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**DEAR SUPPORTER,**

We hope this communication finds you and your family staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. This time last year we unveiled some changes to our Annual Fund by incorporating a couple of new named giving levels (Society of 1916 and President's Club) while also expanding the programs the GSGA Foundation supports to include the GSGA's efforts to grow the game through its Adaptive Golf and Junior Golf initiatives. As 2020 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the activities of the GSGA Foundation, and the programs it supports, over the last twelve months.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of our generous donors who enable us to positively impact the lives of so many. While this year has required alternative solutions for education and learning for our GSGA Foundation Yates and Moncrief scholars, sixty-six individuals received financial assistance through these scholarship programs which have provided over \$4 million in aid since inception. Our GSGA Adaptive Golf program continues to serve as a model for others as we use this great game to provide enjoyment and rehabilitative opportunities for our military veterans and other individuals with physical, cognitive and sensory impairments. Our GSGA Junior Golf initiatives have seen tremendous growth with thousands of rounds being subsidized so any junior golfer in Georgia who wants to play has the opportunity to do so for only \$5 or less per round.

This 2020 Progress Report provides further details on the incredible impact we are making across the state and you will hear directly from some of those that have benefited from our programs. We are very proud of the work the GSGA and GSGA Foundation continue to deliver and we hope you will join us in supporting our 2021 Annual Fund so we can make an even greater impact in the coming year.



**MATTHEW N. VANDERPOOL**

Executive Director

Georgia State Golf Association





# SCHOLARSHIPS

“ To me, being a Yates Scholar and receiving the financial aid to help ease the cost of college is a huge blessing. As a first-generation college student, I had many questions about navigating college, and I had nobody to turn to for answers. Receiving the scholarship through GSGA has been amazing because it gives me a little less to worry about. Additionally, being a Yates Scholar means that I can postpone student debt until I get to graduate school — something that I am excited to attend but not excited about the related expenses. I think it's great that there are people who are kind and willing enough to donate money so that students like me can afford to seek higher education. I hope that one day, once I'm established and well off in my career, I can come back and make a donation to the Foundation to help other students like me get college degrees.”

— JENNIFER QUEZADA, Wilson P. Franklin Endowed Yates Scholar from Atlanta Athletic Club and attending UGA





## **YATES AND MONCRIEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

- For more than 40 years the GSGA Foundation has supported the golf industry in Georgia by providing educational opportunities through two scholarship programs - the Yates and Moncrief Scholarship Programs.
- The Foundation has surpassed \$4,000,000 in cumulative financial assistance for scholarships.
- The Foundation awarded more than \$300,000 to 66 students this school year — 20 new scholarships and 36 renewed scholarships.
- More than \$13,000 in scholarship increases were awarded to renewing scholars in 2020.
- Two students received the Dick Franklin Performance Awards and each was given an additional \$3,000 for the 2020–21 school year.
- There are hundreds of alumni in both scholarship programs.
- The Foundation hosts an annual Scholars Luncheon to celebrate its scholars and their accomplishments.

## **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- The Foundation continues to grow through endowments and now has 41 endowed scholarships for Yates and Moncrief Scholars.
- The three most recent endowments are named for William D. Ploeger, Ralph A. Stokes and Bill Jones III.
- A unique characteristic of the Endowed Scholarship Program is that it permanently links the honoree with golf, youth and education.
- To endow a scholarship, an individual or a group must pledge a minimum of \$50,000 and fulfill the pledge in at least five years.
- The permanently endowed scholarship provides the earnings for the award to be made annually, resulting in the continuous recognition of the honoree.





# GSGA ADAPTIVE GOLF

**“** *It's an honor to support a movement for 'disabled' athletes. The level of competition and more so competitors, should prove as a measuring stick for 'able bodied' athletes. We have faced trials and tribulations, which we wish upon no one. However, the blessing that comes with our uniqueness, allows for mentorship to those who will and have faced limb loss and other crippling circumstances. We as a community do not take this lightly and own our gifts.”*

— SHEA TAYLOR, Marietta, GA,  
2019 GSGA Adaptive Golf  
Championship Participant





## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

- Conducted programming at over 40 sites throughout the state of Georgia offering complimentary instruction and use of specialized equipment for program participants.
- Clinics occur weekly throughout the state with trained PGA/LPGA Professionals and GSGA Volunteers instructing participants with specialized instruction.
- Over 1,500 unique participants have participated in GSGA Adaptive Golf programming in the five years of the program's operation in Georgia.

## **MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAMMING**

- Received grant from Veterans Affairs to conduct clinics specifically for military personnel and veterans overcoming any injury or disability due to combat.
- Clinics were offered in Columbus and Savannah areas at no cost to participants.
- Clinics provided instruction and equipment to a total of 106 military and veterans.

## **ADAPTIVE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

- The second GSGA Adaptive Golf Championship was scheduled for October 15-17 at Bobby Jones Golf Course in Atlanta, but due to Hurricane Delta the event was postponed to October 29-31. Unfortunately, due to Hurricane Zeta the rescheduled event had to be cancelled so no event was held in 2020.
- At the time of cancellation, the GSGA had 42 participants from 20 different states registered (limited number of players was necessitated by COVID-19 policies and procedures) including nine of the top-10 ranked United States players in the World Rankings for Disabled Golfers.

# GSGA JUNIOR TOUR



“ Thank you so much to the GSGA Youth on Course Program. I am a PE teacher and love golf but have not played much since having kids because of the expense of multiple players. I didn't want to play much on my own because of the time away from them. I signed up my two boys and played immediately. I was able to take my 16-year old to Cobblestone to play nine holes one evening for the first time. It was the best two hours I had with him all summer. I would not have been able to do without Youth on Course. He is new to the game and tells me he loves it and wants to play more. Two kids got exposed to the game and now like it that otherwise, without Youth on Course, wouldn't have played the game.”

— TOM LILLIS, Marietta, GA







## **JUNIOR TOUR**

- GSGA Junior Tour membership reached 957 participants despite losing all Spring Season events due to COVID-19.
- Hosted 74 events and championships throughout the 2020 season.
- Provided complimentary access to the John A. White hosted-tournament to First Tee of Metro Atlanta participants.
- Provided several members with financial assistance through the GSGA Junior Tour Financial Assistance Program.
- Over 400 junior golfers attended a GSGA Junior Tour Rules Seminar.
- Provided a College Day Seminar to educate prospective college golfers.

## **YOUTH ON COURSE**

- Over 3,200 junior golfers have access to the Youth on Course program through Youth on Course, GSGA Junior Tour, and First Tee membership.
- Over 40 GSGA Member Clubs participate offering YOC members affordable access to walk 9 or 18 holes of golf for \$5 or less.
- For 2020, YOC participating facilities in Georgia have submitted over 5,700 rounds played by juniors through October 31. We project almost 6,300 total rounds will be posted by end of year.
- For 2020, GSGA has provided over \$50,000 in subsidies back to its participating member clubs. We project \$58,000 in total subsidies to be paid out in 2020.

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## **ANNUAL FUND**

Gifts of any amount can be made to the Annual Fund and can be restricted to a specific program (Scholarships, Adaptive Golf or Junior Golf) or split equally amongst more than one program. The Annual Fund also includes the Society of 1916 and President's Club giving levels which are outlined below. All donors making a gift to the Annual Fund will be listed in the following year's Progress Report.

## **SOCIETY OF 1916**

Named for the year that Bobby Jones won the inaugural Georgia Amateur Championship and the Georgia State Golf Association was founded, this \$1,000 annual giving level includes a donor gift and the opportunity to play in one of our donor play days.

## **PRESIDENT'S CLUB**

Named in honor of the fourteen men and women who have helped lead the GSGA Foundation over the last 3 decades. This \$2,500 annual giving level includes additional favors to show your support of the GSGA Foundation as well as an exclusive donor play day at one of Georgia's top golf courses.

## **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Named endowments are available under the GSGA Foundation's Yates Scholarship Program. Endowments provide ongoing funding for scholarships and each named endowment receives an individual scholarship recipient each year. For more information on named endowments, please contact Kim Crisp at (678) 324-5962.

## **PLANNED GIVING**

Please consider adding the GSGA Foundation into your estate plan or making a simple bequest in your will. For more information on planned giving, please contact Tripp Pendergast at (678) 324-5972.





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