



What's New at Chi Chi's

April 2017

10th annual Chi Chi Pro Am raises a net \$174,000 for educational programs on March 8



During the PGA TOUR's Valspar Championship at Innisbrook Resort Academy sponsors were paired with a PGA or LPGA Pro on the prestigious South Course. Following play a lunch in the Snake Pit Club overlooking the 17th green of the Copperhead featured a lively auction hosted by News Channel 8's Jenn Holloway where a trip to Park City, Utah and the Abaco Club, Bahamas, plus other fun items were up for bid.

Chairman of the Foundation's Board, Tom James presented Co-Chair Mark Carron with a plaque honoring his ten years of dedication to leading this event. Over the past decade it has netted over \$1 ½ million dollars for Foundation educational programs from generous sponsors. It is leaders like Mark who make our special events possible.

Co-Chairs Vin Campagnoli and Mark Carron happily announced the event raised a net amount of \$174,000 that will fund 35 Academy students for the school year. This includes support services such as The First Tee Life Skills Experience that teaches the 9 Core Values & 9 Healthy Habits through golf, plus the gardening and student shadow time that all play key roles in driving academic success. These services enhance their classroom learning and social skills while preparing them to graduate high school.

Top: Raymond James Foursome including Jeff Julien, event Co-Chair Vin Campagnoli, Katie Jean and Board Chairman Tom James with their "Pro" University of Virginia's Jimmy Stanger; Middle Left: Mark Carron receives award at Lunch; Middle Right: Jenn Holloway hosts; Bottom: Event Winners Kevin Caldwell, Brent Powers, Joe Minutolo and Adam Leuke with LPGA Pro Brittany Altomare

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



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th
Chi Chi Golf Club



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

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Student Spotlight: The First Tee participants enjoy time inside the ropes at the Valspar Championship as Standard Bearers



Top: Ron Pertz and Steven Smith with Bimbo Bakeries USA take a moment for a picture with their Standard Bearers Sonya and Devin; Bottom: Hadleigh at the 10th tee box waiting for her Pros to tee off for their back nine

Following with the Valspar Championship tradition during The First Tee day, nine students got an up close and personal experience with some of the best golfers in the world as Standard Bearers, including Matt Kucher, Bill Haas and Ian Poulter.

Throughout the round, the Pros in their groups spent time talking to the students and giving them autographed items and posing for pictures with them following the round. Thank you Valspar Championship for providing our students such an amazing experience to learn more about the game they love and role models whom they can respect and emulate. Special recognition to Bimbo Bakeries USA for volunteering as all day chaperones to these lucky participants!

**Volunteer Spotlight:
Bob & Pat Poechman**

For over 20 years these two winter snowbirds from Ontario, Canada have been volunteering during their six months in Florida. In that short time they make a huge impact on our school campus! Like clockwork they volunteer every Wednesday plus during all of the special events. Bob is the Foundation and Golf Operations go to repair man fixing and building anything on the long list that accumulated over the summer months. Pat helps out in administration and in our accounting department. It's no surprise these two earned the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award with their loyal support and kindness. Thank you Bob & Pat for putting in so much hard work and time over the years, your talents are truly making a difference!



Top: Bob & Pat receiving the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award from Chi Chi and a student; Bottom: Bob & Pat helping with raffle at the Chi Chi Pro Am this March

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