



# JACKSON PARK GOLF ASSOCIATION

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the Legacy of Golf Leagues, Clubs and Junior Golfers*

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## LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT

### THE FAIRWAY NETWORK

The Fairway Network (TFN) was founded over 25 years ago by a prominent group of business women who realized that business decisions are made on the golf course and ratified in the boardroom. They knew they needed a vehicle to learn the game and these prominent ladies incorporated TFN as a vehicle to enhance their golf game.

TFN is committed to community service. They support organizations and programs that benefit women and girls. Our charity outings have raised over \$100,000 for the Chicago Foundation for Women.

The league is open to any lady who wants to play and maintain pace. If not on the green in six strokes, they must pick-up, drop the ball on the green, take three putts and move on. Guests are welcome to play, even men but they must tee from the Reds on #1.

The membership fee is \$79 and the Jackson Park League (JPL) fee is only \$20. League fees are returned to players through cash prizes at the 19th Hole during the 13 play dates of the season.

The JPL is an eclectic group of ladies who realize golf is not their day job but use golf as a vehicle for networking and camaraderie.

We have a passion  
for golf and look  
forward to the  
Three-Peat in 2020  
at the JPGA Golf  
Invitational!



## CALENDAR

### 2019

**November 18** Board of Directors mtg

**November 28** Happy Thanksgiving

**December 16** Board of Directors mtg

**December 25** Merry Christmas

### 2020

**January 1** Happy New Year

**January 15** Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Birthday

**January 19** Benjamin Wright Gala

A black-tie gala of orchestral arrangements led by Maestro Benjamin Wright celebrating your favorite songs over the last 50 years and the stories behind music industry legends.

This extravaganza will benefit Chicago-based charitable organizations, including the Jackson Park Golf Association. Read more about the JPGA mission, vision, initiatives, and programs in *Message From The Chair* (page 7).

Enjoy music, food, open bar, and celebrity guests for this memorable night! [BWOFGala](#)

**January 20** MLK Birthday Observance



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL JPGA GOLF INVITATIONAL

It almost didn't happen, but with perseverance we prevailed!

### Saturday, 9/28/19 MEET, GREET, & EAT

Torrential rains the day before may not have allowed us to take out the carts, but supporters and friends showed up to fellowship! We had raffles, prizes, and lots of food from our caterer, Andrea Dillon of Bon Manger Catering.

### Saturday, 10/12/19 JPGA RAIN DATE

The sky was blue without a cloud and the sun was as bright as a summer day, but Chicago lived up to its namesake as the "Windy City!" It was a brisk 49°F, but golfers braved that temperature to crown the 2019 Invitational winners.

After rain, street closure, two attempts, and cold, the 2019 Winners are...

Men: St. Mark Golf Club



Contests for trips to Hawaii or  
Vegas, and Srixon Irons!

No Winners!

Ziegler BMW of Orland Park provided the  
car for the Hole-in-One Contest!  
No Winners!



Golf in-and-around Chicago  
and other raffle prizes!  
Lots of Winners!





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## COLLEGIATE & JUNIOR GOLF HIGHLIGHTS

### Gulf Shores Invitational

Peninsula Golf Club • Gulf Shores, Alabama

October 20-21, 2019

Congratulations to Chicagoan, Mulbe Dillard (right), for Medalist Honors (68/75/73) and helping his team, Florida A&M University (FAMU) win!

President of the Black College Golf Coaches' Association, Craig Bowen (left), bestowed awards to FAMU (Men) and Alabama State (Women).



Congratulations to the following Bob-O-Link Junior Golf Club members:

**Ayanna Jackson**  
Senior at Kenwood Academy  
Won the Girl's 18-hole Division, JPGC

**Aleks Sallay**  
Sophomore at St. Ignatius  
Won the Boy's 18-hole Division, JPGC

**Ahmad Raoul** (pictured)  
Sophomore at Mount Carmel  
Won the Boy's 47<sup>th</sup> Junior Amateur, JPGC

**Raquel Simpson** (pictured)  
Senior at Walter Payton College Prep HS  
Won the Girl's 47<sup>th</sup> Junior Amateur, JPGC  
Raquel is not a Bob-O-Linker





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## Voices in the News

### The dirty little secret surrounding the Obama Center

*What's been overlooked in the conversation surrounding the presidential center's proposed location in Jackson Park is that the park is in terrible shape.*

By Louise McCurry, President, [Jackson Park Advisory Council](#)

There's a dirty little secret that's been overlooked in the conversation surrounding the Obama Presidential Center's proposed location in Jackson Park.

Jackson Park is in terrible shape, and it has been for years. From where I stand (as president of the Jackson Park Advisory Council who has lived within blocks of the site for the majority of my life), the Obama Presidential Center would literally save Jackson Park.

The area east of Stony Island Avenue where the OPC will be built has been a desolate breeding ground for crime and drug use since I moved here in 1969. It's separated from other notable parts of the park, such as the Museum of Science and Industry campus and the lagoon, so it's literally an unused island, sitting idle.

I've spent thousands of hours cleaning up syringes, hypodermic needles, condoms, beer bottles and other trash in the park. The park's Japanese Garden of the Phoenix has been vandalized repeatedly and has been rebuilt three times because it was damaged so badly. The grass on the OPC site and in many sections of the Park is spotty and thin, and the crumbling paths are so riddled with cracks and potholes that bikers have blown out tires on them.

In addition to its troubled appearance, the OPC site's actual environment is also struggling. Nearly a third of the trees on the site are in "less than good" shape, according to a recent assessment by Bartlett Tree Experts. Deeper analysis found that additional trees are threatened by soil pathogens, including invasive fungi that have greatly damaged existing root systems.

So this is what preservationists want to protect: a neglected park with an environment that is far from thriving.

These preservationists—who I haven't seen too often when I'm out there on chilly Sunday mornings, filling large garbage bags with crushed Coke cans and twisted cigarette butts—insist we need to respect renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for Jackson Park. They talk about the World's Fair of 1893 and say the park should remain as is because Olmsted helped design famous sites such as New York's Central Park and the Niagara Reservation at Niagara Falls.

Was Olmsted's vision for Jackson Park respected when the city bulldozed a six-lane highway through the meadows in 1965? How is it consistent with Olmsted's vision and that of other treasured urban planners like Daniel Burnham when we built other museums in Chicago's parks, but not this museum?

In addition to being an economic boon for a part of the city that could use the growth, the OPC will completely revitalize a park that is, to be blunt, failing. The OPC's plans call for planting new trees that will bring greater biodiversity, improving stormwater management and retention to save millions of gallons of water, and implanting new soil with a wider microbial diversity. And this biodiversity will help attract more birds from a broader range of species—important given that the park is one of the top birdwatching spots in the state.

The museum itself will be a gorgeous building with an observation deck overlooking the park and the lake. This is no small thing for a community that is separated from the lakefront by several lanes of highway and has far fewer bridges and overpasses connecting to the beaches than on the North Side. Far from harming Jackson Park, the library will allow visitors to look out over the park and realize what a jewel it is.

Beyond that, the OPC will enrich the souls of our families and our children. Mothers and fathers can beam with pride and see the museum as a beacon of hope, as a light that tells them that yes, it is possible for their child to grow up and become president. And children can learn about their history and the legacies of past generations; they can see people who look like them in positions of power. They can learn Barack and Michelle's moving story and finally say, "That could be me."

Source: <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/opinion/dirty-little-secret-surrounding-obama-center>



# Voices in the News

## It's time to invest in Chicago's South Side golf courses

Golf is probably the only sport that epitomizes the symbiotic relationship with nature. It creates "nature sanctuaries!"

By Tracy Raoul, Chairperson, [Jackson Park Golf Association](#)

The alarming misinformation campaign surrounding the Jackson Park/South Shore Golf Course must be addressed.

A recent letter in the Chicago Sun-Times noting the 114-year-old South Shore Golf Course will become a [luxurious course](#) under the proposed plan is another misguided attempt to deter progress and development.

The Chicago Park District will continue to own and manage the South Shore Cultural Center and golf courses. All Chicagoans are welcome to use the facilities, but why anyone suggests children "play ball" other than golf on a golf course is asinine.

There are playgrounds and fields throughout the parks to accommodate children playing ball, but unfortunately stray bullets are the primary concern for parents today. It's not the same environment and mindset we grew up with 40 years ago.

[Proven facts and data](#) attest to [scholarships](#), careers and economic development through golf, as well the [millions](#) in charitable caauses raised by the PGA Tour. Moreover, we applaud the efforts of 5th Ward Ald. Leslie Hairston to revitalize the community, notably [71st Street](#), which once was the "South Side Magnificent Mile."

We are avid amateur golfers, our children are golfers, and we have countless friends and family that are amateur golfers. Many of us enjoy the sport because golf connects us with nature, allows us to walk miles boosting exercise, promotes networking and, when applicable, helps support caddying, employment and scholarship opportunities for juniors.

We, golfers, are actually contributing to economic development as opposed to stifling it by paying our greens fees and supporting concessions at the golf courses - all growing revenue for the Park District.

It's time to promote a sport that can be played from toddler to elder, with a career path for children beyond basketball, baseball, soccer and football — with fewer physical consequences!

It's time to end the misinformation campaign that the nature sanctuary will be destroyed. Golf is probably the only sport that epitomizes the symbiotic relationship with nature. It creates "nature sanctuaries!"

It's time to emphasize that golf is a game for all, not only the privileged few. Diverse urban communities, particularly African American youth on Chicago's South Side, can benefit from exposure to the game, and we are eager to extol its virtues.

It's time to be thankful and note the golf course improvements will be funded by private charitable donations, not taxpayers!

It's time to revitalize Chicago's South Side and invest in the community's children, elders, working-class (golf courses need employees) and safety!

Source: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/9/2/20841335/south-shore-golf-course-jackson-park-golf-association-letter-tracy-raoul-sun-times-letters>

Note: Original title noted in this newsletter was changed by CST and hyperlinks were omitted.



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## ***The Right Time, The Right Place, and The Right Reasons*** ***JPGA Timeline of Events (Click on Links)***

### **TOWN HALL 2017**

### **JACKSON PARK/SOUTH SHORE BOLD VISION**

### **SYMPOSIUM 2017**

### **PANELIST DISCUSSION**

### **TIGER DISPLAYS JPGA PLAQUE IN HIS OFFICE**

### **JPGA INAUGURAL GOLF INVITATIONAL (2018)**

### **JUNIOR ACADEMIC AND GOLF AWARDEES**

### **JUNIORS & MOMS ON WINDY CITY LIVE**

Moving forward with help from supporters like YOU!  
Thank you!

EACH ONE, REACH ONE, TEACH ONE...

RULES	COACHING TIPS	PACE OF PLAY
<p><b>Rule 12.2a: Removing Loose Impediments and Movable Obstructions</b> Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under <a href="#">Rule 15.1</a> and movable obstructions under <a href="#">Rule 15.2</a>. This includes any reasonable touching or movement of the sand in the bunker that happens while doing so.</p> <p><a href="#">USGA Rule 12 - Bunker Play</a></p>	<p><b>Fairway Bunker Shot Setup by PGA Pro Shannon Hoyt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose one club higher than usual</li><li>• Widen stance for feet stability</li><li>• Grip farther down on club shaft</li><li>• Sweep feet side-to-side for stability</li><li>• Position ball at back of stance</li><li>• Keep lower body (below waist) still</li><li>• Swing upper body turning shoulders</li><li>• Since higher club, swing easy</li><li>• Don't hit the sand, aim to HIT ALL BALL</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Dick's Sporting Goods Pro Tips</a></p>	If bunkers are small, with steep faces, it becomes harder to extricate the ball, and this means that it will take longer to play. It will assist with pace of play if there are adequate numbers of rakes on the course as it enables players to fulfill their responsibilities of raking after hitting out of the bunker without much delay.



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*Tournament Director, Chicago Women's Golf Club*

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*President, St. Mark Golf Club*

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*President, Chicago Women's Golf Club*

## JPGA BOARD MEMBERS

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### Diane Meades

*President, The Fairway Network*

### Charles Moreland

*President, Chicago Golf Classic Group*

### Erika Shavers

*Asst. Program Director, The First Tee of Greater Chicago*

## Message From the Chair...

The Jackson Park Golf Course opened in Jackson Park in 1899 as the first public golf course west of the Allegheny Mountains. However, despite its prestige, African Americans were prohibited the right to play on the public facility. The same was true of South Shore Golf Course which opened as an exclusive country club in 1905. It took over a decade before accessibility to Jackson Park—after a nondisclosed lawsuit settlement between the Park District and notable African American golfer, Walter Speedy—was lifted and African Americans were granted access to the course. The lawsuit, golf aptitude, and tenacity to overcome racism decreed Speedy as the “Father of African American Golf in Chicago.”

The Jackson Park Golf Association (JPGA) was founded in the early 1990s by a group of golfers to create an alliance with the Chicago Park District on behalf of minority golfers’ long-standing usage of the course. The JPGA in conjunction with the Western Golf Association Evans Scholarship Foundation established the first caddy program at Jackson Park Golf Course and awarded two recipients the Evans Scholarship. They received full tuition and housing! Additionally, the JPGA junior golf program for youth ages 6- 17, was created to further enhance the growth of golf among minority youth. Most notably, JPGA also supported a rising junior champion, Tiger Woods, before his ascension to professional golfer. In May 2019, a third caddy from Jackson Park, Kenwood Academy senior, Tim Arrington, was the recipient of an Evans Scholarship and JPGA hopes to pay tribute to many more caddies.

## JPGA MISSION

The association serves as the umbrella for men and women golf leagues, clubs, and individuals to have a unified voice in all matters related to, but not limited to, golf. The commitment of JPGA is universally agreed upon by its membership. The collective mission and vision will advance underserved youth and young adult golfers to not only dream, but also achieve their dreams to become professional golfers and/or work in the golf industry.

## JPGA VISION

Today, JPGA encompasses a multidimensional vision:

- 1) Providing scholarships for youth and collegiate student-athletes;
- 2) Supporting STEAM-based programs for junior golfers as prospective means to excel both academically and athletically;
- 3) Ensuring the African American contributions to the game’s past are celebrated, notably, those with Chicago roots;
- 4) Introducing, engaging, and supporting junior golfers and caddy programs to provide more opportunities into the multi-billion dollar golf industry by developing more competitive amateur and professional athletes for the future;
- 5) Building an indoor facility to create more competitive athletes.



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## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

- JPGA Welcome Package
- USGA Membership
- JPGA Swag
- Discounts on events
- Intramural League Programs
- Networking
- Supporting / Sponsoring Youth Golf
- Volunteer opportunities
- Mentoring opportunities
- Discounts for recruiting other members
- Upgrades to levels of Membership Packages

Benefits are subject to change and determined by the Jackson Park Golf Association Board of Directors



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