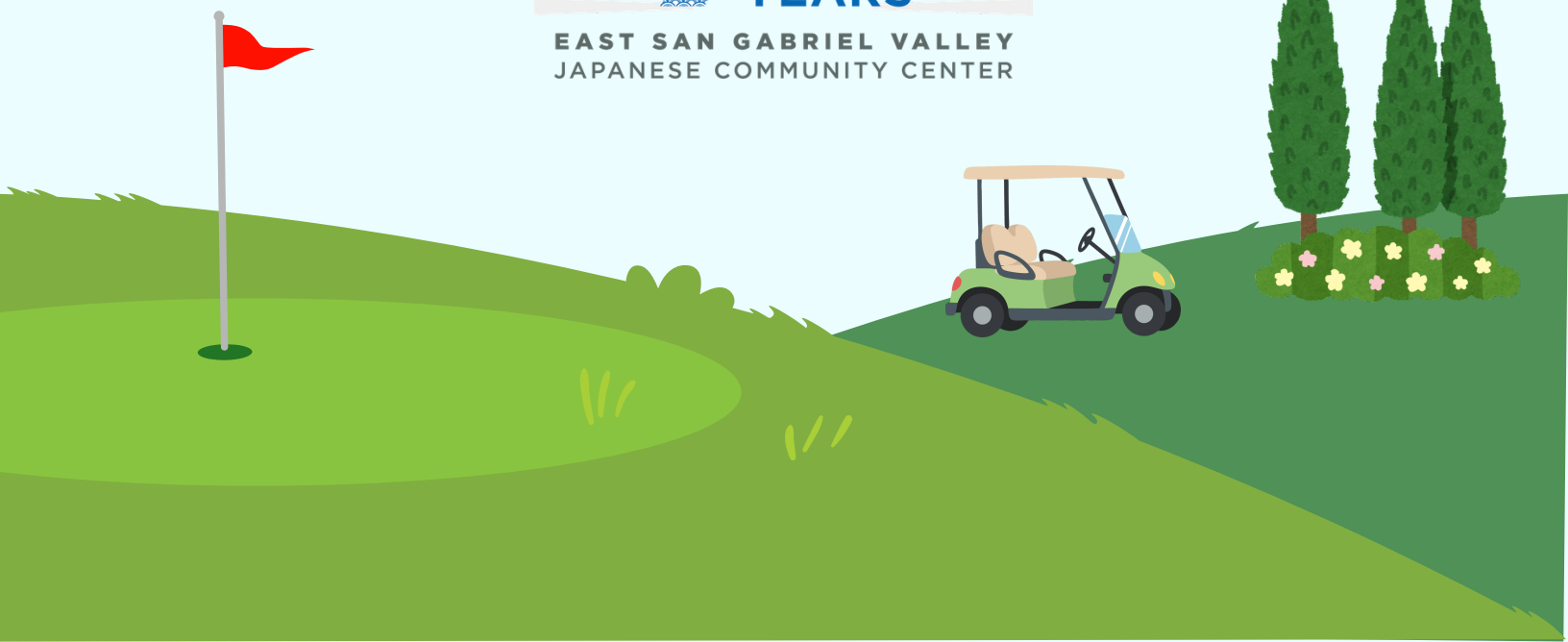


2026 George Sugimoto Golf Tournament

Monday, September 14
Via Verde Country Club

Digital Program Booklet



Welcome from the ESGVJCC President!

Dear Golfers, Sponsors, and Volunteers,

On behalf of our ESGVJCC Board of Directors, Staff and Akimatsuri Golf Committee, I would like to welcome you all to our 2026 ESGVJCC George Sugimoto Golf Tournament, held today at the beautiful Via Verde County Club in San Dimas.

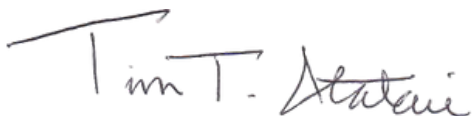
I would personally like to thank all the participating golfers, all the volunteers helping today, along with all our generous sponsors and donors who have graciously supported, not only this year, but in years past. Without all of your support, we would not be able to have been as successful in raising the funds for the ESGVJCC to continue to operate.

George Sugimoto was a Japanese American icon who was always willing to do whatever it took to support our community, especially the ESGVJCC. With that commitment in mind, George was deeply dedicated to the success of the ESGVJCC Annual Golf Tournament. He loved golf and supported our tournament for many, many years.

Unfortunately, with his passing last year, we lost not only a tremendous supporter, but also our family patriarch. We will deeply miss George and all that he meant to our family and community. For that reason, we have decided to rename our Golf Tournament in his honor.

From this year forward, our tournament will be named the ESGVJCC George Sugimoto Golf Tournament. This is one way we can continue to honor George, celebrate his legacy, and keep his memory alive for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tim T. Itatani". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Itatani
President, ESGVJCC Board of Directors



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Mission Statement

The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is a not for profit organization dedicated to fostering and preserving the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs.

Eijiro Machina, a first generation Japanese in America, dreamed of a bridge that would keep his children and their children connected to the culture and traditions of their ancestral birthplace. To build this bridge, he offered a gift of his land in 1936. This bridge became the ESGVJCC (East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc.).

Today, the ESGVJCC bridges culture, family, and community; and stands as a vibrant Japanese American regional cultural and community organization that spans across the greater Los Angeles County, Inland Empire and Orange County. It is home to over 30 cultural, educational, artistic, recreational and social programs serving over 1,000 families.

Once an ethnic enclave, insulated from the surrounding community, the ESGVJCC now bridges outward and partners with the City of West Covina to host the annual City of West Covina Cherry Blossom Festival; the Sister City association of West Covina and Ohtawara, Japan; and the annual summer student exchange program between the two cities. It bridges with Japanese American institutions to collaborate on the design and delivery of innovative and essential programs and services for the community; such as the annual community Cherry Blossom Festival and Health Fair hosted in close partnership with Plaza West Covina.

The future of the ESGVJCC is reflected by the dynamic combination of the increasing diversity within the Japanese American community; the broad attraction to Japanese cultural traditions; and involvement in community based social services, artistic, recreational and educational programs.

But, as it was in the beginning, so it will be in the future. The emergent ESGVJCC will remain a bridge: now open to all—to experience, to celebrate and to be inspired by the beauty, the uniqueness and the joy of the Japanese American culture.

Special Thanks

Thank you to the following companies and individuals who helped coordinate and generously donated to the 2026 ESGVJCC George Sugimoto Golf Tournament!

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Denise Akune	Glenn Nakatani
Tim Itatani	Wesley Nobuta
Aki Kamimura	Don Nose
Phillip Komai	Nancy Okubo
Susie Kozono	Lisa Sugimoto
Roger Nakano	David Yamahata

The Golf Tournament Committee would also like to thank the following volunteers for their time and effort at this year's tournament!

VOLUNTEERS

AJ Kamimura
Aya Kamimura
Helen Yamahata

Special Thanks

In addition, the Golf Tournament Committee would also like to thank the following programs and companies for their contributions to this year's on-course goodie bags and refreshments.

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Special Thanks

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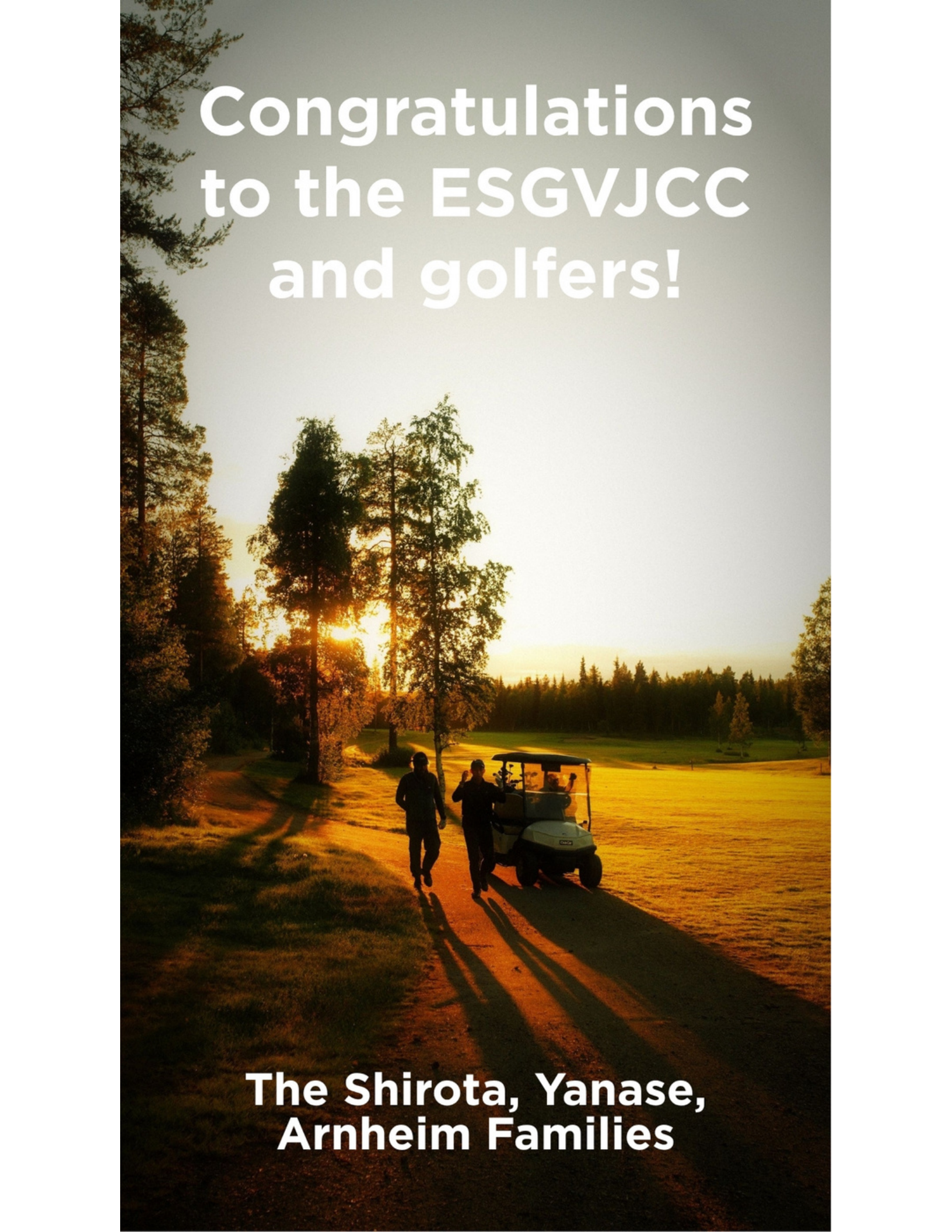
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**Congratulations
to the ESGVJCC
and golfers!**

**The Shirota, Yanase,
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"Hit them straight and hit them long."

**Thank you to all golfers and
volunteers for your support of the
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The Sugimoto Family Foundation

Good luck to everyone!



*Tom Umemoto
Family*

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