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Register for Fall Classes!

The rest of our fall sessions kick off the second week of September 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

Register Here!

First Tee Scholars Retreat

We're proud to share that our very own First Tee – GVR participant, Emma Stavelly, attended the First Tee Scholars Pre-College Retreat in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida at First Tee Headquarters.

Emma, our chapter's first-ever selected Scholar, joined 25 other Scholars from across the country for a week of growth, connection, and preparation for the next chapter of their journeys.

Throughout the retreat, Scholars gained valuable insights for their upcoming college experience, engaged in a service project, and had the chance to explore both PGA TOUR and First Tee headquarters.

We're so proud of Emma and can't wait to see all she accomplishes in college and beyond!



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	26th**	

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.

Free to register for all active 2025 participants age 9 and older who have previously played in Play Days. If you have not played in a Play Day before, please contact Aaron at APinkerton@ColoradoOpen.com before signing up.

Register Here!

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.

Participant Corner

Charlie Moody joined First Tee – Green Valley Ranch when he was just eight years old. Over the years, he's grown through the program—both as a golfer and as a person. This month, Charlie reflects on what First Tee has meant to him and how it's helped shape his journey so far:

"Hello, my name is Charlie Moody, and I have been involved in First Tee for eight years. The First Tee program has changed my life in many ways. Over the years, it has taught me manners and values that have helped shape me into the person I am today. The coaches taught me how to show respect, how to properly shake someone's hand, and many other essential life skills.

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in the First Tee Leadership Series in partnership with the PGA Tour Superstore. The classes taught me leadership skills and helped me explore possible career paths based on my strengths, weaknesses, and values.

Now that I'm a teenager, I've started volunteering as a coach at the First Tee. Coaching is one of my favorite parts of the program because I get to go out on the golf course, be like the people I used to look up to, and share my love for the game of golf.

I am so grateful for everything The First Tee has given me, everything it has taught me, and everyone I have met along the way. Being part of this program has not only made me a better golfer but also a better person. The First Tee will always be a part of who I am, and I'm excited to carry its lessons with me into the future."



Hole in one frenzy!

At the Colorado AvidGolfer Central Bank Cup, Russ McGrane and Jaylee Tait each made a hole-in-one on the same hole during a “Beat the Pro” challenge. Jaylee was the pro on the par 3, and Russ was one of the amateurs competing in the event. Within just two swings, both found the bottom of the cup—resulting in a rare and memorable moment.

The event was hosted by Colorado AvidGolfer, where board member Allen Walters serves as President and Publisher. It was a great moment for everyone involved and one that won't be forgotten anytime soon.



Donor Spotlight



Russ and Jerri McGrane

Russ and Jerri McGrane have been involved with the Colorado Open Golf Foundation since 2019, contributing nearly \$50,000 in support of our mission. From his three years of service on the Board of Trustees (2020–2022) to his ongoing participation in our events and fundraising efforts, Russ has been a consistent and engaged member of our community.

A player in the Colorado Women's Open Pro-Am and a member at Colorado Golf Club, Russ supports the game in more ways than one. He's been a strong advocate for our work both on and off the course, helping to grow the foundation's reach and impact. In August, he shared a memorable moment with longtime Colorado Women's Open participant Jaylee Tait, when the two made back-to-back holes-in-one at Ravenna Country Club.

We're thankful for Russ and Jerri's continued involvement and their belief in the work we do.

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