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Update Newsletter Junior Achievement Issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club has had an exciting opening to 2023. We began the year with an in-person meeting to install our new officers and thank our outgoing officers. We also recognized our most improved golfers, Charna Blakely and Mattie Crayton, and the President's Merit Award to Shirley Dones.

February was Junior Achievement Recognition and Black History Month. This newsletter is dedicated to our Junior Golfers and their outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations to Jenny Bethune, Junior Golf Chairperson, and her committee for a memorable experience that is now an annual event.

The Club continues to grow, and my goal this year is to build capacity to ensure a solid foundation of support for our ever-increasing youth population. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are being finalized, new positions are being introduced, and procedures are being updated to match the changes that are taking place in the world around us.

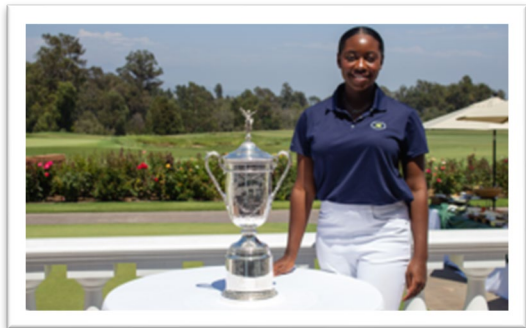
The TDTDs continue to embrace our identity as a golf club that likes to play golf and have fun. We will travel to New Orleans in May to party and play golf and party. Through our Family and Friends Chairperson, Donna Castron, we recently enjoyed a theater outing to view "The Lion King." Next up will be the play "Tina" in July. We welcome all to join us in our activities and events. Visit our website at teedivas-dudesgolfclub.com for details.

*Blessings,
Elois McGehee, President*

TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES IN THE NEWS

Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club 2nd Annual Junior Achievement and Black Golf History Celebration featured in African American Golfers Digest. Read their extensive event coverage online at <https://africanamericangolfersdigest.com/tee-divas-tee-dudes-golf-club-host-2nd-annual-junior-achievement-and-black-golf-history-celebration/> African American Golfers Digest is the nation's leading print publication and online portal for avid Black American golfers and the golf industry. [See our complete coverage of the TDTD 2nd Annual Junior Achievement and Black Golf History Celebration event on page 4.](#)

Must See: The Ibrahim Story documentary featured on Golf Pass, NBC Golf Channel online. The Ibrahim Family, seven siblings including junior golfers Mahamed, 18, and sisters Salma, 16, and Siham, 15, have long captured the attention of the golf community. Proud parents, Dad Rashid and Mom Aday, support their junior golfers and involve the whole family in golf events and tournaments. Watch this fascinating documentary at https://www.golfpass.com/watch/home-course-advantage?utm_source=GOLFPASS&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=IG-HCA&utm_content=HCA



Skylar Graham featured in FORE Magazine

<http://www.foremagazine.com/featured/making-a-future-in-golf-a-reality-skylar-graham-and-the-pathways-internship/>

TDTD and SCGA Junior Skyler Graham, now attending USC, was among a handful of Juniors nationwide awarded a Lee Elder Internship, where she covered the 2022 U.S. Open. The program affords students from underrepresented communities — rising college sophomores through those in graduate programs — the opportunity to see behind the scenes of one of the world's most important sporting events; to job-shadow and take advantage of content-focused classroom time; to partake in professional

development panels; to network with leaders, sponsors, and vendors in golf, sports, and industry. Follow Skylar on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/in/skylar-graham-ba049a229/>



Nia Elkouby, TDTD Junior member and SCGA Junior Golf Foundation Scholar, featured in SCGA Junior Foundation Newsletter.

Read Nia's story on the intersection of golf and academic achievement as an SCGA Scholar at

<https://mailchi.mp/scga/donor-news-feb-2023?e=06054a501a>

Kourey Patterson, TDTD Junior member, heads to Alabama A&M University, joining the Alabama A&M Golf Team.

Kourey brings strong golf talent to the university. In September, he was one of 78 junior golfers from across the country selected to play in the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach, representing



Pasadena. This summer, Patterson added to his golf resume playing the inaugural Underrated Golf Tour presented by NBA star Stephen Curry." Read Kourey's story in Pasadena Now at <https://www.pasadenanow.com/main/young-first-tee-pasadena-golfer-selected-for-pga-tours-pure-insurance-championship>

TDTD Juniors join Mack Champ Invitational. The girls will play April 13-15 at [The Club at Carlton Woods](#) in The Woodlands, TX. Boys played earlier on March 16-19 at Memorial Park Golf Course, the PGA Tour's Cadence Bank Houston Open site. The MCI, inspired by the memory of Mack Champ, serves as a springboard into top-tier tournaments and college scholarships while creating an environment where players and families can build relationships that last a lifetime. SCGA fundraising campaign to support invitees. Donations given by April 3 of the current year will be directed to youth qualified to play from Southern California in the current year's championship. <https://secure.scgajunior.org/mackchampinvitational>

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 2023 KICKS-OFF APRIL "Player Development" was created by Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club to help golfers of all levels improve their skills, know and understand golf rules, follow golf etiquette, prepare for tournaments, and, most importantly, have fun. Player Development Program activities are scheduled from April – August. Information on the Player Development Program is available on our website at <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/player-development/>

Tamara Bossett, Player Development Chair

WOMEN IN GOLF TRAINING Women in Golf, a Western States Golf Association Southern Area program, kicked off with an orientation to the popular program at Chester Washington Golf Course on March 25. The 8-week training program at Maggie Hathaway Golf Course starts April 1 to June 10, 2023. Designed for beginning and intermediate golfers. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/oiQHUQQ2LznzTQPT6> For more information email: womeningolfsa@gmail.com

Mattie Crayton, TDTD WIG-SA Rep

OFF-SEASON PLAY

Off-Season Play runs November through March and offers golfers play at local nine-hole courses followed by a visit to the “19th hole,” where golfers relax and socialize at the clubhouse or local restaurants. Players can contribute to a winner's pot; the lowest score on the day's game wins. Winners for the 2022-2023 Season:

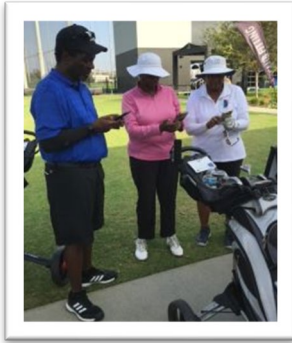
10/7/22: Winner: Joan Alexander, \$8.00; Course: The Lakes; Game: Putts; Score: 13;

11/4/22: Winner: Dee Dee Carter, \$8.00; Course: Heroes; Game: Pars; Score: 3 Pars;

12/9/22: Winner: Mattie Crayton, \$3.00 Course: Sea-Air; Game: Even Holes; Score: 15;

01/6/23: Winner: Kristen Ybaben, \$9.00; Course: The Navy Cruiser; Game: Odd Holes; Score: 25 (card off with Debrya Moore and Lydia);

02/3/23: Winner: Sharon Black, \$7.00; Course: Los Feliz; Game: Circle 5 Holes; Score: 17;



TDTD Off-Season Players at Top Golf's Lakes Golf Course

Joan Alexander, TDTD Off-Season Chair

If you're interested in TDTD playing and training opportunities, visit <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/> or email info@Teedivas-dudesgolf.com

TDTD TOURNAMENTS LAUNCHES 18-HOLE CHALLENGE SERIES

The Tournament Committee is launching an 18-Hole Challenge for Club Champions. Golfers must play six consecutive tournaments to be eligible to win three holes each tournament for a total of “18 holes”. The golfer with the lowest total score from all six tournaments will win cash and prizes awarded in January 2024.

The 18-hole challenge kicks off on April 15 at Westchester Golf Course. Tournaments will continue through December 3. For more information and updates on scheduled tournaments, visit our Tournament webpage at <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/tournament-schedule-2022/>

Charna Blakely, Tournament Committee Chair

2023 GALE JAMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

“The Gale James Memorial Scholarship” was established in memory of D. Gale James, a professional golf instructor until her death in April 2015. The scholarship awards \$500 to a student golfer(s) in an organized golf program or interested in furthering their golf skills and education.

The 2023 Gale James Memorial Scholarship Applications will be released in April. Winning applicants will receive awards in June. For more information, visit the Gale James Memorial Scholarship webpage at <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/gj-memorial-scholarship/>

Verna Stroud, Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Scholarship Committee Chair

SPECIAL FEATURE: TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES 2ND ANNUAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT & BLACK GOLF HISTORY

Celebration



TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES JUNIORS
CHESTER WASHINGTON GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE GARDEN

HISTORY AND THE FUTURE OF GOLF ASCEND AT THE TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES' 2ND ANNUAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT & BLACK GOLF HISTORY CELEBRATION

The [Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club](#) (TDTD) kicked off Black History Month on February 5 at Los Angeles' historic Chester Washington Golf Course with a celebration of the achievements of its Junior Golfers and recognizing pioneers in Black Golf History. More than 130 attended, including TDTD Club members, Junior members and their families, and representatives of major golf organizations participated in the celebration.

TDTD Club President and TDTD Junior Chair opened the event.

In her opening remarks, **Junior Chair, Jenny Bethune**, acknowledged the importance of Blacks in golf history and emerging young golfers. "The mission of TDTD Junior Golf is to ensure that our Juniors and the Los Angeles community understand the sacrifices that have been made to ensure that Black golfers and other underrepresented groups have access and opportunities within the golf world." Jenny, who MC'd the event, was applauded for her leadership of TDTD Junior Golf and for nurturing and mentoring junior golfers, fulfilling the program's mission.

Club President Elois McGehee's opening remarks focused on the broader impact of the Junior program on adult golfers and the community: "Adult golfers are excited about our junior golfers and don't miss an opportunity to provide financial support and impart their wisdom and share golf tips." McGehee described the broad range of Club programs supporting juniors, including public speaking skills, college prep, and scholarship workshops and seminars. "Many are now attending college on golf scholarships," said McGehee. The Club also works with parents, said McGehee, helping them to navigate their new role as a parent of a junior golfer, "we find resources that connect them with training equipment and opportunities to play on Elite golf courses."

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS



GUEST OF HONOR The USGA honored the efforts of the Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club to grow junior golfers by bringing the U.S. Open Championship Trophy to the event, a source of inspiration for today's and the next generation of golfers. The Trophy also reminded guests of golf's premier event, the U.S. Open Golf Championship, which will return to Los Angeles in July for the first time since 1948, playing the Los Angeles Country Club for the first time. The 2023 United States Open Golf Championship is the 123rd U.S. Open, the national open golf championship of the United States.

The TDTD event got underway with recognizing partners and sponsors that have made the support for the TDTD Junior program possible: Western States Golf Association (WSGA), the Inland Golf Academy (IGA), Cameron Champ Foundation, Southern California Golf Association (SCGA), Southern California Professional Golf Association (SPGA), Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA), and the United States Golf Association (USGA). The Doris LaCour Leadership Award was inaugurated with the first Award given to the APGA. Acknowledgments of the outstanding achievements among Juniors and honoring Black golf pioneers followed.



UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION (USGA)

Mike Sweeney, USGA Director, Regional Affairs-West (Center) and Charlie Howe, USGA Director – U.S. Open (Center Right)



ADVOCATES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (APGA)

Cole Smith, APGA Executive Director and Eugene Boykins, APGA Foundation President



INLAND GOLF ACADEMY (IGA)

Coaches Greg Prator, Marie Lures



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION (SCGA) L-R

Kevin Gigax, Executive Director SCGA Junior Foundation and Mike Kelly, SCGA Executive Director and staff with Elois and Jenny

The **United States Golf Association (USGA)** contributed to the TDTD Junior Golf and has taken a leadership role in addressing a lack of representation by minority groups in the higher echelons of the golf world by creating the USGA Pathways Internship Program, originally named the Lee Elder Internship. <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/pathways-internship.html>

The Los Angeles-based **Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA)** established APGA Tour today, recognized as a viable pathway to the PGA tour. In 2010, most APGA tournaments were held nationwide at local municipal golf courses like Chester Washington. Today there are 68 professional golfers on tour supported by corporate partners like Farmers Insurance, Lexus, Cisco, and many others. APGA also established the APGA Foundation to introduce golf and career pathways within the golf world to inner-city kids. For the past few years, the TDTD Juniors, along with other junior golfers in the South Los Angeles County area, have benefited from the generosity of the APGA Foundation through its junior golf clinics. <https://www.apgatour.org/>

The **Southern California Golf Association (SCGA)** partnered with TDTD to start the LPGA Girls Golf Southwest Los Angeles Chapter at the Maggie Hathaway Golf Course, introducing neighborhood girls to golf in a fun format. In 2022, Girls Golf Southwest Los Angeles received a \$2,000 LPGA Renee Powell Grant. SCGA, in partnership with TDTD, also received a \$10,000 Make Golf Your Thing Grassroots Grant from the World Junior Golf Foundation. The grant was awarded to provide more affordable and accessible tournaments, girls' golf opportunities, and youth golf programming to increase participation among underrepresented populations in the sport. <https://www.scgajunior.org/>

TDTD partnered with the **Inland Golf Academy (IGA)** and PGA coach Angel Martinez to start a neighborhood PGA Junior League for ages 4 to 17. The league allows young golfers to play competitively but as a two-person team. With the financial support of TDTD members, IGA friends, family, and the **Southern California Professional Golf Association (SCPGA)**, junior golfers could participate in the Maui Hawaii first final leg of the PGA Junior League Championship at Wailea Gold golf course. <https://www.inlandgolfacademy.org/>

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



HISTORY OF TEE DIVAS & TEE DUDES GOLF CLUB

PRESENTERS L-R: Elois McGehee, Michael Johnson, Nayani Lewis, Jenny Bethune

Introduction: History of the Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club. Junior Presenters: Nayani Lewis and Michael Johnson (class 2023); Elois McGehee, TDTD Club President; Jenny Bethune, TDTD Junior Golf Chair

The story of the Tee Divas & Tee Dudes Golf Club starts with founding President Doris LaCour, who led the way in Los Angeles to encourage more women to learn golf. The Tee Divas Golf Club was formed in November 1996 as an outgrowth of the Western States Golf Association Southern Area Women in Golf Training Program. <https://teedivas-dudesgolf.com/about-us/>. The Tee Divas Golf Club has grown from a women's Club to a co-ed club, which includes men who share the same desire to learn to play golf. The organization's name was changed in 2004 to Tee Divas and Tee Dudes Golf Club. Today, TDTD Golf Club has 150 members--97 adults, 43 juniors, and 10 college members. An additional 21 families are engaged in the Junior programs.

Inaugural Doris LaCour Leadership Award presented to Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA)

Doris LaCour, TDTD founder and President Emeritus, was the driving force behind the naming of Maggie Hathaway Par 3 golf course as her way of honoring Maggie Hathaway, a woman who led the charge in the 1950s to desegregate public municipal golf courses in Los Angeles. In 1955, Chester Washington Golf Course became the first golf course in Los Angeles to be desegregated.

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=196868>

The Doris LaCour Leadership Award was named in her honor to recognize those who have fostered golf leadership and the representation of minorities among golf professionals. The Award was presented to APGA in recognition of their impact on the professional golf industry and the lives of minority golfers.



DORIS LaCOUR LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Doris LaCour presents award to Cole Smith,
APGA Executive Director*



THEODORE "TED" RHODES

"Significant Moment in Black Golf History Ted Rhodes" Junior Presenters Monique Thomas / Madison Williams (class 2024)

"A Significant Moment in Black Golf History" presentation recognized Theodore [Ted Rhodes](#). In 1948, Rhodes became the first Black professional golfer in the U.S. Open at the Riviera County Club in Los Angeles. When he entered the tournament, Ted Rhodes became the first since 1913 when [John Shippen](#), after much protesting, was allowed to participate. <https://aaregistry.org/story/john-m-shippen-jr-golfs-first-black-professional/>

TDTD COLLEGE JUNIOR MEMBERS

Dana Bryant
UC Santa Cruz
2022 Graduate

Skylar Graham
University of
Southern
California
Class of 2024

Nakia Bell Smith
Chicago State
University
Graduate 2022
(Not shown)

RECOGNITION OF OUR COLLEGE JUNIOR MEMBERS

We take great pride in our Junior Members attending college who have distinguished themselves through hard work and their academic and golf achievements. We salute these outstanding TDTD College Junior Members.



Dana Bryant UC Santa Cruz student and USGA U.S. Open Intern with Mike Sweeny USGA Director-Regional Affairs (Left) and Charlie Howe, USGA Director-U.S. Open (Right)



Skylar Graham, University of Southern California Class of 2024 with TDTD Junior Golf Chair Jenny Bethune

RECOGNITION OF TDTD MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR GOLFERS BOY/GIRL AND MVP-MOST VALUED PARENT

TDTD Most Improved Junior Golfer Certificates awarded to Judah Johnson and Sanai Sherrod Lambert. Selah Davis received the MVP Award recognizing her contributions as Most Valuable Parent in supporting the TDTD Juniors



MOST IMPROVED GOLFER
Judah Johnson



MOST IMPROVED GOLFER
Sanai Sherrod Lambert



MVP AWARD TO MOST VALUABLE PARENT Selah Davis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Event Committee

Chair, Jenny Bethune. Co-Chairs Marlena Attinasi and Selah Davis. Committee Members: Sharon Sanders (2nd left), Elois McGehee, and Leslie Banks (5th and 6th right).

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