



What's New at Chi Chi's

September & October 2009



Zonta Club of Upper Pinellas

Donor Spotlight: Zontas of Upper Pinellas

The Zonta Club is an international volunteer service organization dedicated to advancing the status of women. This group gives more than 4,200 hours a year in services and support to local organizations. For over 15 years many of those services and support hours have been directed to the Chi Chi Academy. The 23 local members have acted as mentors and tutors to the Kids, purchased books, pillows, towels and generously given other needed supplies. The Zonta Club donated over \$800 to build the custom designed photo wall murals that welcomes visitors to the Bob James Education Center. It displays students, volunteers and activities over our 30 year history. It's quite a story and worth a look!

For more info or to join contact: www.zonta.org.

Welcome back Academy school staff!

Welcome New Staff Wendy Hinrichs-Barto and Judy Boyd!

ACADEMY STAFF

Principal: Robert McFadden
 Director & Counselor: Jayme Pecci
 Assistants: Linda Foderaro, Data Management Technician and Wanda DiLandro
 Teachers: Ginger Francisco, Susan McLean, Kelly Mercier, Josh Meurer, and Lori VanderKlok
 Teacher Assistants: Lou Ann Brown, Doris Dabbs, Wendy Hinrichs-Barto, and Debbie Moss
 Specialty Teachers: Derek Chaisson, Music; Judy Boyd, Art; Tim Dublino, Physical Education; and Brandon Walker, Golf Education



Chi Chi Academy Staff

New principal Bob McFadden: Principal Bob McFadden is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and has been an educator since 1980. Before taking over as Curlew Creek Elementary and the Chi Chi Academy's principal, Bob was principal of Palm Harbor Elementary for ten years and taught in Virginia and Florida. Bob has three teen aged children, loves kayaking, fishing, scuba diving, playing guitar and plans on taking up golf again after a ten year hiatus.

Chi Chi Sports Complex Update: Glase Construction has broken ground on the 1.25 acre short game practice facility. The area will have 15,000 feet of greens, including a putting green, a chipping green with two sand bunkers and a pitching green for 60 yard shots. Completion is scheduled for mid November. Special thanks to Jim Glase, Glase Construction, Frank Chivas, Elliott Ross, Fred Whaley and Scott Brown for their extraordinary efforts in making this a project a reality.



Shane helps other Summer Camp Participants & Apprentice Team Members paint the cover shot



Frank Chivas (Board Member), Garth Boline (Golf Course Superintendent), James Poulter (COO & Director of Golf) and Scott Brown (Executive Committee Member)



Frank Chivas and his team lay new concrete

Thank you to all of our coaches, volunteers and our participants for a safe and fun summer at The First Tee of Clearwater. We are pleased that the number of participants increased from last summer and next summer we expect to more than double the number kids attending. We're growing!

Summer Camp Recap:

- 390 participants served in the 11 weeks
- 90 of those participants on full scholarships
- Over 600 out reach participants
- 43 volunteers worked over 3,124 hours

“My sons truly enjoyed the personal attention from the instructors and learned how to improve their golf game.”
~Maureen Booser, parent of Summer Camp Scholarship Participants



Tyler & Brandon Booser with Coach Brandon



Alexandria, Banan and Lauren on the course with Coach Mitch

Thank you Mitch! Mitch Glentzer, an intern from the University of Indiana, spent his entire summer volunteering to coach participants at The First Tee of Clearwater Summer Camp. We really appreciate Mitch's dedication and his quiet way of giving his time to help kids. We all wish Mitch the best of luck in the coming year. We hope he comes back next summer!



Sean Fromme'

Sean Fromme' goes to The First Tee Leadership Academy: Eighth grade Academy student Sean was one of 94 international participants selected to attend the Leadership Academy in Portland, Oregon. This all expense paid week-long Academy allows participants to not only play golf, but also participate in in-depth life skills activities and career exploration. The overall purpose of the Academy is to provide participants with valuable character education and leadership instruction. Congratulations, Sean! Thank you for representing The First Tee of Clearwater!

Students Compete with staff in PGA Pro - Junior Tournament:

The Academy Apprentice Golf team and staff members competed in a Tournament Scramble at Seminole Lake Country Club. See the team scores below!

Scores:

- 7: James Poulter, COO; Sebastian (14), Hannah (16), Thomas (13)
- 8: Brandon Walker, Program Director; Eric (14), Brian (15), Sean (13)
- 7: Nick Panebianco, Teaching Pro; Charlie (17), Shane (12), Blake (12)



All three teams following the match



Celebrating
30
 Years!

Upcoming Events:

**Chi Chi Charity Classic 30 Year Celebration:
 Sunday & Monday, November 15th & 16th, 2009**

Join Chi Chi for this two day golf tournament in celebration of Chi Chi's 30th Anniversary. Sponsorship packages start at \$3,000. For more information about the tournament, contact Mallory Hubbard at (727) 726-8829 x 209 or mallory@chichi.org.



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