

Tee Divas and Tee Dudes Junior Golf Report January 2022

(submitted by Jenny Bethune - Junior Golf Chair)

SAVE THE DATE - Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA) - Sunday, January 30 - Torrey Pines golf Course - San Diego, California

The APGA Tour will play the final round of their 2-day golf tournament on the famous South course at Torrey Pines, the Tournament will be **broadcast live by the Golf Channel**. And, the TDTD are working with the APGA, so that some of our members will have the opportunity to be spectators during the tournament - Standby for further information.

On **Saturday, December 18th** - TDTD Juniors, along with our partners from SCGA - led by Coach Teresa - hosted a **GIRLS FUN GOLF** event at Los Amigos golf course. SCGA Junior Scholar/ Prairie View University student **Shani Waite** participated and shared college tips with our older girls. This was our first event and all the girls enjoyed themselves – our little girls were exercising and didn't even know it – they were having so much fun. In 2022, we plan to schedule additional fun golf events with SCGA in an effort to introduce golf to underserved youth in the South Los Angeles community.

On **Sunday, December 19th** - TDTD President Elois hosted another Junior Zoom session with special guests - Craig Bowen, President of the Black College Golf Coach Association and Darren Horrel, CEO Play college golf (Junior golf resume / recruitment service). Both men provided information about the college golf recruitment process and what attributes college coaches are looking for.

On **December 28 - (6) of the Advanced TDTD Junior Girls** participated in the Southern California Girls Junior Partners Championship - hosted by LPGA professional golfers Lizette Salas and Lee Lopez. The tournament was a 36 Hole Partner's Better Ball. Due to wet weather - the tournament was reduced to just one day - so our girls only played La Mirada golf course. Congrats to **Salma and Siham Ibrahim; Carolina Calzada / Loren Fearence; and Alysa Davis / Arihanna Esparza**. Also **THANKS** to our friends at the **Advocates Foundation** who generously paid some of the entry fees for our girls, along with the Tournament Director Lew Murez.

Congratulations to our Advanced Junior golfers (**Kourey Patterson, Mahamed - Salma - Siham Ibrahim, and newcomer baby Diva Loren Fearence**) who have received invitations to play in the **Mack Champ Junior Invitational in Houston, Texas - March 2022**. We are working with WSGA leadership to assist all invited WSGA Juniors and their parents with financial support - so that our kids can travel to Houston and represent WSGA, TDTD and the other sister clubs. We have a strong contingent of Juniors from Southern California who have been invited to participate.

On **January 2nd, 2022** - our Sister Club - **Inland Empire Golf Club (IEGC)** hosted Junior golfers from several WSGA golf clubs, including TDTD at the Tukwet - Legends golf course in the City of Beaumont. Each of the Juniors invited will also participate in the Mack Champ Junior Invitational in Houston, Texas (Mahamed - Salma - Siham Ibrahim, Blayne Brown and Myla Robinson (Honors Golf Club). IEGC is making an effort to ensure that WSGA Juniors have an opportunity to play different types of golf courses, to assist them in becoming comfortable when playing difficult golf courses.

