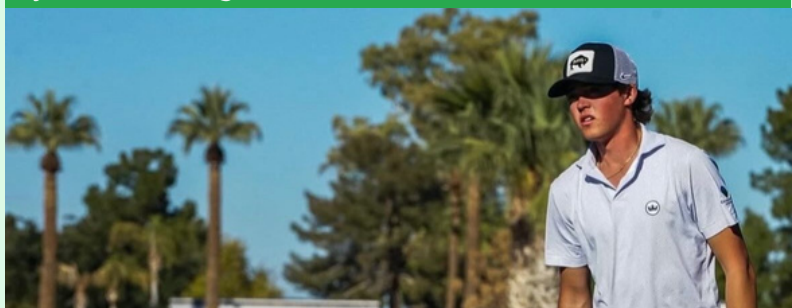


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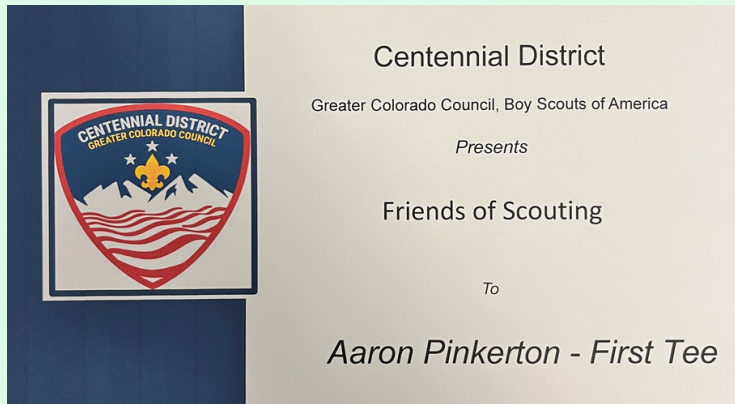
Hunter at Monday Q!

Last week, First Tee – GVR alum Hunter Swanson competed in the Monday Qualifier for the Farmers Insurance Open PGA TOUR event. Hunter wrapped up at T-18, shooting 2 under, falling short of the cut by just 4 shots. While a few birdies away from playing in his first PGA TOUR event, playing alongside seasoned pros, both current and past PGA TOUR players, provided valuable lessons for Hunter. Hunter, we're so proud of your performance, and we anticipate watching you shine again this season at CU.



Boy Scouts Award

Last month, our Program Director, Aaron Pinkerton, accepted the Friends of Scouting Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Greater Colorado Council, Centennial District. First Tee - GVR earned this award for supporting Scouts in earning their golf merit badge by offering resources, instruction, and time. In October, we proudly assisted 17 scouts from 5 different troops in the Denver Metro area in achieving their golf merit badges. The scouts did classroom work and then played 18 holes on the Par 3 course.



Superstore Spots Open!

We still have openings for our Tuesday sessions at the PGA TOUR Superstore, starting on February 6th. During these sessions, we get to use their putting green and golf simulators, allowing us to practice every aspect of the game. Join us for a great time honing your skills while it warms up outside! Click the link below to register.

Where: PGA TOUR Superstore (9451 E Arapahoe Rd)

When: Tuesday February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th from 5:30-7 pm

Cost: \$20





Registration open March 1st

Get ready for Spring! Registration for our upcoming spring sessions begins on March 1st. Once the schedule is finalized, we'll send it out via email, allowing you to plan and choose sessions that work with your schedule. We're anticipating a great year filled with exciting programming, and we can't wait to have you on board! Reach out to Program Director Aaron Pinkerton if you have any questions prior to registration.

Youth Opportunities

As golf season gears up, here are some budget-friendly ways to keep hitting the course this year. If you register for a class at First Tee – GVR included in that price is a membership card that gives you 10 buckets of balls as well as 10 rounds on the GVR par 3 course. Another option for youths aged 6–18, is Youth on Course at just \$25 annually, granting access to 18-hole rounds at over 40 Colorado courses for only \$5 each. Plus, First Tee – GVR offers an extra discount with a special code. If you're keen on a Youth on Course membership, reach out to Charlie at chall@coloradoopen.com. Enjoy affordable golfing!



Donor Spotlight



GOLFTEC and Joe Assell

Joe Assell, GOLFTEC's President and CEO, has been a driving force in golf since founding the company in 1995. In nearly three decades, he has transformed GOLFTEC into a global brand, significantly influencing golf instruction and club fitting. With a footprint in six countries and over 1,000 PGA professionals employed across 240+ locations, GOLFTEC emphasizes its robust commitment to advancing the game.

In recognition of his contributions, Joe has been inducted into the 2024 Colorado Golf Hall of Fame alongside Mr. Pat Hamill, founder of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. This selective process annually acknowledges up to three individuals for their impact on the golf community, spanning professionals, amateurs, administrators, club professionals, course architects, and more.

Since 2013, GOLFTEC has been a crucial supporter of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation's mission to grow the game and host a premier state open. In 2016, their annual contribution became a dedicated sponsor to increase the purse of the Colorado Open Championships, adding to the impressive \$600,000 purse, the highest state open purse nationwide. Over the past 11 years under Joe Assell's leadership, GOLFTEC has contributed a remarkable \$100,000 to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation, leaving a lasting impact on Colorado golf and our state opens.

In the 2023 Inspirato Colorado Women's Open, GOLFTEC provided a unique opportunity for Charlie Moody, a FTGVR participant, to caddy for their team. This team, featuring their exempt professional and an amateur player, generously committed to fitting Charlie and providing him with a brand-new set of clubs. Beyond gaining invaluable experience by caddying in a professional tournament, this gesture underscores GOLFTEC's dedication to growing the game by supporting youth participants like Charlie.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Assell and GOLFTEC for your dedication to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation over the last 11 years. Your transformative impact on golf instruction, club fitting, and support for both professional and amateur players is truly commendable. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your commitment to the sport.