

# 2018 Grant Recipients

## **Lexington Golf & Country Club**

The first grant recipient is Lexington Golf & Country Club which hosts the Rockbridge Area YMCA organized by Jeff Wagner, PGA and Mike Ahrnsbrak, PGA. The YMCA will be receiving \$4,000 to go towards the purchase of a Golfzilla. In 2017, the Rockbridge Area YMCA after school program worked with 100 juniors, and their goal in 2018 is to reach over 200.

## **Great Hope Golf Course**

Next on the list is Great Hope Golf Course and golf professional Mark Simshauser, PGA. They will be receiving a total of \$3,355 in funds which will help in the purchasing of a new SNAG Golf set and other golf equipment for Great Hope GC. Currently, Mark runs a weekly SNAG Golf Program free to all juniors. His goal is to grow his junior program enough to start running a PGA Jr. League or create a junior golf night for kids.

## **The First Tee of Prince William County**

The First Tee of Prince William County which is run by Alan Smith, PGA will be receiving funds for the second year in a row! This year, Alan will be granted \$3,183 to purchase multiple U.S Kids Golf Sets, SNAG Sets, two indoor putting mats, along with other teaching equipment. The goal of these added tools is to increase the skilled development of over 600 juniors that come through his program each year.

## **Hidden Valley Country Club**

Another multiple grant recipient is Michael Abraham at Hidden Valley Country Club. This will actually be their third year in a row that they have taken advantage of the Player Development Grant. This year, they have been awarded \$3,000 that will go towards buying Birdie Ball targets and strike pads for them to use and to share with other local golf courses in the Roanoke Valley area.

## **The First Tee of Howard County**

There is another First Tee program that is receiving a grant this year, and that is The First Tee of Howard County. Jeff Maynor, PGA is assisting this program in 2018 and is looking going to use the \$3,000 from the grant to help pay for new equipment and training for the expansion of the DRIVE program.

## **Blue Mash Golf Course**

Joy Bonhurst, PGA of Blue Mash Golf Course is looking to grow her junior golf program in the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan Area by purchasing a SNAG Golf Kit. The Player Development Committee has allocated \$2,520 in funds to help Joy Bonhurst and her junior program.

## **Woodstone Meadows Golf Course**

The next program to earn assistance is Brett Mowbray, PGA from Woodstone Meadows Golf Course. In 2016 they received \$1,500 to help purchase a Golfzilla, this year they will be receiving \$1,500 again. For this go around, they will be using the funds to purchase multiple sets of US Kids Golf sets for their juniors.

### **Prince George Golf Course**

The 8<sup>th</sup> recipient of this year's Player Development Grant is the Prince George Golf Course in Virginia, which is ran by Coley O'Dell, PGA. Prince George GC is looking to add a set of junior tee boxes on their course to increase the number of junior golfers. They will be receiving \$1,462 to help with that project, along with purchasing a few sets of US Kids Golf clubs for kids to use when they visit the course.

### **The Federal Club**

Daniel Soehren, PGA and his team at The Federal Club are on a mission to boost their junior academy for the 2018 season. To help, the committee allocated \$1,000 to aid in the purchase of new golf equipment for their Junior Academy. Because of their experience and background with TPI, they will be purchasing functional training equipment to help build their junior's speed and power.

### **Clifton Park Golf Course**

At Clifton Park Golf Course, Michael Dreyer, PGA runs his own tournament series called the Baltimore Junior Golf Tour. This will mark the second consecutive year that Michael and Clifton Park has gained assistance with their junior program. This year they have requested \$1,000, which will go towards buying permanent trophies for the golf shop, along with EZ-Up Flags to help enhance the junior tour's visibility and professional appearance.

### **Bretton Woods**

Bretton Woods Recreational Center is run by James Napier, PGA and they are in the process of increasing the reach and ability of their junior golf program. They will be granted \$1,000 this year to help them in their efforts. This money will go towards purchasing training aids and other tools which will allow them to provide a benefit to the needs of the Montgomery County and Washington D.C. Communities.