

# Monthly Divot first tee<sup>®</sup>

## August

green valley ranch

**Register for Fall Classes!**

Fall 7-9 Monday Session kicks off August 18 and spots are going fast!

Get your golfer signed up today and be part of the fun this fall!



**To register for all sessions, click the button below!**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Program Coordinator Charlie Hall at [CHall@ColoradoOpen.com](mailto:CHall@ColoradoOpen.com)

**Register Here!**



## First Tee – GVR Participants Caddie at the Colorado Open!

Huge congrats to First Tee - GVR participants and GVR-certified caddies **Cruz Abeyta, Natalie Clark, Eli Martinez, and JR Martinez** for proudly representing our program during the 61st Inspirato Colorado Open! These four stepped up in a big way, caddying for competing golfers and showcasing the responsibility and golf knowledge they've built through First Tee. We're proud of your hard work on the bag!





## First Tee – GVR at the Colorado Open!

Shoutout to First Tee – GVR participants **Gabby Cunningham, Laila Stavely, Kemal Guder, Grayson Martinez, Tommy Heroux, and Kyle Groh** for volunteering during the Colorado Open Pro-Am! They spent the day extending drives and putts to help raise money for our chapter. Thank you all for your time, energy, and support—we appreciate you!



**Sign up for Friday Play Days!**

# FRIDAY

## *Play Days*



**5:30 PM Shotgun Start**

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
18th**	9th	6th	11th	1st	5th	3rd**
25th	16th	13th	18th	8th	12th	
	23rd	20th		15th - GLOWBALL	19th**	
		27th		22nd		

Each Friday throughout the season, First Tee - Green Valley Ranch conducts a Play Day for participants to play the Par 3 course in a fun environment. Participants are paired up in groups of 3 with a mentor, usually a coach and/or board member.

**Register Here!**



## Participant Corner

Natalie Clark is a longtime member of First Tee – GVR. From starting in the program at just three years old to now coaching and caddying, Natalie has grown into a strong leader and role model in our community. Here's what she had to say about her journey:

"I joined First Tee when I was three years old, and the program became my second home. It was more than just a place to learn golf; it evolved into a family filled with friendships and a deep love for the game.

More than that, it helped me grow my morals, such as confidence, responsibility, and respect. I also had the opportunity to caddy, which grew my knowledge of golf.

The excitement of practice was matched only by the unique opportunity to coach younger kids, guiding them as they began their own First Tee journeys. Being able to give back and shape these experiences has been incredibly rewarding."



## Be Part of the Honor Wall



The Honor Wall at the Patrick H. Hamill Learning Center is officially complete—and it looks amazing. We're proud to share a photo of the original vision alongside the finished product.

There's still time to be part of it.

With a \$250 donation, your family's name can be engraved on a paver brick placed in the center of the walkway—right at the heart of this special space. It's a lasting tribute that every First Tee participant and visitor will see for years to come.

The gift can be spread over three years, and it qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit, saving you up to 35%.

To reserve your family's brick, contact Program Coordinator Charlie Hall at [CHall@ColoradoOpen.com](mailto:CHall@ColoradoOpen.com).



## Donor Spotlight



### Jeff Riggs

Jeff Riggs has been a generous supporter of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation since 2018, being a consistent and impactful contributor across several key initiatives. His giving has supported our endowment fund, the Honor Wall project, and the 2023 U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills Country Club, where he was a major contributor.

Jeff is the Founder and Chairman of Essex Financial Group, the largest independently owned commercial mortgage banking firm in Colorado. In 2006, he was named Colorado Golf Person of the Year by the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame for his leadership as President of Cherry Hills Country Club and as General Chairman of the hugely successful 2005 U.S. Women's Open.

A passionate advocate for Colorado golf, Jeff's commitment continues to play a meaningful role in strengthening the game and creating opportunities for the next generation.

Thank you, Jeff, for your leadership and support over the years.

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