



## 2016 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

### **Harold Bluestein – Tri Mountain Golf Course - \$1,000**

- The grant funds were used to promote and support Get Golf Ready programs at Tri Mountain Golf Course and over a dozen other Oregon Chapter Courses. Specifically the funds paid for printing of my “Welcome to Golf: A Handbook for New and Returning Golfers”.
- The handbook I wrote as my PGA Player Development certification project in 2014. It is 24 pages that include a variety of subjects like swing and equipment tips, introduction to golf course facilities and how to fit into the golf culture. I will provide copies to my new players and give them away free to Oregon professionals to support their player development initiatives. Several golf courses using the handbook last year have already requested copies for this season.
- I was also able to distribute 80 books to the OPGA High School Golf Coaches Workshop attendees.

### **Scott Cravens – Crave Golf - \$500**

- Any golfer wanting to participate in the "Get Golf Ready" program was welcome.
- The funds went towards promoting "Get Golf Ready" by issuing discounts and grants to students who cannot afford to pay full amounts and/or as a discount for promoting and recruiting friends to attend the classes. Some additional funds went towards promotional materials.

### **Mario Dericco - Shadow Hills Country Club - \$300**

- “Cool Summer School” - The mission of this series of class offerings is to engage 8-16 year old boys and girls at the club. The classes will be held on Saturday mornings and will include 1 hour of instruction followed by lunch. The program started in May and was offered 2 Saturdays per month throughout the summer.
- We served boys and girls of all levels of ability with an opportunity to get instruction and sit down to have lunch with boys and girls their age and the golf professional.
- These funds were used to enhance the event by providing each boy or girl with lunch after the clinic and any money that is left over will be used to purchase small golf prizes to hand out.

### **Dennis Dolin – Colwood Golf Center - \$500**

- I have created a Veterans free lesson and playing opportunity program a year ago. I reached out to the Outreach Coordinator at the local Portland Veterans Center and offered to host free golf lessons every Thursday morning for an hour.
- I currently have about 20 in the program and I see 6-8 weekly.
- This program helps them socialize and bond with others.
- I used these funds to help off-set range and green fees for those who can't afford it.

#### **Jeff Evans – River Ridge Golf Course - \$500**

- The grant money was used to publish two advertisements in the Eugene Weekly newspaper.
- Get Golf Ready Classes – The classes consisted of 10 adults (18+) golfers in the Eugene / Springfield area.

#### **Mark Gradin - Indian Creek Golf Course - \$500**

- The funds were used to start a new golf program using SNAG equipment during PE classes at the local Hood River Elementary schools.
- This program targeted kids in grades K-5th grade with 25-30 kids per class.
- At the end of class each student was given a ticket for a small bucket of range balls.

#### **John Grothe – OGA Golf Course - \$500**

- We used funds to support the OGA/OPGA Junior Golf Club Swap at the OGA Golf Course. These funds helped with the cost of advertising, travel and payroll for the event.
- In 2016 we were able to reach almost 160 kids. We hope to reach over 200 kids in 2017.
- We covered the cost of collecting and transporting clubs to and from the OGA Golf Course as well as the recycled clubs and disposal.

#### **Quincy Heard – Summit Golf Foundation - \$500**

- The grant money was used to purchase US Kid's Clubs to support the Summit Golf Foundation.
- Summit Golf Foundation is a junior golf program that Breaks Par for youth in the Portland Metro area. Today's youth face many challenges including abuse, addiction, and a lack of quality education. This is often seen as par for their lives; SGF teaches young people the game of golf while instilling integrity, confidence, and leadership.
- The Breaking Par program is our custom developed instructional curriculum that teaches respect, communication skills, problem solving, conflict resolution, goal setting, teamwork and leadership. There are four levels of Breaking Par: Base Camp, Approach, Crux, and Summit. For each level, students have different altitudes to reach before they will move to the next level. There are three different types of assessments that SGF uses to measure gained altitudes for students; golf skills, observed behavior, and pre- and post- written/oral assessments.
- We serve youth ages 7-18. We are partnered with Bridge Meadows, which is a living community for foster families. They are involved in our weekly Breaking Par program, which goes from May-

October. We are also partnered with Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and host golf camps as part of their B.O.O.T camp. In 2015, we served over 65 students.

#### **Pat Huffer – Crooked River Ranch - \$500**

- We conducted an afternoon “FREE driving range” event for potential junior golfers. The event included free use of the driving range providing each youngster with a golf club to keep along with clinic help from myself, staff, and volunteers. We provided pizza and ice cream following the session.
- We got a record turnout for the Ranch Summer Rec program this year because of the FREE day. With the opportunity to provide information on junior golf, the PGA Junior League, etc., we were able to generate interest.
- The funds were used to provide clubs, food, beverage, printing costs of materials, and labor.

#### **Shanda Imlay - Leisure Hour Jr Golf Program - \$500**

- The Leisure Hour Jr. Golf Program is a long established Program teaches the importance of education, discipline, perseverance and hard work are the true character builders for lifelong skills. Those combined with community service; giving back to our community striving to teach our goals and objectives instilling our participants with a sense of self-respect and integrity; building a strong moral character through the game of golf. Traditionally the game of golf teaches: Respect for the game, course and others; providing a structured environment where youth can receive the support of caring mentors who motivate them to succeed. As a result of this program, participants build self-esteem becoming good citizens within and outside our community. This skill set is applied on and off the golf course. Participants become excellent citizens who seek and understand the importance of education and building character through the game of golf as well as knowing they can make a difference.
- The Leisure Hour Jr. Golf Program works with disadvantaged youth ages 7 – college
- The funds helped provide transportation to FUNdaMental Golf and Colwood GC, we use the Portland Public School Bus System to pick up the kids from 3 locations in the Portland or Vancouver area.

#### **Debby King - Laurelwood Golf Course - \$500**

- This grant helped provide a successful PGA Junior League Program at Laurelwood Golf Course. We had a team for the very first time last year. We had a range of ages from 7 to 12 and we also had a few girls. It was nice for them to be able to play different courses each week. I think they really enjoyed it.
- We really needed some extra funds to be able to pay the coach what they deserve, as well as, the golf course who is hosting them.

#### **Robyn Lorain - Oregon Golf Association - \$500**

- “Host a junior” is a player development program for Youth on Course (YOC) and is a next step opportunity for YOC Members. We involved 4 private clubs in the Portland area, and 7 rounds of golf were played impacting 21 juniors. Members of each club volunteered to host 3 juniors each for a round of golf (18 holes) and have lunch at their facility.
- “Host a junior” is another way to provide a memorable experience for young golfers to inspire them to be golfers for life. This experience is analogous to being a Member for a Day.
- This grant served junior golfers age 12-17 who have a current 2016 YOC Member card. Eligible juniors must also have established USGA GHIN handicap index.
- Funds were used to cover the lunch expenses for the junior golfers as well as the host. Lunch is an important part of the day as that is part of the whole experience, and also a chance to work on social skills and continue networking with the professional and the other junior golfers.

#### **Ryan O’Donnell – Orchard Hills Country Club - \$500**

- The grant money was used to offer 8 boys and 8 girls a sponsorship into the OGA Junior Golf Program.
- We will offer these 16 scholarships based on financial need and golfing interest through filling out an application for the grant.

#### **Dale Schoner – Vanco Golf Range - \$500**

- I taught private lessons to both adults and juniors. Each student received a range package of range tokens for lessons and practice. The lessons include chipping, pitching, iron play and driver lessons. Range packages will be given to students of private lesson packages also. Classes are limited to 8 students.
- The students are all beginning students and need to be introduced to the game.
- All of the funds were used to purchase tokens for each student signing up for lesson packages. Each student received 10 buckets of balls to use for lessons and practice outside of lessons.

#### **Ted Westling – Stone Creek Golf Club - \$500**

- The funds were used to help with costs related to Junior Camps this summer.
- The camps include lunch, t-shirt, prizes and trophies.
- At the end of the camps there is a nine hole tournament for those who want to compete.