



USDGA TOURNAMENT INSPIRES AND CONNECTS

This summer, Laurel Hill Golf hosted the U.S. Disabled Golf Association Open. Over 60 golfers from across the country and overseas competed in the 54-hole championship open to golfers with physical and intellectual impairments. This national championship is the first of its kind to obtain world rankings for golfers with disabilities by the United States Golf Association.

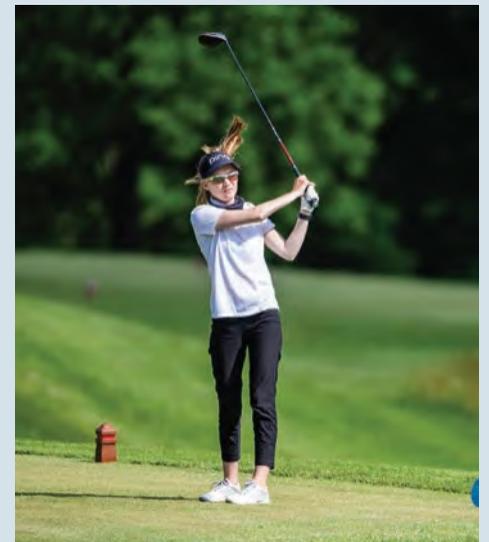
USDGA founder Jason Faircloth's vision for the competition stemmed from his desire to compete and his experience with a similar tournament overseas.

This event was less about disability and more about the ability to meet and connect, show off talent and have fun. The positive vibe was contagious and that of a competition infused with a family reunion.

Young competitor Bailey Bish former University of Arizona adaptive golf team member, shared, "It was incredible, I had a great time meeting new people and hearing everybody's stories and how people adapted their golf game to fit their abilities."

James "Tip" Tipton, a veteran of 22 years in the U.S. Air Force and long-time golfer, noted what makes this tournament so unique, "I've never been so connected to a community as much as I have with my veteran brothers as I am with my disabled community. You will go home with friends that you will have for life."

"This week was an awesome week because of the adaptive athletes that are out here. Just to see the journey that they had to take to get to the here is inspiring. For someone who doesn't think they can, we want to make sure you know you're invited," said competitor Gianna Rojas.



Congratulations to all the golfers who competed and to the overall winner, Eliseo Villanueva. Thank you to Visit Fairfax for co-sponsoring the USDGA National Championship and bringing this amazing event to Fairfax County!

