

"I'm excited to be part of the founding members of the Florida Sunshine Cup through AJGA with many of my friends. The ability to use my passion in golf to help give back to other kids through the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation will be so rewarding! Thank you AJGA and Streamsong Resort for this opportunity!"



Miles and his grandpa aka Bumpa have created a lot of memories. Below, a tiny Miles and Bumpa (in green) settle in at 17 during The Players Tournament.

Meet Miles Russell Class of 2027

How I started in the game of golf:

Golf has always been a part of my life. As a toddler, I would sit on my dad's lap and watch the Golf Channel instead of the cartoons. I spent many days in the backyard hitting balls over the fence or if I topped it, I would say, "Awwh man!" I was hitting the ball better than I could speak!

My grandfather, whom I call "Bumpa," thinks my eye-hand coordination came from tether ball. We played that a lot when I was little. He always takes me and my siblings to get autographs at The Players Tournament. Some of my favorite memories include watching the pros hit over the

water on 17. I love when the pros take time to smile at us or sign my hat or tournament flag.

I got involved with competitive golf at the end of kindergarten when I was six years old. I spent lots of time watching "The Short Game" on Netflix, and that's how my parents found out about US Kids Golf. I have competed for five years, and I still can't get enough of it. I am now caddying for myself, walking 18 holes, and competing on several different tours.

To say I have a passion for golf is an understatement. I would probably live in the cart barn if I could.



Accomplishments

Drive Chip & Putt National Finalist

2018 – 2nd place

US Kids European Championship

2019 – 4th place

US Kids Golf World Championship

2018 – T2

2017 – T11

2016 – T7

US Kids Regional

Three-time Jekyll Island Cup Champion

Junior Honda Classic

2018 Champion

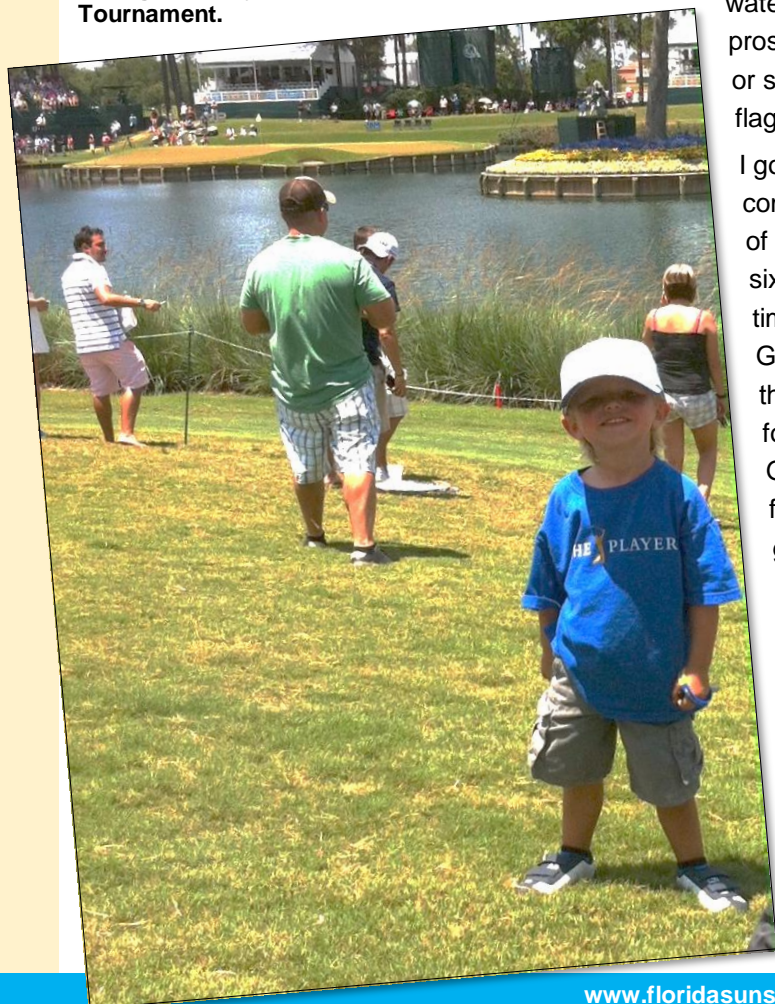
Hurricane National Championship

2018 – 2nd Place

Holes In One

2

One occurred at competition



On the green

At the Drive Chip & Putt competition, Miles hit the ball 183.5 yards at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.

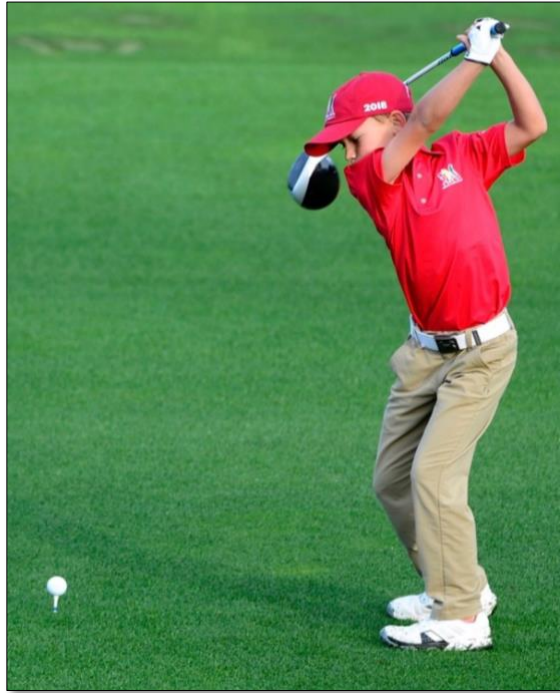
Off the green

Miles enjoys vacations with his parents and siblings, Caleb and Josie. The family enjoys snorkeling, paddle boarding, snow skiing, hiking, skeet shooting, fly fishing, and archery. Making guacamole is a favorite activity, and he recently started playing tennis with his sister.



Miles Russell Class of 2027 In Action

Miles displays great form at the Drive Chip & Putt National Finals in 2018. He finished second overall while placing first in the driving and chipping portions.



This one didn't get away. Bumpa and Miles love to fish together.



Miles plays soccer on the first team for players under age 11 for the Jacksonville Armada travel soccer team. He has earned a spot on this level team for the last three years.



It was an exciting day for Miles when Nick Faldo, three-time Masters golf champion, handed him the trophy at the Drive Chip & Putt National Finals in 2018.

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