



BOARD PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Summer is in full swing at First Tee West Texas. Our staff and volunteers have been busy hosting multiple First Tee programming sessions, as well as partnerships at our facility with Boys and Girls Club and YMCA. In June, we hosted our inaugural Fathers' Day Scramble, and we just held our 5th annual fundraising golf tournament, hosted at Midland Country Club on Monday, August 4th. The recent rains have been such a blessing and very well-timed, and I know our Golf Course Superintendent Robert Campbell feels the same way.

We rolled out our new membership program in June, which had been in the works for a couple of years. Our goal remains to provide access to the game of golf for all area youth and to help equip them with necessary skills and character traits that will benefit them for life. The membership program allows us to do just that by generating funds to help with the operation and maintenance of our first class facility. If you are interested in sponsoring a child's access to the game of golf, please reach out to myself, any of the Board of Directors, or First Tee staff. Scholarships allow us to continue hosting youth of all ages and backgrounds, no matter their family income level.

Finally, in my six years serving on First Tee West Texas' Board of Directors, it has been remarkable to watch the growth of our organization. Demand for golf is soaring, and getting kids moving and outside is of the utmost importance. I strongly encourage all friends of First Tee to visit our facility, especially during programming hours. With the help of our staff and volunteer coaches, we are truly building game changers!



Chris Hubbard
Board President

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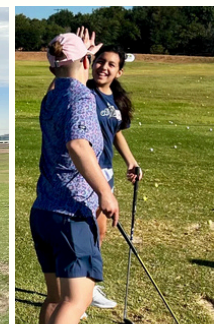
GROUND'S CREW LOVE

We want to give a big shout-out to the First Tee – West Texas grounds maintenance team! Please join us in applauding Course Superintendent Robert Campbell and Course Maintenance Lead Rachel Isbell for their outstanding work. Have you seen the course lately? It looks amazing! If you're interested in a tour, feel free to reach out to Liz anytime.



LPGA GIRLS GOLF PROGRAM – NOW EVERY MONTH!

Our LPGA/USGA Girls Golf program is in full swing, inspiring young girls across West Texas to take to the greens with confidence AND now held once a month! With tailored coaching sessions and empowering workshops, our Girls Golf program is making waves, building not only golfing skills but also fostering self-esteem and leadership qualities among the participants. Registration is the 1st of every month beginning at 8am on the LPGA/USGA Girls Golf App. Classes are held the 3rd Saturday of the month with 3 sessions offered that are free to attend.



THE FIRST TEE PROGRAM FIVE KEY COMMITMENTS:

Pursuing Goals – Growing through Challenge
Collaborating with Others – Building Positive Self-Identity
Using Good Judgement

END OF YEAR SOCIALS

Families and community are what make First Tee - West Texas a wonderful place. We closed the spring session with fun for the whole family. We hosted an end-of-session tournament held on May 3rd, a Family Fun Day at Urban Air Midland on May 19th, and our 1st Annual Father's Day Scramble on June 14th.

SESSION TOURNAMENTS



FAMILY FUN AT URBAN AIR



FATHERS DAY SCRAMBLE



MEMBERSHIP ROLLOUT

First Tee - West Texas launched its membership program exclusively for children ages 6-18, June 1, 2025. This means that in order to continue playing golf at First Tee - West Texas outside of program time or practice time, you will need to enroll in a membership at the course.

Why memberships now?

First Tee - West Texas has experienced remarkable growth as an organization over the past two years. We've expanded our team to ensure the safety of our golf courses and the quality of our programs, built a new clubhouse, and maintained a stunning course. While generous donors have supported us thus far, it's time to diversify and initiate our membership process. We've always known this was essential, and now we have the infrastructure to make it happen.

What you need to know...

- Annual membership fee: \$840
- Can be paid monthly at \$70 per month
- Drop-in fee \$10 per child 6-18yr old
- Children 5 years and younger do not require a membership or drop-in fee
- SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE*

*Securing an annual membership scholarship is as simple as having your child write a heartfelt thank-you letter to their sponsor. It's that easy!



THE TEXAS CUP 2025

The Texas Cup is an event designed to bring the best golfers from all the Texas First Tee Chapters together in one spot to claim the title of "Best Golfing Texas Chapter"! This prestigious tournament is a 36-hole stroke-play competition, following a high school tournament format. Each chapter fields a team of five players, with the best four scores per day being counted and the highest score dropped. The team with the best total score after two days wins the event.

This year, I had the honor of coaching our First Tee West Texas tournament team. It was our first year participating, and we are already looking forward to returning next year with our eyes on the prize. However, the real prize was the opportunity to coach alongside nine other dedicated coaches representing all the Texas chapters and to mentor the talented young competitors.

First Tee truly produces great quality young adults who take the lessons they learn on the golf course and apply them to practical life experiences. The Texas Cup is not just about winning; it's about growth, sportsmanship, and the lifelong friendships formed along the way. Each swing, each putt, and each round of golf is a step towards becoming not just better golfers, but better individuals.

As we look ahead to next year, our team is more motivated than ever. We've learned valuable lessons from our first experience and are eager to improve. The camaraderie and spirit of the Texas Cup have left an indelible mark on all of us, and we can't wait to be part of this incredible event again. Here's to the journey, the competition, and the continuous pursuit of excellence both on and off the golf course!

To More Birdies,

Coach Carlos



Coach Carlos, Logan, Austin, Michael, Audrey, Kinsley, and Coach PJ



5TH ANNUAL WEST TEXAS PRO-AM

Hosted by Midland Country Club | Benefiting First Tee - West Texas



Thank you to our generous sponsors:

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our 5th Annual West Texas Pro Am, co-presented by MCM Energy Partners, LLC and PBEX, LLC, and graciously hosted by the Midland Country Club. This year's tournament took place on Monday, August 4, and was a tremendous success, featuring a full roster of players and elevated accommodations that made for an unforgettable experience.

One of the standout moments was our raffle for a 2025 Onward Club Car golf cart, with congratulations to Kevin Kovacic for being the lucky winner! Additionally, we were proud to have First Tee participant Audrey Marler field her very own team in the tournament, showcasing the talent and dedication of our young golfers. The event also provided fantastic networking opportunities, allowing participants to connect and engage, fostering lasting relationships within our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supports First Tee - West Texas in our mission to make golf accessible to all children, providing them with a nurturing space to learn and grow through the sport of golf.

If you missed out on this year's event, don't worry! Reach out to Liz to get on the contact list and stay informed about next year's Pro Am. We can't wait to see you there!



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BEHIND THE SCENES OF SERVICE - BROOKE SCHLEMEYER

I choose to give my time to First Tee of West Texas because I believe we are a crucial component for the development of youth golf in our area. Golf is something that you can play for the entirety of your life and never achieve boredom (that's just me though). As any golfer knows, you are constantly challenged by the result of each swing, each stroke. How you persevere through those challenges helps to shape you as a person and melds into other aspects of your life. The game of golf relies on honesty and respect, two very important qualities in life for a young child to learn in a fun, relaxing environment, whacking a ball with a club. I cannot describe what it feels like to see that big smile on a kid's face after they just hit the ball in the air for the first time. You can tell that it only fuels their desire to do it again. I also believe in the coaches who try to deliver the message every day. I believe that we are making a difference in the community for the young people who are choosing to pick up golf.



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