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Davidson: Fore! Dante Bichette, Miss Colorado are golf tourney guests

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Baseball is **Dante Bichette's** game, yet the four-time All-Star who hit the most memorable home run in [Colorado Rockies](#) history did a pretty decent job of whacking a golf ball in a tournament that raised \$225,000 for Colorado branch of the [Volunteers of America](#).

The slugger, whose bottom-of-the-14th dinger gave the Rockies an opening-day win in 1995, warned fellow players that golf wasn't his strong suit. "I can play tennis, and I'm still one of the young guys in the Legends of Baseball and Fantasy Camp games. But golf ..."

He may have been too modest.

"Dante did pretty well out there," reported [KOSI](#) personality **Murphy Huston**, who played in the Aug. 9 tournament and emceed the traditional Players Party held the night before at the [Denver ChopHouse](#).

And "pretty well" is quite a compliment, considering that The Legends Golf Tournament was celebrating its 10th year at [Sanctuary](#), a private — and very challenging — course created by [RE/MAX](#) co-founders **Dave** and **Gail Liniger**. It is located near Sedalia and is open only to charity tournaments and invited guests.

Lee Earnhart, owner of [Chambers Wine & Liquor](#), chaired The Legends with **John Milek**, chairman of [CoBiz Insurance](#), and **Greg Stiff**, national sales manager for



Dante Bichette, right, a four-time All-Star who hit the first home run in Colorado Rockies history, visits with Roger Campbell at a dinner preceding The Legends golf tournament, which raised \$225,000 for Volunteers of America.

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CoBiz Insurance underwrote the Players Party, which featured a steak dinner, auction and the opportunity for folks like **Mark Cordova**, **Linda** and **T Tafoya**, **Jane Prancan**, **John** and **Mike Passmore**, **Casey Kemp** and **Steve Stapleton** to have their pictures taken with Bichette.

VOA-Colorado president **Dianna Kunz** also attended the Players Party, thanking such others as **Brian Lewis**, **Marcia** and **Keith Wilkinson**, **Dave Rye**, **Barb** and **Paul Finamore**, **Scott Richards** and **Jeremy Pagden** for their support.

[Lakewood Country Club](#), meanwhile, was the setting for the second Friends FORE [Hospice of St. John](#) tournament. It was chaired by **Ken Reinig** of Reinig Insurance Solutions and featured special appearances by Miss Colorado **Hannah Porter** and 7News meteorologist **Mike Nelson**, who emceed the awards party with his wife, **Cindy**.

The \$35,000 that was raised will fund care and services that the not-for-profit hospice offers to patients and their families.

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