

# What's New at Chi Chi's

## May/June 2014

### Event Spotlight: Education takes priority during the 6th Annual Chi Chi Pro Am

Dedicated business leaders who believe educating children is a priority gathered at Innisbrook's North Course on March 12 to make a difference in young lives. While serious about providing opportunities to students who need us most, they did have plenty of fun playing with nine pros who came out to show their support. Event Co-Chairs Scott Curtis and Mark Carron announced that a net \$149,652 was raised equaling about 23% of the \$650,000 annual education program budget. A big thank you to the committee members, sponsors and volunteers for making it a memorable event.



**Top: Co-Chair Mark Carron presents the Straightest Drive Award to Greg Libby; Bottom: Co-Chair Scott Curtis and Board Member Jessica Majeski have some fun during the Live Auction**

**"Despite the wet weather, participants enjoyed another successful Chi Chi Pro Am event to support the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy students. We're grateful for the sponsors' generosity and involvement." ~ Scott Curtis, Co-Chairman and Board Member**



**Staff, Volunteers and Co-Chair Mark Carron showing off their LoudMouth attire during the Chi Chi Pro Am**

### Donor Spotlight: Loudmouth Golf Makes Chi Chi Pro Am a colorful event

Committee members and volunteers turned some heads at Innisbrook with their eye catching shorts as they raced around tournament day helping out the golfers and pros. The group had a lot of fun with the outfits and expressed their thanks to LoudMouth for donating the shorts. Also, this spring, LoudMouth donated over 200 pairs of shorts to local chapters of The First Tee including Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. You can find LoudMouth Golf apparel in our Golf Club Pro Shop!

**"Chi Chi brings a smile to the game of golf. That's exactly what LoudMouth tries to do... make golf fun for everyone!" ~ Dean Baker, LoudMouth Golf**

### Student Spotlight: Bimbo Bakeries volunteers accompany The First Tee participants serving as Standard Bearers to the Pros

On Thursday of the Valspar Championship presented by BB&T, eight Academy students were given the opportunity to be Standard Bearers during The First Tee day at the PGA TOUR event. Walking the course with Pros is the chance of a lifetime for our students interested in golf. Scott Tobe and his volunteer team at Bimbo Bakeries served as chaperones as part of Bimbo Bakeries Buddy day. It's a great day of fun and learning for students as they get a taste of real competition and professional golf conduct inside the ropes. Thank You to Bimbo Bakeries team members for taking the time out of their day to share the experience.

**"It's such a cool experience to meet all of the PGA Tour golfers and be on the course!" ~Nick, 7th grade student**



**Top: Bimbo Bakeries volunteers meet Coach Tony Simpson and Academy students before heading to the Valspar Championship.**



**Bottom: Academy Executive Committee Member Scott Tobe with 5th Grader Nicolas**

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**50/50 Raffle Winner Teri Galambos with Academy 5th grader Juliana**

**Event Spotlight: Winner of 50/50 Raffle Benefitting The First Tee wins \$9,888**

Congratulations to Teri Galambos the lucky winner of half the \$19,776 pot raised during the March Valspar Championship. Over 90 volunteers and staff members worked 427 hours for the four day event at Innisbrook.

The high ticket sales Volunteer winners were Bob Sutton, Suzie Anderson and Nicki Spitzer. Thank you to our faithful volunteers many of whom came back the second year in a row. Together you raised over \$9,000 for Life Skills Experience programming in our community!

**“I always have a great time at this event. There is very little resistance when you mention Chi Chi, the Kids and The First Tee Program. The organization sells the tickets! A great way to spend a day!” ~ Trish O’Sullivan, volunteer**

**Student Spotlight: Finance Park teaches Personal Financial Management**

The 8th grade class enjoyed a day at Finance Park this spring, a program of the Gus A. Stavros Institute, learning personal financial management in a reality-based center. This program introduces students to the world of monetary decision-making as it relates to them as teenagers and adults. Major components include personal financial planning and career aptitude exploration.

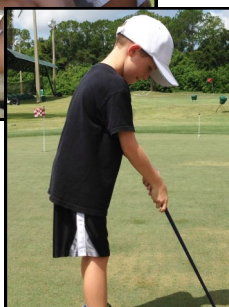


**Chi Chi’s graduating class of 2014 with middle school teacher Charlene Bartlett**

**“I enjoyed making my personal budget based on the company flyers and figuring out what job I will need in the future to make that budget a reality.” ~Jessica, 8th grade student**



**The First Tee of Clearwater Participants during Summer Camp**



**Event Spotlight: Summer Camp Sign Ups**

Want cool stuff, fun, social time and learning golf wrapped into one? Sign up for The First Tee of Clearwater Junior Golf Summer Camps! One-week camps start on June 9th and end August 14th, 2014, Monday-Thursday, 9am to 12pm. Age 5 to 15 are placed in three groups based on age, and instruction is targeted as an introduction to the game of golf.

To register for camp visit:  
[www.thefirstteeclearwater.org](http://www.thefirstteeclearwater.org)  
 OR  
 Contact Tony Simpson at  
 (727) 726-8829 x 238 or [tony@chichi.org](mailto:tony@chichi.org).

**“My child learned good etiquette, golf basics, core values and loved it!”  
 ~ 2013 Summer Camp parent survey**

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**Academy Mission**

To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course business as a living classroom.

**Contact Information**

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For more information  
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**Upcoming Events—2014**

**Chi Chi Charity Classic  
 Sunday & Monday,  
 November 16 & 17, 2014**

**Did You Know...?**

You can donate your Credit Card Rewards points to Charity? Most credit card companies allow members to donate rewards points as money to a Charity of their choice.

City of Clearwater  
 Mayor George Cretekos proclaimed  
 March 23 - March 29, 2014 as  
**Boys & Girls Club Week.**

The First Tee Night at the Rays is  
**Saturday, June 21st at 4:10pm.**  
 It's a game, concert & discount round of golf package all for \$25.  
 For ticket information,  
 contact Mallory Hubbard at  
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