

2015 Annual Report



Fossil Trace Golf Club - Hole #10 at sunrise.

Vision:

Golden will be recognized as a national leader in the provision of high quality parks, trails and recreation facilities.

Mission:

To promote and provide safe and comprehensive community facilities, programs and services that will enrich the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

Parks and Recreation facilities and the programs, activities, and services that occur within them, contribute greatly to the overall quality of life in Golden. The award-winning Golden Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining open spaces, for providing a quality system of parks and recreational facilities and for providing positive leisure opportunities for the community. Golden is home to many unique recreational amenities for a town

of its size including 253 acres of parkland, 402 acres of open space, 24 miles of trails, 10,000 trees, Fossil Trace Golf Club, the Splash Aquatic Park, Golden History Museums and the Golden Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Department includes the Municipal Facilities Division, Recreation Division, Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery Division, Golden Museums Division, Golf Maintenance Division and Golf Clubhouse Division.

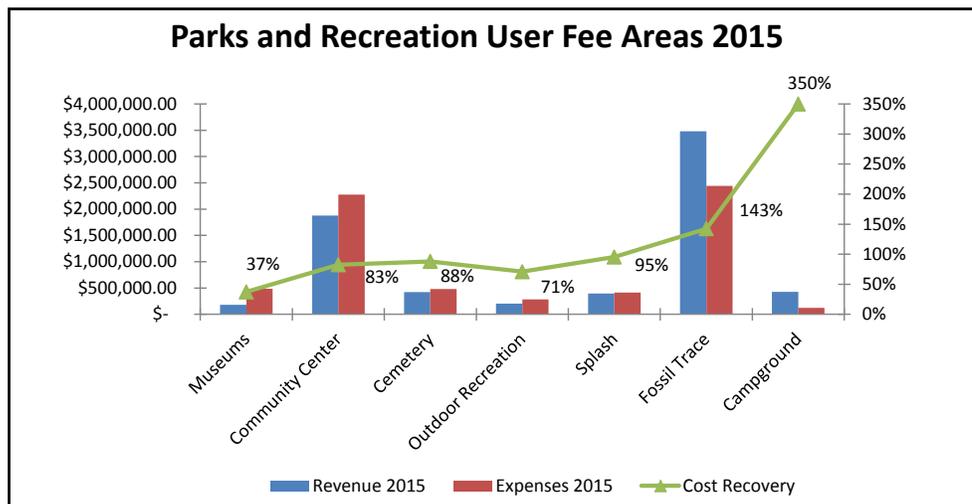
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

In order to increase community involvement, a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was created in 1982. Board members are appointed by City Council and represent Golden citizens. The Board consists of seven members and one alternate who serve four-year terms and make suggestions about

policies and procedures, fees and charges, acceptance of parkland, design of parks and other projects relating to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Advisory Board Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meet on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The third Tuesday is the regular meeting date. These meetings take place in the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., Golden, Colorado, 80401, at 7 p.m. For more information and to view meeting minutes or listen to audio of the minutes, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-advisory-board/.



2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

- Torsten Lyon - Chair
- Jerry Harcek - Vice Chair
- Casey Brown
- Emmy Dimitroff
- Craig Middleton - Alternate
- Amirah Shahid
- Cynthia Szymanski
- Jennifer Trout



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Accomplishments

Golden Moves Ulysses Skate Park Forward with Team Pain Enterprises, Inc.

One of Parks and Recreation's first design-build construction contracts was awarded this year to Team Pain Enterprises, Inc., a custom skate park design and build company. They will lead the development of much-anticipated new skateboard park at the Ulysses Sports Complex near South Golden Road. Team Pain has been building skate parks for over 30 years—including several Colorado municipal parks such as Apex Park in Arvada and the City of Lafayette Skate Park.

Tim Payne, founder and president of Team Pain Enterprises, Inc., presented the initial conceptual designs this fall to a large, enthusiastic group at the Golden Community Center. The meeting followed an August community input meeting in which skaters were encouraged to share their ideas for skate park design features.

The original Ulysses Skate Park was cutting-edge when it opened in 1992. Usage slowly declined over the years as skaters began to show preference for skate parks in neighboring cities that feature more exciting elements. The Ulysses Skate Park was officially closed in November 2015 with demolition concluding in the following weeks. After the final touches on the planning documents are complete in spring 2016, construction on the new park will begin soon after. Stay tuned!



Golden residents providing design input at a fall 2015 public meeting for the new Ulysses Skate Park.

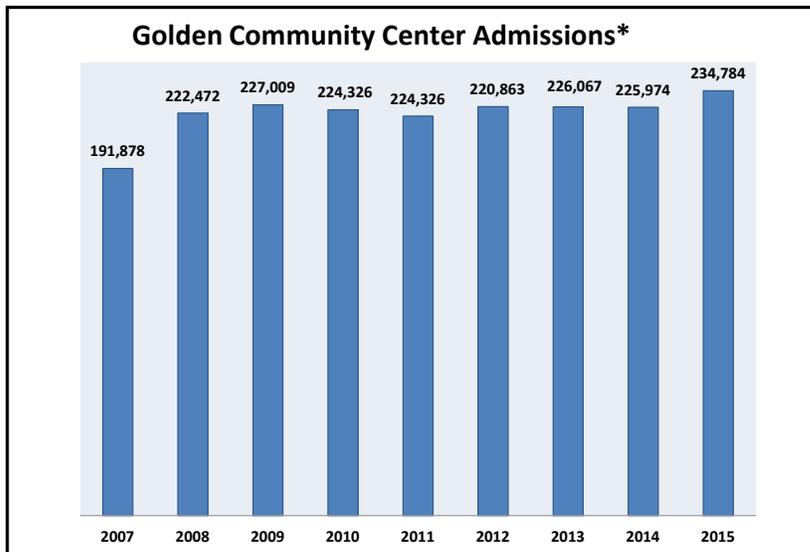
Neighbors Name Barbara Foss Memorial Park

In April 2015 community members expressed a desire for a sign to designate the pocket park at the corner of Ridge Road and Cressman Court as a public parcel—therefore, a park name was needed. Several neighbors jumped at the occasion, and quickly organized to suggest naming the corner pocket park in honor of Barbara Foss—a beloved Golden community figure.

Individuals created a survey for their community to choose: Ridge Road Park, Barbara Foss Park, or No Preference. The results were shared with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members at

a fall meeting. Neighbors attending the naming discussion described how Mesa Meadows would not exist without Mr. and Mrs. Foss, who were instrumental in developing the larger neighborhood.

As the petition was overwhelmingly in favor of Barbara Foss Park, the Board agreed that a stone, non-traditional park sign bearing her name would be a fitting way to commemorate Barbara's impact on the community. It was decided that the formal "Barbara Foss Memorial Park" would be in keeping with other memorial park names in Golden. Attendees expressed how naming it in Barbara's honor "gives a heart to the community."



*Includes Daily Admission, Punch Cards, Annual Passes, and Promotional Passes

Golden Parks and Recreation Facts

- 10,000 trees maintained
- 24 miles of trails
- 253 acres of parkland
- 402 acres of open space
- 14 acres of parkland per 1,000 population, meeting Gold Medal Community standards of 12 acres.
- Number of part-time/seasonal = 332
- Number of full-time employees = 42
- Number of volunteers = 212



A Banner Year for Fossil Trace Golf Club

2015 was another stellar year for the Fossil Trace Golf Club. The celebrated course in Golden was the recipient of a range of prestigious awards—a tribute to the devotion to excellence carried by the golf staff. Head Golf Professional Jim Hajek won multiple awards this year including being named the 2015 PGA National Merchandiser of the Year for a public course, 2015 Colorado Golf Hall of Fame “Person of the Year,” 2015 Operator of the Year by *Golf Inc. Magazine*, and 2015 Colorado PGA Charles ‘Vik’ Kline Award.

Jane Schwab’s talent as Merchandise Coordinator was also highlighted. She was awarded the 2015 Association of Golf Merchandisers’ Platinum Award. The course set a new record for merchandise sales this year, and remains number one in Colorado for public course sales. In other news at Fossil Trace, golf event rounds remain steady with increases to “Advanced Reservations” which now allow golfers to book preferred tee times 8-16 days in advance online. This program also contributed to a new record for annual green fee revenues.



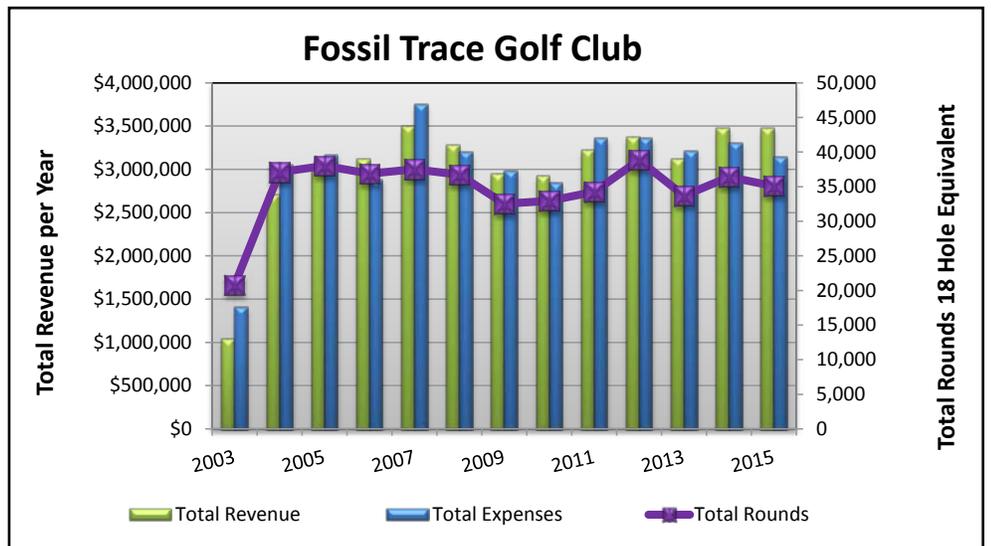
Jim Hajek accepting the award for 2015 PGA National Merchandiser of the Year for a public course with PGA President Derek Sprague.



Colorado golf at its finest: Hole 18, par 5 Fossil Trace.

2015 Parks and Recreation Department Awards

- Tree City USA for 25 consecutive years
- 2015 PGA National Merchandiser of the Year - Public - Jim Hajek, PGA
- 2015 Colorado PGA Charles ‘Vik’ Kline Award - Jim Hajek, PGA
- 2015 Colorado Golf Hall of Fame “Person of the Year” - Jim Hajek, PGA
- 2015 Association of Golf Merchandisers Platinum Award - Jane Schwab
- 2015 Operator of the Year - Jim Hajek, PGA - *Golf Inc. Magazine*



Did You Know That in 2015...

- Registration for Golden History Museums' classroom outreach program Building Colorado boomed! This program visits 3rd and 4th grade classrooms across the Denver-Metro region. Museum staff sought to reach 100 classrooms in the 2015/16 school year. By fall 2015 they had scheduled almost **180 classes**.
- The Golden Library gifted the Golden History Museum their entire Local History collection including maps, books, research files, and **150 years** of Golden newspapers on microfilm. Staff is now raising funds to digitize the film.
- Thanks to funding from the Downtown Development Authority, Clear Creek History Park was beautifully lit for the holidays for the first time.
- Attendance was up **73%** at Golden History Center – making 2015 **the busiest year on record**.
- Three Lions Parks Tennis courts received brand new surfaces.
- Parks and Recreation assumed full responsibility for the Golden Bike Park, with staff supervising a comprehensive facility restoration.
- The Clear Creek Whitewater Park received extensive improvements, focusing improving both the creek flow and bank improvements on the East end.
- Wyoming Circle was developed as a formal trailhead, restructuring parking, adding direct trail access to the street, and constructing a small shelter and seating.
- Golden placed 2nd in the annual Colorado Parks and Recreation lifeguard games.
- Aquatics hosted the Colorado State Summer Swim Championships.
- The Golden Recreation Summer Day Camp program added an additional room in order to serve 20 more children increasing the daily total to **98** children, ages 5-12 years old.
- Recreation hosted the **5th annual** "Dash at the Splash" – a kid's triathlon event designed to be a fun challenge for youth up to age 12 at the Splash Water Park.
- Over **8,600** youth under 18 participated in the programs offered, including a licensed preschool program, camps at both the Golden Community Center and Golden History Center, dance, climbing, music, and all types of sports. Preschool registration registration has **tripled** in the past three years!
- Parks and Recreation offered more than **200** recreational opportunities to the community.
- The Front Porch at the Golden Community Center reached nearly **2,700** SilverSneakers® registered members.
- Overall, the Golden Community Center welcomed over **230,000** patrons in 2015. **Come see us in 2016!**



Golden History Museums' flourishing Building Colorado program teaches 3rd and 4th grade students about Colorado history and economics.



Kayakers enjoying the Clear Creek Whitewater Course on a beautiful day in Golden.



Blazing the trail at the annual Dash at the Splash Kids Triathlon.



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