



Colorado Section

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**“Impacting Lives
Through Golf”**

Happy New Year!

I want to personally thank each of you for participating in the 2018 Schomp BMW Cup held at The Club at Ravenna on June 4-5. Because of your involvement and support, Colorado PGA REACH is able to declare another exceptionally successful year of *making a positive difference in the lives of others through the game of golf!*

Colorado PGA REACH focuses its programming around the missions of the three pillars of the foundation – Youth Development, Supporting Our Military and Diversity and Inclusion. Programming ensures that regardless of your age or background, cost will never inhibit one’s involvement and enjoyment of the game of golf.

Youth Development touches younger populations and creates an interest in the game of golf through programs that meet the needs at many different skill levels.

- **Golf in Schools** programs were administered in 65 schools with more than 10,500 youth introduced to the game.
- The Colorado Section hosted eight local and two sub-regional **Drive, Chip & Putt** qualifiers advancing 26 Colorado participants on to the regional competition. Three qualifiers will represent the Colorado Section in the National Qualifier at Augusta on April 7, 2019.
- With 157 teams and more than 1,800 junior participants competing in the **PGA Jr. League** program, the Colorado Section revealed a 29-percent growth in this program over that in 2017.
- **Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado** represented 1,001 members with nearly 5,000 tournament starts in 96 events throughout the season.
- In its first year of supporting **Youth on Course**, 15 Colorado facilities participated in this program by offering young golfers 667 rounds of golf for just \$5 per round.

Our programs to **Support Our Military** are growing.

- Five **PGA HOPE** (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) programs in the state of Colorado supported 130 individual members of our Armed Forces. This free, adaptive program introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.
- Three combat wounded veterans were the recipients of **mortgage-free, move-in ready homes** in 2018 donated by Colorado PGA REACH.
- Leveraging the U.S. Senior Open, hundreds of soldiers participated in a David Toms Clinic and benefited from The Bunker, a hospitality suite for active military and veterans.

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New and continuing programs were adopted under the **Diversity and Inclusion Pillar** in 2018.

- More than 100 women participated in the inaugural **Women's Leadership Summit** celebrating the successes of women in business.
- Colorado students were the recipients of \$45,750 in **Scholarship** dollars.
- **Growth of the Game Grants** totaling \$33,659 were distributed to Colorado PGA Members and industry affiliates to develop programs and opportunities that met our Diversity and Inclusion guidelines.
- Another capacity-filled **U.S. Olympic Committee FLAME** (Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere) class was exposed to the game of golf, creating a life-long interest in the sport.

Day-after-day, month-after-month and year-after-year, we see our PGA Members and industry affiliates step forward to become a part of and share in our Colorado PGA REACH mission in communities across our state. Thank you for your part in *making a positive difference in the lives of others through the game of golf!*

I hope to see you again this year as we continue to develop and implement programs throughout the state.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Ainsworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "A".

Eddie Ainsworth, PGA
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