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"The First Tee is such a great charity and worthy of our support," said **Brent Dawson** of Liberty Mutual. "We are proud to be a patron of the MGA and so thrilled for the opportunity to come out to this great golf course and support Junior Golf in the state."

While Titleist and Liberty Mutual provide ongoing support to amateur golf through the MGA's **Patron of Golf program**, Walmart has been a constant presence at the MGA Junior Golf Fund Golf Tournament since its inception in 2006. In fact, Walmart surpassed the \$100,000 mark in support of The First Tee of Massachusetts this year.

"This event would not be possible without their dedicated support," said McCabe. "**Chris Buchanan** of Walmart is a great friend to our program. Our corporate sponsors have demonstrated what it means to give back to the community and we can attest that thousands of Bay State youth benefit from their generosity year-in and year-out."

Also coming on board as a sponsor in 2013 was **Boston Private**, who was represented on course by a group led by **Mary Ann Manning**, vice president and director of marketing communications at Boston Private

"We were thrilled to welcome Boston Private this year," said McCabe. "They are helping to make a real difference in the community."



Representatives from Boston Private (above) & Liberty Mutual (below) enjoying the day at TPC Boston



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## Junior Golf Fund Tournament Caps off a Great Year!



Six weeks after hosting the world's best professional golfers at the Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston opened its gates to another special event – the annual **MGA Junior Golf Fund Tournament** benefiting **The First Tee of Massachusetts**.

"This outing has proven to be a great annual event for our program," said **Joe McCabe**, executive director of The First Tee of Massachusetts. "The support of the local golf community has allowed many of our participants to take part in opportunities that have made significant impacts on their lives. Within the last three years, The First Tee of Massachusetts has had participants attend national events like The First Tee Life Skills & Leadership Academy, The Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach and The First Tee Future Leaders Forum."



Participants in the golf tournament enjoyed a round on the championship course, followed by an awards reception. The event brought together golfers of all abilities to support The First Tee's youth programming.

"This is an opportunity to give back to the game of golf, which is what it's all about," said **Phil O'Sullivan**, an MGA Rules Official who took part in the event. "To be able to enjoy this great venue while supporting The First Tee is wonderful."

In addition to the outpouring of individual support (the event has sold out every year), the MGA Junior Golf Fund Golf Tournament would not be possible without its primary sponsors - **Walmart**, **Titleist** and **Liberty Mutual**.

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The cold weather can't hold us back!



We are still busy as we head toward the winter months. Annual programming is set to begin in early January at CityGolf Boston and at Springfield College & Western New England University. The cold temperatures may prevent golfers from being outside, but junior golfers will have the chance to remain active in programming opportunities at these indoor facilities.

Located in downtown Boston, CityGolf has multiple hitting bays, a chipping & putting area, and golf simulators that are very popular. In Springfield, the golf teams from each college work with participants at their indoor practice facilities. Each participant will get over 10 hours of program time under the watchful eyes of some very enthusiastic instructors.

For more information, visit [thefirstteemass.org](http://thefirstteemass.org) and click on "register."



*"To say that my kids loved [The First Tee sessions] would be an understatement! They were excited to participate daily and came home verbalizing the lesson & tips of the day. They now come home from school and head out to the backyard to sharpen their skills!" -TFTMA parent*

## The Heart & Soul of The First Tee—Thank You to our Instructors!



At **Fenway Golf** in East Longmeadow, **Joe Eadie & Susan Teitel** (above) both achieved **The First Tee Recognized Coach Status**. TFT coaches have the opportunity to participate in various levels of learning and teaching in order to further their curriculum knowledge. Having completed three levels of education, Joe & Susan accrued enough continuing education credits to become Recognized Coaches. Congratulations, Joe & Sue, and thank you for your continued commitment to The First Tee of MA!

At **Hyannis Golf Course**, PGA Professionals **David Donnellan** (below, right) & **Roman Greer** (below, left) put their stamp on a great year of programming. From developing new spring and fall season programs to providing TFT participants with discounted rates at the driving range during non-program times, David & Roman are truly making Hyannis GC a home for junior golfers on Cape Cod. Thanks guys!



Thank you to all our instructors at TFT program affiliates:

**Pete Walsh** (MGA Links)

**Donnie Lyons & Ed Whalley** (Reedy Meadow GC)

**David Donnellan & Roman Greer** (Hyannis GC)

**Joe Eadie & Susan Teitel** (Fenway Golf)

**We couldn't do it without you!**

**Thank You to our Sponsors for all the support in 2013!**



# Anna Haynes chosen for Auntie Anne's Leaders & Entrepreneurs Forum



Chosen as one of only 50 students nationwide to travel to Orlando



Anna Haynes is building an impressive resume at such a young age. The Hopedale 17-year-old and participant of The First Tee of Mass., just returned home from **The First Tee/Auntie Anne's Leaders & Entrepreneurs Forum**, held in Orlando from Oct. 31-Nov. 3. She was chosen after an extensive application and selection process as one of only 50 students nationwide to attend this event.

an experience that Haynes will not soon forget. "The Leaders & Entrepreneurs Forum was a great experience," she said. "To be able to spend those days with so many talented business executives and my fellow First Tee participants is something that I will remember for a long time."

Haynes has been a participant in The First Tee of Massachusetts for seven years, thriving both on and off the golf course. She has truly become a well-rounded student– not only does she play on the golf team, she is also on the Math team, a member of the Drama Club, and part of the Principal's Advisory Committee at Hopedale Senior High School.

"Anna has such a great personality and desire to succeed," said **Joe McCabe**, executive director of The First Tee of Mass. "She's a great representative of The First Tee and I know she appreciates the opportunity to participate in events like the Leaders & Entrepreneurs Forum."

She will graduate from Hopedale Senior High School next spring, and hopes to play golf at the collegiate level. If her past success and hard work is any indication, this young woman has a bright future ahead of her.

The forum, held at the Walt Disney World Resort, introduced participants to interactive sessions covering career development, community leadership, and the franchising business model. Combining leadership and business education with The First Tee Life Skills curriculum, this forum was the first national event for The First Tee/Auntie Anne's partnership. The soft-pretzel retailer signed on as a Diamond Corporate Partner of The First Tee this past summer.

In addition to attending information sessions, the group of The First Tee participants were able to spend time in the Disney World parks and enjoy some leisure time together,



# Participants welcome PGA Tour Pros to MGA Links

Erik Compton & Freddie Jacobson visit the Links for 3rd annual TFT Skills Challenge



On a picture-perfect August day, **The First Tee of Massachusetts** and the **Deutsche Bank Championship** teamed up for the 3rd annual The First Tee Skills Challenge.

This year's event, held for the first time ever at MGA Links, was attended by more than 100 participants and proved to be a great kickoff to the week of Championship events at TPC Boston.

"This was a lot of fun for our participants," said **Joe McCabe**, executive director of The First Tee of Massachusetts. "Our staff had a lot of fun constructing the skills challenges and it is always great to collaborate with the Deutsche Bank Championship staff to make such events possible."

The highlight of the day came after the Skills Challenge was over when PGA Tour players **Freddie Jacobson** and **Erik Compton** came to MGA Links to spend some time with the participants and their families.

Freddie and Erik answered questions and hit a variety of golf shots for nearly 45 minutes before inviting all of the

participants to surround them on the 1st tee. The two players challenged each other to hit a 90-yard shot into a kiddie pool used as part of the Skills Challenge. To the delight of the crowd, the players knocked it in the pool on consecutive shots!

"Freddie and Erik are a testament to hard work and dedication to their sport and to their families," said **Pete Walsh**, head golf professional of MGA Links. "For them to spend some time with our kids is so special and we cannot thank them enough."

Special thanks go out to the Deutsche Bank Championship's **Eric Baldwin, Jon Knochel, & Dustin Lallier, Dave Anderson** and his 'Blue Crew' volunteers, and TFT Mass. volunteers: **Tom Bernier, Chris Garvin, John Morrell, Roger Hunt, Tom Tennant, Judy Shaw, Mark Ryan, Cora Bernier, Elizabeth LaVerghetta, & Jim Rondeau**, and to **Tamara Jacobs** and **Jody Kalmbach** for their efforts in coordinating the player appearances.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to three Lynnfield Rotary Club Scholarship recipients: **Luis Minaya, Jeff Beck, & Jake Meagher** (L-R Jeff Beck, Luis Minaya, Lynnfield Rotary president Jason Kimball)

The Lynnfield Rotary club gives out need-based scholarships to help ensure the academic success of junior golf participants from the Lynn YMCA. Since 2006, Reedy Meadow GC has been reaching out to local youth agencies and schools to introduce children to the game of golf through The First Tee. Under the direction of golf professionals **Donnie Lyons & Ed Whalley**, area children are learning valuable lessons on and off the golf course.



## NINE CORE VALUES



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