#)

[DPS Invitational](#)



## Mentally Preparing For a Golf Tournament

You may have heard the Bobby Jones quote, "There's golf and then there's tournament golf". All of us that have played in golf tournaments understand what Mr. Jones meant. His quote does not just apply to professional events. Amateur golfers can feel the same nerves before a big event. The mental aspect of the game has ended a lot of good players' careers. Golf seems to be tougher than other sports when it comes to the mental side. Getting mentally prepared to play can be the difference between a good round and a bad one. Click the button below to read about preparing for tournaments!

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## Spring Is In Full Swing

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