

What's New at Chi Chi's

May/June 2016

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Event Spotlight: Chi Chi Academy Pro Am held March 9

During the PGA TOUR's Valspar Championship presented by BB&T, Academy sponsors were paired with a Pro or Celebrity on Innisbrook Resort's South Course. Hosted by News Channel 8's Jenn Holloway in the Champions Skybox overlooking the famous 18th green of the Copperhead, a lively auction raised additional dollars as Chi Chi Alumni and professional Race Car Driver Ethan Low received a standing ovation for sharing his personal *Journey to Success* story.



Co-Chairs Mark Carron and Scott Curtis happily announced the event raised a net amount of \$206,000 that will fund 41 Academy students for the school year. This includes The First Tee and the Boys & Girls Club support services that drive academic achievement and personal life skills. These services enhance their classroom learning while preparing them to graduate high school.



Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Raymond James and Co-Title Sponsor Ohio National Financial Services!

"On behalf of everyone at Chi Chi's, a special thank you to those who sponsored and participated in the event for their generous contributions that will enhance the educational resources and opportunities for Chi Chi's students." ~Co-Chairs Mark Carron & Scott Curtis



Top: Co-Chair Scott Curtis with Barry Motz and Jim Armstrong of Lord Abbett and Joseph Williams of Cohen & Steers pose with LPGA Pro Kristy McPherson; Middle: Co-Chair Mark Carron with LPGA Pro Brittany Lincicome; Bottom Right: 1st place Ohio National Financial Services with Symetra Tour's Jean Chua; Bottom Left: Chi Chi Alumni Ethan Low shares his personal *Journey to Success*



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Nine members of the Chi Chi Ladies League and Foundation Director of Development Mallory Hubbard show off their paintings

Donor Spotlight: Thank You Chi Chi's Ladies League

In February, the Chi Chi Rodriguez Ladies' Golf Association hosted a fundraiser for the Academy at Painting with a Twist in Clearwater. The ladies painted and participated in raffle drawings which raised a total of \$440 for Chi Chi's educational programs. This dedicated group of ladies play golf at the course every Monday morning and would welcome new members to join them. Annually, a part of member dues also goes to Chi Chi programs by sponsoring an Academy class for the Holidays and purchasing much needed school supplies each month.

Call (727) 725-2024 for additional League information.



Left: Academy 7th grader Nicolas hitting glow balls on the range;
Right: Threshers mascot Pinley was a hit with all the guests

Event Spotlight: Cosmic Golf comes to the Sports Complex!

In February, the Sports Complex driving range hosted over 600 guests and netted more than \$1,000 during three nights of cosmic golf. Golfers enjoyed hitting unlimited glow balls and mastering a brightly lit skills challenge in putting and chipping. Co-Chairs Scott Brown and Richard Wegman said the local golf community was buzzing with news of this innovative event and the fun families had together!

Thank you to sponsors: Paradise Golf, Pete & Shorty's, Valspar Championship, 580 Bar & Grill, Baystar Restaurant Group, Clearwater Threshers, Cold Stone Creamery, Friendly Kia, Great Bay Distributors, Hot Dog Dayz & Jimmy Johns.

Student Spotlight: The First Tee participants serve as Standard Bearers during the Valspar Championship Thursday round

Nine students experienced the tournament from a view that no spectators get, inside the ropes. Throughout the round, the Pros in their groups spent time talking to the students and even gave them autographed gloves or balls following the round. Thank you Valspar Championship for giving our students such an amazing experience to learn more about their role models. Special recognition to Bimbo Bakeries USA for volunteering as all day chaperones!



Top: All participants and Bimbo Bakeries USA volunteers take a photo before traveling over to the Valspar Championship;
Bottom: Academy Executive Committee Member Scott Tobe and Bimbo Bakeries' Ron Fisher with participants Sonya and Ellie just before they head to the first tee



Top: Linda with Academy Executive Committee Member Dan Etlinger volunteering at Cosmic Golf in February; Linda with the 2014 50/50 Raffle winner during the Valspar Championship in 2015

Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Damsky

When Linda retired as a Reading Specialist for Pinellas County Schools and the Academy, she decided to continue making an impact on Chi Chi's kids by volunteering. In the summer of 2013, she became a member of the Academy Executive and Charity Classic Committees. She also co-chaired the 50/50 Raffle at the Valspar Championship and volunteers for almost every Foundation special event. Thank you Linda for so many hours of service, you are a tremendous asset to the Foundation's mission!

Academy Executive Committee

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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 and its business as living classrooms.

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Upcoming Events

**The First Tee Day at the Tampa Bay Rays
Sunday, July 31, 2016**

**Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday
November 13 & 14, 2016**

Did You Know...?

The First Tee Day at the Rays is
**Sunday, July 31st
at 1:10pm**

New York Yankees vs Tampa Bay Rays

Join us in celebrating The First Tee of Clearwater participants by raising funds and awareness throughout the Tampa Bay community.

Package includes lower level ticket to the game, a Rays hat and a discounted round of golf all for \$30.

For ticket information, contact:
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