



Update



January 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year 2020 began with the tremendous loss of one of our truly beloved members, Katie Catron. Katie was a longtime member of the TDTD. She served on various committees and most recently was the Club Chaplain. She was an avid golfer too, participating in several events throughout the year. She would be excited to see the accomplishments of our growing young Junior membership that is reported in this issue of the Update.

Before every meeting, Katie would ask us to "touch someone if you can" as she prayed over our gathering. I would slowly get up, feeling a little upset for having to leave my comfortable seat to find someone's hand to hold. But I realized the power in those words as I stood there holding the hands of two people who I had joined with in prayer.

I am inspired by Katie's words and would like the TDTD Golf Club to make that our focus for the year. "Touch someone if you can." Let's do this to honor Katie, but more importantly to remind us of our blessings as we reach out to others and share our blessings. Don't miss the opportunity to "touch someone if you can."

--Elois McGehee, President

KATIE CATRON



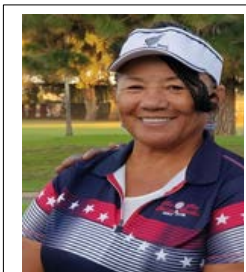
Katie Catron, the soul of TDTD, was widely recognized for her contributions to golf. The Western States Golf Association inducted her into the Hall of Honor in 2018. Katie had an active life outside golf as well. Katie loved her church, Holman United Methodist, where she was a faithful member for many years. Katie was also the long term Administrator for the A-MAN Inc., International Science Discovery & Learning Center, working under Founder and Co-Director, Dr. Bettye Walker. She continued to work with the Center as a STEM volunteer.

Katie passed away from a heart attack New Year's Day. "Katie will always be remembered, treasured and loved for always walking that extra mile while providing outstanding service, dedication," said Dr. Walker in a statement sent to TDTD. "I am dedicating our 'Passing the Torch Pin' to honor Katie for always being present at our Center because no one or nothing was ever out of her eye sight or ear range."

[Matthew 5:4](#) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

-- Beryl Bryant, Recording-Financial Secretary

JENNY BETHUNE AND VINCENT LYDAY NEW CLUB CHAMPIONS



Jenny Bethune



Vincent Lyday

Jenny Bethune ended the 2019 Championship season by winning her 5th Club Championship Women's Division! The Junior Golf Chair became the winningest Women's Champion since 2006.

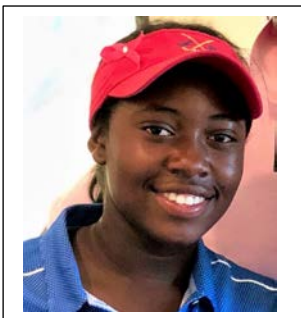
Vincent Lyday is a first time Men's Champion. Lyday joined the Club in 2018 and had an outstanding season this year. He unseated 11-time champ Rodney Gants.

The 2020 Championship Season kicks-off January 25. For more information visit the Tee Divas & Tee Dudes website at

<https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/tournament-schedule/>

— Charna Blakely, Tournament Chair

TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES JUNIORS REPORT



Skylar Graham, Gale James Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Skylar was awarded the Gale James Scholarship 2019 in December. Skylar, a student at Harvard Westlake HS, represented the First Tee Los Angeles at the PGA Champion Tour event in Pebble Beach in last year. "She works so hard and this scholarship award will assist with her tournament entry fees. She has a big year ahead and all help is greatly appreciated," said proud mom, Dee. Congratulations Skylar!

Kamren James Scholarship Recipient and Rising Star at TSU

Kamren James, awarded the Gale James Scholarship in early 2019, is now doing very well at Tennessee State University. He is currently ranked #1 on the TSU Golf Team. His season will start again in March. Kamren took a few minutes to hang with Tee Divas Verna, Elois, and Jenny at Maggie's Par 3 Golf Club Holiday Party at Los Amigos Golf Club where he was practicing.



Junior Tee Divas at So Cal Championship

Junior members Siham and Salma Ibrahim played the Southern California Junior Girls and Collegiate Partners Championship this month. The two-day event was held at the La Mirada and Lakewood golf courses. Honorary hosts, LPGA's Lizette Salas and Lee Lopez were among golf pros supporting the event. Siham age 12, and Salma, 13, shown left proudly wearing their TDTD shirts, attend Culver City Middle School.

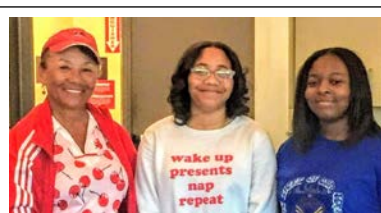
Learn more about the TDTD Junior Program at

<https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/juniors/>

Welcome new Junior Members!



Nia Elkouby and Kyla Coaxum



Adrienne Walker and London Clark

Several Junior members from the Southern California Golf Association Junior program recently joined the Club. Seen here with TDTD Junior Golf Chair, Jenny Bethune, are new TDTD Juniors Nia Elkouby and Kyla Coaxum (l) and Adrienne Walker and London Clark (r), all age 15. Nia attends Norte Dame Academy and Kyla attends John Burroughs HS. Both Adrienne and London attend DaVinci Science HS in El Segundo.

Tee Divas & Tee Dudes ended 2019 with 18 Junior Members! Junior Members range from Middle School to College age students. There are now 7 college, 7 high school, and 4 middle school Junior Members.

39th Annual Alan Bennett Junior Golf Championship Video — A must see!

Gary Patterson, father of Junior member Kourey Patterson, produced an outstanding video of the Alan Bennett Golf Championship held in Las Vegas. Several of TDTD top Junior members including Koury played in the event. You can see the video on the TDTD website at <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/juniors/>

*--Jenny Bethune, Junior Chair; Beryl Bryant Recording-Financial Secretary; Verna Stroud, Scholarship Chair
Gloria Howard, Past President; Bob Watson, Rules Chair; and Elois McGehee, President*

TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES – RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GOLFERS

Message from Junior Golf Chair, Jenny Bethune:

As the Junior Golf Club Chair, I would like to thank all the members of the Tee Divas and Dudes golf club who provided support for our Junior Golfers. If you sent a financial donation, or played with a Junior, or offered words of encouragement, or just sent positive thoughts and prayers when we traveled to Las Vegas for the WSGA Allen Bennett Junior Golf Tournament -- I just want to express my appreciation and love to each of you.

The Juniors are very happy to be members of our Club and enjoy the golf outings along with our monthly meetings (even though we make them talk about their achievements). And the parents keep saying Thank You -- Thank You for our small efforts to help their Junior Golfer learn to love this game like our Club members do.

As the Chair, I emphasize to these 1st Generation Golf parents that we don't teach golf, instead, we provide Mentoring and Resources to their Junior, along with a strong understanding of the history of the African American golf community—people like Maggie Hathaway, Charlie Sifford, Calvin Peete, William Bill Dickey, and so many others.

So, as we go into 2020, I will continue to ask for donations to our Junior Golf Fund, along with asking for Golf Vouchers / Certificates to any courses in Los Angeles County, plus high ranked courses such as Industry Hills, Morongo, Oak Valley, Goose Creek, River Ridge, Arrow Wood, etc. Yes, the list is long, but in order for our Juniors to advance - they need to play the harder courses.

It is our Hope that through all of these efforts, we are developing the next Generation of Tee Divas/Dudes Club members.

Key Word for #2020 - Legacy !!

Thanks

Jenny Bethune

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HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR JUNIORS

If you are interested in sponsoring a Junior member or want to support a Junior to play in our Monthly Tournaments, please contact the Tournament committee at info@teedivas-dudesgolf.com. You can also donate to the Junior Fund and the Gale James Scholarship Fund online at <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/tournament-schedule/>

Jenny Bethune, Junior Golf Chair; Verna Stroud, Scholarship Chair

STAY SHARP DURING OFF SEASON PLAY NOW – FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.



You can stay golf ready all year round by PLAYING OFF SEASON! Off-Season play dates are scheduled on the first Friday of each month through March 2020. Off-Season is a fun way to keep your game sharp through regular play at various courses throughout L.A. with fun contests for prizes. Each date is followed by a 19th Hole gathering at local eateries near each course for good food and conversation after each play. For more information visit <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/off-season/>

--Joan Alexander, Off Season Chair

Holiday Party Gallery

2019 Going Out in Style
At the Proud Bird Restaurant Dec 7, 2019



1 Guests kicked off the dance party!



3 A family event, children joined the fun!



2 Elois McGhee and guest.



5 Ray Howard got the moves. Dilly! Dilly!



6 Doris LaCour (l) starts the dance line



4 Comedian Stevie Mack



8 Vice President Terry Black and wife Mary



7 Charna Blakely and friend Paul



10 Beryl Bryant with Treasurer Shirley Dones



9 LaVerne Brunt, fmr Membership Chair with Pro Duffer Kenny Hughes



11 Planning Cmte: (l-r) Danya Carter, Debbie Givens, Guest, Joan Alexander, Willie Craven, Del Huff



12 Officers and Guests: (clockwise from left) Iberia Nelson, Elois McGehee, Katie Catron, Guests, Bob Watson, Beverly King



13 Gloria Howard, past president (ctr), with Beryl Bryant (l) and Penny Cunningham (r). Back row (l-r): Duane Green, Ray Howard, Cheryl Roots, Peggy Toy and Stevie Mack



14 TDTD Founder & President Emeritus Doris LaCour (ctr) with family and friends

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