



SCGA JUNIOR ANNUAL REPORT

YOUR PASSION. OUR PURPOSE. GOLF'S FUTURE.





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GIVE BACK**

"Without your support, without your mentoring, I don't think my kids would be where they are now. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for my kids and all the other junior golfers."

- Rosa, SCGA Junior Parent



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EXECUTIVE NOTE

What does it mean to empower Southern California youth? For us, it's all about creating opportunities that kids may not otherwise have.

From introducing rambunctious kindergartners to the joys of swinging a golf club, to providing aspiring young champions with affordable access to local links, to awarding striving students with generous scholarships for higher education, SCGA Junior helps local youth get and keep their lives on course.

By making golf accessible to underserved communities, SCGA Junior is extending the reach of the sport beyond its traditional base. For many SCGA juniors, it's an introduction that will spark a lifelong love affair with the sport. In addition, mentors and coaches reinforce the importance of personal responsibility and community involvement, with the heartening result that SCGA Junior members are growing up to become SCGA Junior volunteers and role models for the next round of recruits.

Participants have formed a community of their own based on shared interests, aspirations and friendships – and they enrich the communities they live in through their enthusiasm and outreach. Game Days at courses like Bell Gardens, Pico Rivera and Maggie Hathaway provide players with a fun, free way to bond on the greens in their own communities. In these and many other activities, graduates of the program often volunteer to “pay forward” their own positive experiences as SCGA Junior kids.

It all comes down to getting kids to ‘stay on course.’ Thanks to you, we helped more than 6,000 juniors in 2016. The challenges for the sport and for the next generation are still very real though. Our communities face economic challenges, educational hurdles and rising obesity. With your continued help, we can make a difference for more kids and more communities – getting them to start and stay ‘on course.’

Please enjoy our annual report and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, participation and belief in SCGA Junior.

Phil Frengs
President

Kevin Gigax
Executive Director

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

- Taught 1,596 kids golf and decision making
- 4,000 juniors utilized their Golf Pass, playing more than 30,000 rounds and hitting 39,000 buckets of balls
- 45 scholars received \$155,000 in funding for higher education
- 69 volunteers including juniors, parents and donors served 500+ hours



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Last year, SCGA Junior focused on helping kids grow in their communities, classrooms and on and off the course. No matter how young or old, we want to develop juniors so they can contribute and make a difference.

Chloe started playing golf at the age of 1 when she was intrigued by some plastic golf clubs and balls at a Wal-Mart. Her love for the sport grew and led her to SCGA Junior, where she is an active member both on and off the course.

"If you're not having fun, what's the point?" - Chloe

MEET CHLOE:

Chloe is an SCGA Junior Level 6 (of 9) golfer at the age of 9. She can shoot par consistently on a 9-hole par 3 golf course (most 9 year olds in our program are at a Level 2). Her talent is equivalent to a 2.6 Handicap. She attends all four sessions of instruction each year and competes on the Summer and Fall league teams. She attended 104 hours of class in addition to 23 additional hours with SCGA Junior events including girls outings, which engage female athletes in golf and non-golf activities to help grow girls participation in golf.

» See Chloe in action!

STUDIES SHOW THAT GIRLS WHO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS:

- have higher grades than students who don't
- have lower dropout rates
- are more likely to graduate college
- learn valuable life skills

SCGA Junior recognizes that girls in urban communities lack opportunity for sports participation and is committed to empowering girls like Chloe.

MEET BAIRON

Bairon picked up golf as an escape. The quiet and peaceful nature of the golf course quickly became one of many reasons he fell in love with the game. Looking for opportunities to serve his community, he found a job at Maggie Hathaway GC where he was introduced to SCGA Junior. Today, he is both a coach and a mentor. Bairon is not only passing on his love of golf, but also the true meaning of giving back to his community and becoming a role model to those around him. Bairon currently works at Maggie Hathaway while attending two junior colleges to finish his prerequisites to transfer next year. He plans to finish his degree in civil engineering so he can better help his community. Last year, Bairon mentored 302 kids as a coach, volunteering more than 273 hours.

» See Bairon in action!

“Because if you make someone smile it says a lot about what you’re achieving... through SCGA I think I can bring something positive to society.” - Bairon

HOW MENTORING FITS INTO GOLF:

SCGA Junior utilizes a decision-making curriculum developed in partnership with Up2Us Sports (national leader in Sports Based Youth Development). We teach kids life skills and character traits through our golf instruction program. Our programs are working! When surveyed:

- 300+ juniors know the difference between a good and bad decision and know how to say ‘no’ to a bad decision.
- 300+ juniors said the program helps them do better in school
- 88.3% of the juniors trust their golf coach and believe they are good role models



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SCGA Junior had 69 volunteers serve more than 500 hours at club outings, special events and instruction. This included volunteers, parents, juniors, scholars and donors.

All scholars are required to volunteer 20 hours each year. Sachi meets with SCGA Junior, completing hours as a volunteer at Golf Marathon, club outings and on-site at our instruction program events. Sachi, along with her brother Dario (also a Scholar), has also raised money for SCGA Junior through past participation in fundraising events.

MEET SACHI

Sachi has been actively involved with SCGA Junior at all levels. From her time with the Golf Pass to being a Scholar and volunteering her time to give back to our programs. She has overcome many obstacles including being the only girl on the boys' high school golf team and is now competing for Long Beach State while completing a rigorous course load in pursuit of a degree in graphic design. She attributes her family's support and the award received through SCGA Junior to her success at the collegiate level.

» See her in action!

SUPPORTING SCHOLARS

SCGA Junior awarded 45 scholars with \$155,000 to pursue higher education. SCGA Junior not only supports juniors in golf but we also ensure that our juniors are supported in fulfilling their potential afterwards. In 2016 our scholars studied abroad in Scotland and Lithuania, completed internships for PriceWaterhouseCooper and Scottish Parliament, and competed on collegiate golf teams (24).

To me its really important to come back to all these SCGA Junior events, to help juniors who are currently in the program, I've been in their shoes and I know what it is to look up to somebody and strive to be like them. - Sachi



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