

# Monthly Divot

## May



### Level 2 Coach Training

Two weeks ago, Coaches Brandon, Charlie, and Garrett attended the Level 2 Coach Training hosted by First Tee - San Francisco at TPC Harding Park. This training focuses on delivering the First Tee curriculum to participants ages 10-13.

They had a great three-day training learning new coaching techniques and ideas from our great First Tee National Trainers, as well as other coaches from all over the country.

Alongside training, they explored the city, visiting Alcatraz, catching a Giants game, and enjoying delicious seafood!

Thank you, First Tee – San Francisco for being an amazing host!



# Summer Programming

The 2024 programming season is underway!

With summer quickly approaching, it's not too early to register for our summer sessions at Green Valley Ranch and Buffalo Run.

Registration includes a \$25 membership that allows your participant 10 medium buckets of balls AND 10 rounds on the GVR Par 3 Course.

Visit [firstteegreenvalleyranch.org](https://firstteegreenvalleyranch.org) to sign up your participant!

SUMMER SESSIONS (A)				
4 - 6	Jun 4 - Jul 9	TUE	5:15 - 6:15pm	\$100
4 - 6	May 25 - Jul 6	SAT	8:30 - 9:30am	\$100
7 - 9	Jun 6 - Jul 18	THU	5:30 - 6:30pm	\$100
7 - 9	May 25 - Jul 6	SAT	9:45 - 10:45am	\$100
10 - 11	Jun 5 - Jul 10	WED	6:00 - 7:30pm	\$125
10 +	May 25 - Jul 6	SAT	11:00 - 12:30pm	\$125
12 +	Jun 4 - Jul 9	TUE	6:30 - 8:00pm	\$125
LPGA GIRLS	May 6 - Aug 12	MON	5:30 - 6:30pm	\$100
PGA Jr. LEAGUE	May 15 - Aug 7	WED	5:30 - 7:00pm	\$275

SUMMER SESSIONS (B)				
4 - 6	Jul 31 - Sept 11	WED	5:30 - 6:30pm	\$100
4 - 6	Jul 13 - Aug 24	SAT	8:30 - 9:30am	\$100
7 - 9	Jul 30 - Sept 10	TUE	5:15 - 6:15pm	\$100
7 - 9	Jul 13 - Aug 24	SAT	9:45 - 10:45am	\$100
10 - 11	Jul 30 - Sept 10	TUE	6:30 - 8:00pm	\$125
10 +	Jul 13 - Aug 24	SAT	11:00 - 12:30pm	\$125
12 +	Aug 1 - Sept 12	THU	5:30 - 7:00pm	\$125

BUFFALO RUN GOLF COURSE				
AGES	DATE	DAY	TIME	COST
4 - 6	Jun 3 - Jun 24	MON	2:00 - 3:00pm	\$75
7 - 9	Jun 3 - Jun 24	MON	3:15 - 4:15pm	\$75
10 +	Jun 3 - Jun 24	MON	4:30 - 5:30pm	\$75
4 - 6	Jul 8 - Aug 5	MON	2:00 - 3:00pm	\$75
7 - 9	Jul 8 - Aug 5	MON	3:15 - 4:15pm	\$75
10 +	Jul 8 - Aug 5	MON	4:30 - 5:30pm	\$75

CAMPS AT GREEN VALLEY RANCH GC				
AGES	DATE(s)	DAYS	TIME	COST
7 +	Jun 11 - Jun 14	TU-F	9:00am - 12:00pm	\$125
7 - 9	Jun 18 - Jun 21	TU-F	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$125
10 +	Jun 25 - Jun 28	TU-F	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$125
7 +	Jul 9 - Jul 12	TU-F	9:00am - 12:00pm	\$125
7 +	Aug 6 - Aug 9	TU-F	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$125

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## Welcome COGF Interns!

# Cameron Kelly (Tournament Intern)



Cameron was born in the Greater Philadelphia Area. She attended Miami University (Ohio) earning a bachelor's degree in Sports Leadership and Management. Cameron continued her educational career at Miami University (Ohio) to earn her Masters in Sports Leadership and Management with a Specialization in Sports Psychology. She was actively involved with the Sports Leadership and Management department offering administrative support.

Driven by a genuine passion for sports and desire to make a positive impact, Cameron became a certified Crisis Text Line Counselor, equipped with training in QPR Suicide Prevention, Safety Assessment and Planning, and the Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing.

She is an avid Philadelphia sports fan who will always enjoy watching the Eagles, Phillies, and 76ers. In the winter months she also enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing.

Her connection to the golf community started at a young age. Each year, at Bay Hill, she would have an opportunity to spend time with Mr. Palmer. Inspired by his legacy and values, she is deeply committed to upholding the spirit of Arnie's Army.

# Caleb Duval (Programming Intern)



Caleb was born in Atlanta, Georgia, living there until the age of seven, before moving with his family overseas to Bangkok, Thailand, where he lived until the age of fourteen. He returned home to Atlanta finishing his middle and high school years before attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he swam at the Division 1 level for the university.

He is set to start his Senior year as a Sports Leadership and Management Major. During the school year, he works as an intern with the Miami Athletics Department, helping run, coordinate, and operate numerous sporting events throughout the university's campus. Caleb spent the summer of his freshman year working at the YMCA of Metro Atlanta, helping to facilitate camp activities and lead campers as a counselor throughout the YMCA summer camp program. He spent the summer of his Sophomore year as a valet and caddie at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, interacting with guests and members and attending to their needs on arrival as well as supporting and caddying as necessary on the course. He has grown a passion for golf throughout the past few years, finding it to be one of his best opportunities to socialize and interact with friends and family throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

His passion has only grown throughout his post-swimming career, finding it to be a challenging and enjoyable activity as well as a way to connect with his deep family golfing background and further connect with his grandfather who was a longtime golf instructor in Venice, Florida.

In Caleb's free time, you can find him playing golf with his friends and family, playing video games, attending sporting events, and cheering on his hometown Atlanta Braves. Caleb is extremely excited to be joining the program this summer and is looking forward to interacting with the kids and representing and supporting the foundation in a positive way.



# FRIDAY

## Play Days

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



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green valley ranch

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
26th**	3rd	7th	12th	2nd	6th	4th**
	10th	14th	19th	9th - GLOWBALL	13th	
	17th	21st		16th	20th**	
	24th	28th		23rd		

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IF YOU HAVE NOT PLAYED IN A PLAY  
DAY BEFORE, PLEASE EMAIL AARON  
AT  
APINKERTON@COLORADOOPEN.COM  
BEFORE SIGNING UP

5:30 PM Shotgun Start

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## Participant Corner

### By: Makaela Swanson

Makaela Swanson, a devoted participant of First Tee - Green Valley Ranch since 2013, has now set her sights on a new chapter of her golfing career. With her recent commitment to join the Women's Golf team at Black Hills State University, Makaela's journey exemplifies perseverance and excellence both on and off the course. Reflecting on her decision, Makaela shares why she picked BHSU.

"I chose Black Hills State University to continue my golf career mainly because of the environment! The black hills are beautiful, but after visiting the school I immediately knew this is where I belonged. Meeting my coach and all of the other players on the team made me feel so comfortable and I knew this was a place where I could grow as a player and as a person. The courses in the area are amazing, the campus is exactly what I was looking for, and they offered the major I was interested in. Overall, I am most excited to move out there and go play tournaments under the RMAC conference. I love some good competition and I'm excited to see what is to come!"





# 2024 Girls GOLF

LPGA \* USGA

OF GREEN VALLEY RANCH  
AT THE FIRST TEE

**\$125**



LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf is a developmental junior golf program for girls ages 7-18 to create a network for girls to play golf, build friendships and sample competition in a positive and supportive learning environment.

Girls Golf members learn more than just the game of golf. We help empower them with confidence and teach them valuable life skills from leadership skills to inspiring healthy living.

This session Includes 14 classes/events and an LPGA\*USGA Girls Gift Pack.

Instruction & Play Days take place at First Tee - Green Valley Ranch Learning Center located at 20309 E. 48th Pl. Denver, CO 80249.



	Day	Date	Time
Instruction Day	Monday	May 6	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	May 13	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	May 20	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Play Day	Monday	June 3	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	June 10	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	June 17	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	June 24	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	July 1	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Play Day	Monday	July 8	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	July 15	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	July 29	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Instruction Day	Monday	August 5	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Play Day - Glow Ball	Friday	August 9	8:00 - 10:00 pm
Play Day	Monday	August 12	5:30 - 6:30 pm

Contact Aaron Pinkerton, Program Director: 303.486.8800  
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Kid Exhibitions, with LPGA Pros (top to bottom)  
Lexi Thompson,  
Jennifer Kupcho  
and Paula Creamer



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## Donor Spotlight



### Mary and Nancy Reisher

We are grateful to recognize Mary and Nancy Reisher for their generosity and loyalty to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. Since 2008, sisters Mary and Nancy have graciously contributed nearly \$90,000, helping to elevate the Colorado Opens into the tournaments they are today.

Their support extends beyond the tournaments, as they have also contributed to the capital campaign for the construction of the Patrick H. Hamill Learning Center, which opened in 2008. The Learning Center hosts hundreds of First Tee participants annually, showcasing the Reishers' commitment to nurturing the next generation of golfers.

Mary and Nancy's father, Roger Reisher, was an American banker, philanthropist, and the first President of FirstBank Holding Co, the largest banking institution headquartered in Colorado. FirstBank serves as the presenting sponsor of Colorado Gives Day and the Incentive Sponsor for the \$1 million prize pool awarded to charities that raise the most money. In 2023, First Tee – GVR emerged as the top-earning charity of Colorado Gives Day, winning the first-place prize from FirstBank.

Since the Colorado Open has moved to Green Valley Ranch Golf Course, the Reishers and their spouses play in the Colorado Women's and Men's Pro-Ams. Their support of the Colorado Open and FTGVR is apparent, and we are lucky to have them in our corner.

Mary and Nancy, your 16 years of support have been essential for the growth of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. Thank you for helping create a space where young golfers can explore their passions with confidence.