# Monthly Divot of first tee green valley ranch

#### Sessions begin next week!

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Spots are limited, so don't wait—click the button below to register today!



If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Program Coordinator Charlie Hall at CHall@ColoradoOpen.com

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#### **Meet Our New First Tee Intern!**



Roberto Alvarado Jr. was born and raised in Aurora, Colorado. He attended the Metropolitan State University of Denver earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management with a Minor in Coaching.

Motivated by his passion for sports & genuine interest in creating those memorable moments. Roberto has

previously worked with bet365 as a Customer Account Advisor and was able to obtain that experience in delivering exceptional customer service. He has been able to gain different experiences within the sports industry from ticket sales and programming to event facility management.

Roberto is an avid New York Knicks, New York Mets, Denver Broncos, and FC Barcelona fan & makes sure to be locked in when it's game time. During the warmer months, he enjoys going on hikes and walking with his dog Bella.

He is coming to the team with an open mind to learning more about the Golf Industry & is looking forward to having a fun time with the kids and displaying the core values of the foundation positively every day!

#### **Engrave Your Legacy!**





We're building a new Honor Wall at the Patrick H. Hamill Learning Center—and your family can be part of it.

With a \$250 donation, your family's name will be engraved on a paver brick and permanently displayed for kids and families to see for years to come.

The \$250 can be spread out over three years, making it an easy and meaningful way to show your support.

And since the donation qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit, you'll get up to 35% of it back at tax time.

Help us build something that lasts.

Contact Program Coordinator Charlie Hall at <a href="mailto:CHall@ColoradoOpen.com">CHall@ColoradoOpen.com</a> to get started.

### **Participant Corner**

First Tee - GVR participant Jack Clark is headed on an incredible journey to Japan this summer! Check out what he had to say about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity:

"This summer I will be going to Japan through an exchange program. It was a dream that I had in my freshman year of High School. I've always wanted to connect with kids my age in a different country. However my junior year came and I hadn't had anything planned or gone. I thought the dream was over and had almost given up on it. Until last summer through a First Tee event I met a woman who runs an exchange program to Japan for teenagers, and they were still accepting applicants for the program. It just happened to be the right place at the right time. So I applied and got in. We will be spending a month in Japan going across multiple prefectures and cities. We will be doing a mix of family stay and hotel stay. And we will be interacting with kids my age. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to go as well as the insane luck I had to find out about the opportunity through a First Tee event. We will ride on a bullet train, which I am very excited for!"



#### **Donor Spotlight**



## Mike and Elaine Ackerman

Mike and Elaine Ackerman have been strong supporters of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation since 2020. In just five years on the board, Mike has helped move our mission forward, and together, he and Elaine have contributed over \$75,000—not including their additional support for the 2023 U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills Country Club. Their generosity has helped expand opportunities for young golfers and grow programs that teach life skills through the game.

Beyond their giving, Mike is an active competitor, regularly playing in the Colorado Women's Open Pro-Am. His passion for the game and support for professional golf was on full display in 2021 when he won alongside professional Jessica Dreesbeimdieke.

The Ackermans' generosity goes beyond golf. They also support causes like Arrupe Jesuit High School, showing their dedication to education and community programs. Their willingness to give back reflects their belief in creating opportunities for others, both on and off the course, and giving to those that deliver vital programming to people in need.

We truly appreciate Mike and Elaine's support. Their contributions make a lasting difference, helping to shape the next generation of golfers and leaders. Thank you, Mike and Elaine, for all you do!

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