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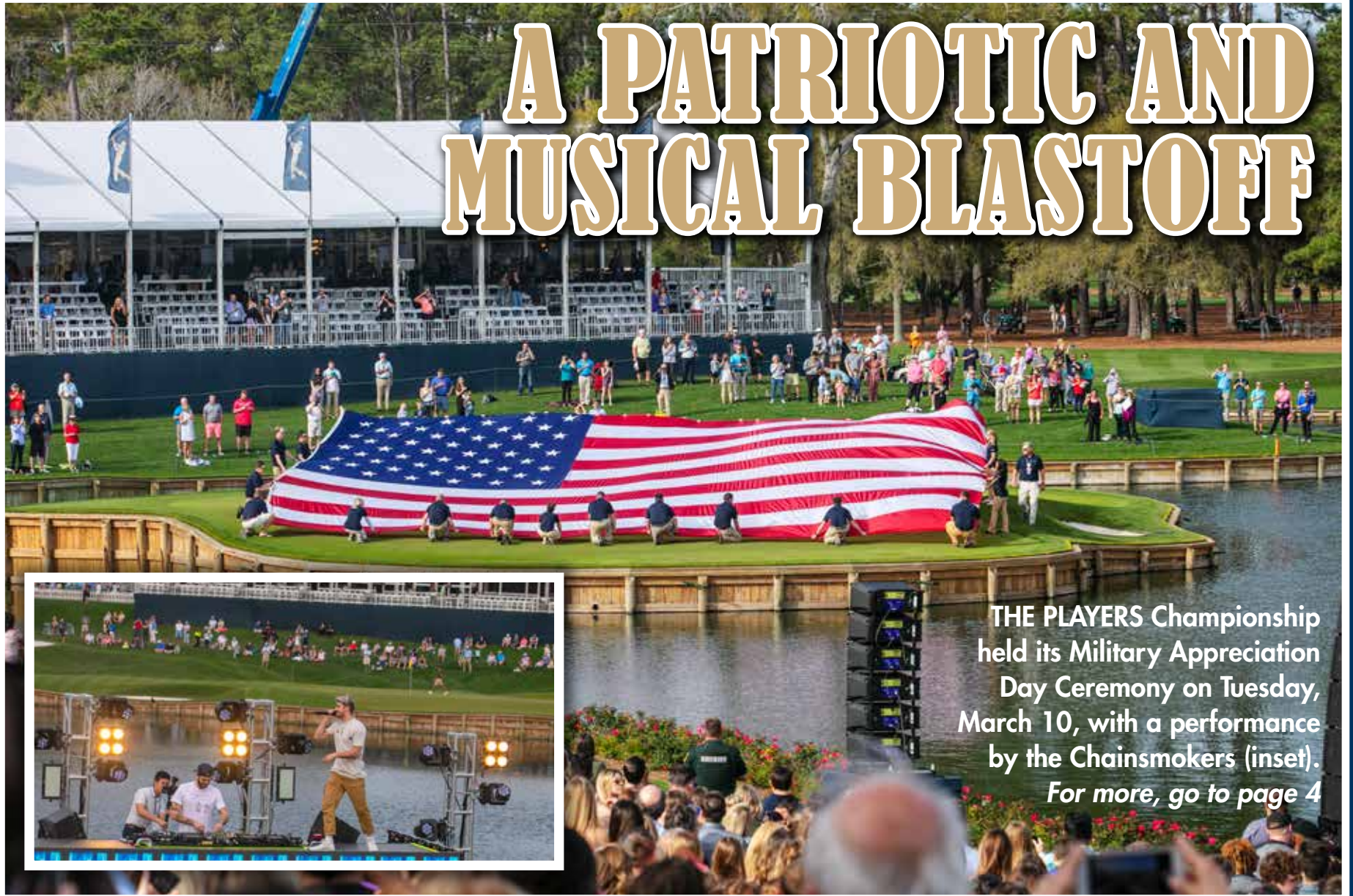
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THE PLAYERS Championship held its Military Appreciation Day Ceremony on Tuesday, March 10, with a performance by the Chainsmokers (inset). For more, go to page 4

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All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

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CAT OF THE WEEK

Gemini was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. She is a 3-year-old female domestic short-hair. She is very sweet and lovable and has a pink heart-shaped nose. Come see Gemini at the Pet Center today. #53791



DOG OF THE WEEK

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MSD meeting hosts candidates for sheriff, congress

Robert Hardwick and Donna Deegan speak at March 9 meeting

By Amber Lake

The Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach welcomed Robert A. Hardwick, chief of police for St. Augustine Beach, and Donna Deegan, former First Coast News anchor who is now running for U.S House of Representatives.

Hardwick, who is currently running for sheriff, discussed the area's traffic concerns and his background working for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

"The district is very unique," Hardwick said. "We average about 41,000 cars compared to 12,000 on Beach Boulevard. You got a lot of traffic coming up through

here in St. Johns County. You average about 165 traffic tickets in the area monthly, which is pretty impressive — very similar to the status in St. Augustine Beach, but add a one in front of that. We average about 11,000 tickets with almost the same exact traffic flow."

Hardwick credits the low traffic violations and crime to the area's community police involvement.

Additionally, Hardwick addressed the SJSO's initiative toward increasing the division's attention to mental health issues.

"I never thought the police officers as a profession were going to be dealing with a first-line attack on mental health and mental illness," Hardwick said. "We are working toward educating officers in crisis intervention and alcohol dependency. We've come a long way as a profession."

Donna Deegan also spoke about her campaign initiatives, which are mainly focused on combating health care problems and climate change.

Deegan, a three-time breast cancer survivor and founder of the DONNA Foundation, said hearing women share their stories about their struggles with their insurance providers during treatment inspired her to make universal healthcare a top issue of her campaign.

"I started hearing from women all the time that said, 'I am having to choose between putting food on the table for my kids and life-saving care,'" Deegan said.

"It's why I started the DONNA Foundation, to be able to help women pay for their critical needs. I am absolutely certain that our healthcare system needs to be fixed."

Deegan said she believes in protecting pre-existing conditions and allowing children to stay under their parent's coverage until they are 26.

"That will be my number one priority in congress," Deegan said.

To find out more information about Officer Hardwick's and Donna Deegan's campaigns, go to VoteHardwick.com and DonnaDeeganforCongress.com.



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THE PLAYERS 2020



The Chainsmokers made PLAYERS' and TPC Sawgrass history as the first EDM (electronic dance music) act to perform at the tournament, March 10.

THE PLAYERS' Military Appreciation Ceremony breaks the musical mold

By Daniela Toporek

Fans could set their cowboy boots aside and bring in the glow sticks Tuesday, March 10 because for the first time ever at THE PLAYERS' Military Appreciation Ceremony, an Electronic Dance Music duo, The Chainsmokers, was invited to close out day-one of the tournament, lighting up the hole no. 17 Island Green.

THE PLAYERS Championship started bright and early at TPC Sawgrass, with fans following players around their practice rounds, grabbing autographs, enjoying food and drinks and taking lots of pictures. But as the clock struck closer to the 5 p.m. ceremony, more fans kept rolling in, young and old, local and tourist.

"We just moved here from Pennsylvania, so this is our first time here and we're loving it," said new St. Augustine resident Jen Daley, who after years of watching the tournament on TV with her husband, retired Army veteran Dan Daley, was thrilled to finally visit the course in person.

"We came to watch the ceremony, the flyover and admiral's speech," Dan Daley said. "We walked around the course for a

bit and it was super. All these people are just amazing."

The admiral's speech he referred to was given by retired Vice Adm. and Navy SEAL Philip Gardner Howe III.

"Today is about Northeast Florida coming together to show respect and support for our military and especially their families," Howe said. "They make so many sacrifices every day, some large, some small, almost all of them unseen. They voluntarily give up so many aspects of normal civilian life in order to serve our country."

During a brief intermission after the ceremony, Jacksonville Beach resident Marisa Leni began searching for a good spot on the Island Green to enjoy the upcoming Chainsmokers performance.

She had not only been to THE PLAYERS before, but also worked it, and was happy to enjoy that evening simply as a guest.

"I worked with Tropical Smoothie and it was a blast," she said. "But to be able to be a guest on the greens versus working is a whole different experience."



ABOVE: Jen Daley and her husband, retired Army veteran Dan Daley, just moved to St. Augustine from Pennsylvania and are excited to attend THE PLAYERS.



LEFT: Marisa Leni (bottom right) and friends get pumped after finally finding a good spot to watch The Chainsmokers performance on Island Green.

Photos by Daniela Toporek

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RIGHT: Singer-songwriter Patrick Davis performs for moms and their guests at Operation Shower. **THE PLAYERS**, in collaboration with the PGA TOUR, Birdies for the Brave and Operation Shower threw a baby shower for 40 military moms March 8 at TPC Sawgrass.

BELOW: Mother Madeleine Rogers shows off one of her shower gifts which contained a onesie for her baby and a soft robe for herself.

Photos by Daniela Toporek



'Operation Shower' brings gifts and support to military moms-to-be

By Daniela Toporek

On March 8, **THE PLAYERS** and Birdies for the Brave partnered with Operation Shower to host a baby shower for 40 military moms-to-be at TPC Sawgrass.

The shower, in collaboration with the PGA TOUR, took place at the Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost, a hospitality tent reserved for the military during the week of the tournament.

A decorate-your-own onesie station welcomed the moms and their families into the "Sea to Shining Sea"-themed shower, filled with a variety of food and an impeccable dessert station with delicate chocolates, pastries and a "Shining Sea" decorative cake for all.

Special guests featured singer-songwriter Patrick Davis, who performed for the military families during the shower, and PGA TOUR player Jim Furyk and his wife Tabitha, who run the Furyk Foundation and helped organize the event.

"When they go home, their husbands sometimes aren't there," Tabitha Furyk said. "And this time, we had 10 girls here that were active military, themselves, all from mixed bases."

And to show her gratitude, commander and executive officer at the Mayport Naval Station, Patricia Tyler, spoke, honored and congratulated every military mother, whether on active duty, a veteran or the wife of a deployed member.

"When you serve, you serve," she said. "It's indiscriminate what's happening with your lives and with your families. So, I want to tell you, thank you. Having been where all of you are, you are what matters, and organizations like Operation Shower, they're telling us, you, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your service."

Games and a trivia contest kept guests on their toes until the end of the shower, with the winning table receiving a gift bag of surprises. Every mommy-to-be went home with dozens of gifts, such as a giant robe, stuffed animals, baby clothes, a Diaper Genie and more.

"It's just a great support system," Tabitha Furyk said. "It's amazing to be able to bring them all together, supply them with things they need and say thank you for all they do."



Moms and guests stop by the onesie station to decorate their custom onesie.



Colleen Dylan Floyd poses with her partner and child after opening her "Shower in a Box."



Cmdr. Patricia Tyler says she's been waiting three years to be able to speak and say thanks to the moms-to-be at Operation Shower.



Marissa Reed and her table won the "Sea to Shining Sea" trivia award and Reed shows off her gifts.



Moms and guests decorated onesies at the event.

Andy Carroll is this year's Tournament Chairman of THE PLAYERS Championship. A longtime volunteer at the tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, he is a strategic account executive with Florida Blue and lives in Deerwood.

Andy Carroll

As told to Maggie FitzRoy

When did you start volunteering at THE PLAYERS?

In 2008. I started out as an assistant at offsite parking for spectators, when it was at UNF. I wasn't even onsite at the tournament. Next, I served on other committees. Other committees I've been on are Admissions, Disabled Guest Services, Volunteer Offsite Shuttle, Commissary and Benefactors Venue.

What led to your current top leadership role in charge of all volunteers?

I've been a vice chairman for four years. And last year I was selected by the Red Coats' past chairman to be the 2020 Tournament Chairman.

How many volunteers do you oversee?

A little over 2,200 this year. There's a total of six of us on the leadership team.

Has the number of volunteers grown?

Yes. As the championship grows the needs grow as well to be able to support all the players, spectators and vendors.

What has been your favorite volunteer role?

My favorite unofficial role is leading up to the tournament, working with the facilities crew volunteers. That is where I have the most joy — working with those folks. From a construction standpoint — before the tournament — it's building things, getting the course ready to go.

What are some of the things you do with the construction volunteers?

One day, we put together Adirondack chairs and picnic tables and painted the rope stakes, which get pressure washed and painted every year. Seeing the course week in and week out coming alive is the cool part of it.

When did the volunteers start helping to prepare the course?

The first Saturday of January this year. From early January, we always meet every Saturday and then as we get closer to the tournament we transition to Saturday and Sunday. We do little types of tasks, I call it "trimming out the course," finalizing the course. We rope the course typically the Friday before. We get THE PLAYERS parking lot prepared, the Media Center parking lot, the caddy parking lot.

What are your duties during tournament week?

Thanking the volunteers. Spending time with as many volunteers as I can. Operationally, my first vice chairman handles the volunteer operations during the week. My role during tournament week is spending time with the volunteers and spending time with them in interviews. I always say it's been a true honor and privilege to represent the volunteers and this experience is something I'll never forget.

Tell us about your public speaking duties as spokesperson for the volunteers.

My first was in September. The closer we got to the tournament, the more speaking engagements I had, up to several a week.

How has your employer helped you manage your major volunteer role as this year's chairman?

Florida Blue is very supportive. As long as I have my phone and access to Wi-Fi, I can handle my job.



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

As chairman, do you interact very much with the tournament players?

Very rarely. The majority of our volunteers don't have exposure to the players. The majority of our volunteers don't get to see much golf because of what they are doing. I typically have no idea what is going on with the tournament until each night, when I turn on the Golf Channel.

So why do it?

The main reason is making the impact on charity in our community that being a volunteer provides. We did \$9.5 million in 2019 and over \$100 million since 1977. As Red Coats, we get the opportunity to go out to the charities we support — to personally see the impact. Whether it's delivering a check or goods and services, helping people makes me feel amazing. The memories are special. It's the main reason I put in the hours that I do. Once you are a tournament chairman you are never in a leadership role again at THE PLAYERS. But I still plan to stay actively engaged with the tournament in the future.

Do you play golf?

I've played golf since I was 3. But I don't play nearly as much as I used to. It was a big part of my life growing up.

Where did you grow up?

In Sarasota. I attended the University of Florida and started with Florida Blue right out of school in Gainesville. I got promoted within a year and moved to Jacksonville, then got promoted to Orlando and then back to Jacksonville.

Tell us about your family and hobbies.

My daughter Maddy just turned 16 and my son Carson is 13. Both attend Episcopal High School. My hobbies are hunting, fishing and golf.

What do you like about holding the tournament in March?

It's definitely cooler than May. Being the first championship on The PGA TOUR schedule is a natural fit for THE PLAYERS Championship.



THE PLAYERS 2020

Photo provided by the PGA TOUR

Calvin Peete is presented the trophy after winning THE PLAYERS Championship in 1985. Peete was the first African American to win THE PLAYERS.

Since winning THE PLAYERS 35 years ago, Calvin Peete inspired many to embrace golf

By Maggie FitzRoy

Calvin Peete was the first African American to win THE PLAYERS. He was 41 years old when he won in 1985 and his dramatic victory during the final round, which began in a three-way tie with Hale Irwin and D.A. Weibring, inspired fans for years to come.

Peete didn't start playing until he was 23 years old, far older than most players who become pros. And he did so with a left arm that he couldn't completely extend, due to a broken elbow that occurred during a childhood fall that was never set correctly.

His story and his winning record, which included 12 PGA TOUR wins overall, "inspired a whole generation to play golf," Pepper Peete said of her husband Calvin, who died in 2015. "People told him, 'I started watching the game of golf because of you.' White people, black people — he inspired a whole different fan base for THE PLAYERS. He was just very inspirational."

Calvin Peete was also instrumental in growing the game of golf in Northeast Florida through his involvement with The First Tee, founded in 1997 through a partnership among the PGA TOUR and other golf organizations that wanted to find a way to encourage more kids to play golf.

A nonprofit youth development organization that helps young people build character through the sport, Pepper Peete was formerly executive director of The First Tee of Jacksonville and is now manager of chapter relations at The First Tee headquarters at World Golf Village.

"When I first got involved in 2001, Calvin also got involved then," Pepper said. "Calvin always had an



Photo provided by Pepper Peete

Pepper Peete

interest in junior golf—gave clinics and support to organizations that introduced kids to the game."

She didn't know her husband when he won THE PLAYERS in 1985, she met him in 1987. But coming from a family of golfers, and being one herself, she remembers witnessing his memorable win on TV.

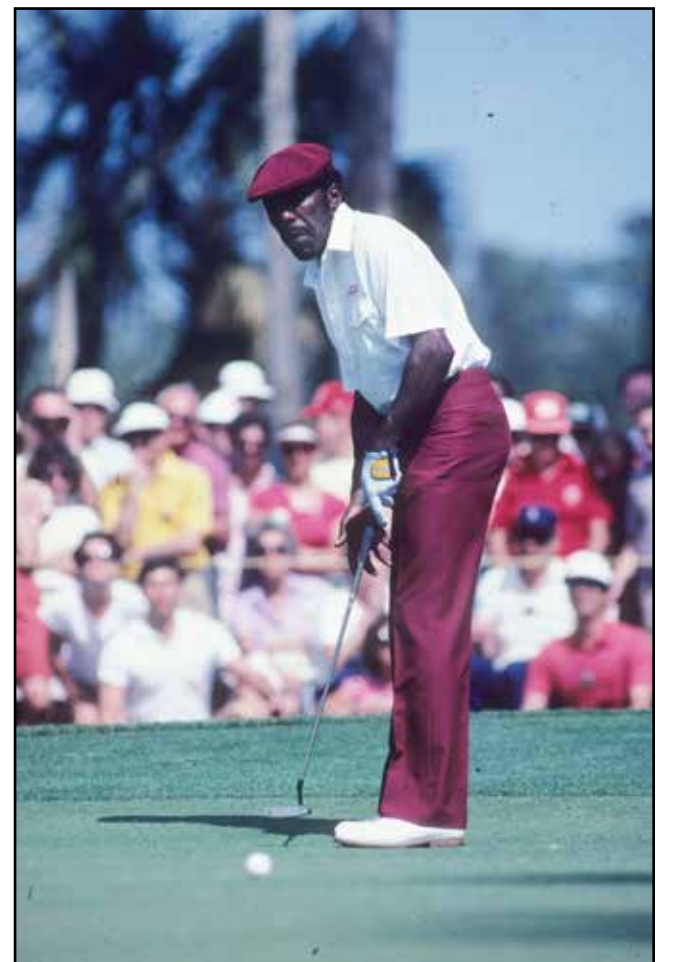


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Calvin Peete inspired a whole generation to play golf, his widow, Pepper Peete says.



A swearing-in ceremony is held during the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony on Tuesday, March 10.



ABOVE: : The Chainsmokers, Alex Pall and Drew Taggart, thanked Jacksonville, THE PLAYERS' and TPC Sawgrass for being invited to the tournament.

LEFT: Members of the Armed Forces enjoy the event. Photos by Craig O'Neal

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Ceremony

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Right on time, The Chainsmokers kicked off with the hit song, "Roses." The show featured colorful lighting, smoky special effects and the electric dance music duo threw in some remixes featuring John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads," Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama," and the country-rap hit, "Old Town Home," by Lil Nas X. Leni said she loved the show. "It was epic."



Fans pack the seating area for the festivities at the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony.



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He teaches deaf kids how to play golf in their own language

By Maggie FitzRoy

After playing golf professionally for 15 years, Rob Strano decided to retire and become a golf coach.

Around the same time, he said, "God put it into my heart to learn sign language. Then I was amazed to find out that no one was teaching golf to the deaf in sign language."

Strano has since been teaching golf to deaf children all around the country at professional golf events, including at THE PLAYERS, where he held a clinic on Tuesday for nine middle school students from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.

"This will be our 17th year here," said Strano at 9 a.m. as he got ready to begin the all-day learning experience for the students out on the Dye's Valley Course, adjacent to the Stadium Course, where players were making the rounds on the first practice day.

Strano, a Golf Channel lead coach from Destin, Florida was joined by a group of PLAYERS special events volunteers, who were there to serve as his assistants.

They began the day with a lesson on teeing off, then learned how to putt.

Strano said they would follow that with a visit to a golf equipment van to see the players' equipment being made. Then they would head over to the 17th Hole Experience, the replica of the famed Island Hole, for an hour of further instruction and practice, followed by lunch.

"It's a full day," he said.

Since Strano knows sign language, he was able to instruct the students as a group and individually without an inter-

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Strano gives a student some individual tips on how to stand and hold a club.



Rob Strano introduces himself to middle school students from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Tuesday at a golf clinic he hosted at THE PLAYERS.



ABOVE: Students begin with large clubs for learning and later graduate to using real ones.

ABOVE LEFT: Students are impressed by Rob Strano's skills at teeing off.

LEFT: Strano speaks to a deaf student in American Sign Language while demonstrating a golf technique.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy

Peete

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In the final round, he birdied his first two holes and then carded five birdies over the final 10 holes, including a tap-in at Island Green No. 17 that opened a three-shot lead.

“There are different pin positions on the green every day,” and on Championship Sunday then, and now, “they put the pin in the right corner of the island, so you have to shoot over a sand trap,” Pepper

said. “He hit the most amazing shot heard all around the world. The fans stood and cheered.”

One of the first things they teach new golfers “is keep your left arm straight, but he didn’t, he couldn’t,” she said.

When Calvin discovered golf, “it was pure will and faith and belief in himself—that ‘this is something I can do.’”

“Some people ask me—what did Calvin’s win mean to the game of golf? I think he inspired a whole generation to play golf.”

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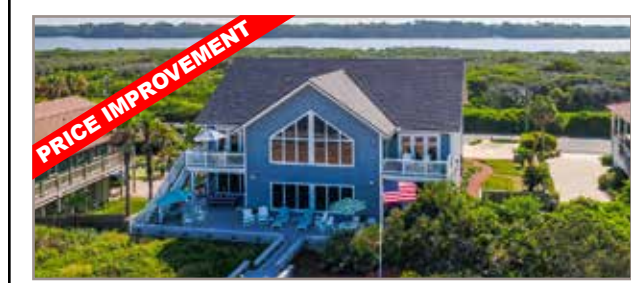
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The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Rainbow Kitten Surprise at the Florida Theatre Alternative rock band Rainbow Kitten Surprise will make their Florida Theatre debut March 12 at 7:30 p.m. With chilling harmonies, dynamic instrumentation and introspective lyrics, their genre-defying sound takes influence from artists like Modest Mouse and Kings of Leon, as much as Frank Ocean and Schoolboy Q. They have over 75 million streams across digital platforms and notched over 45 sold out shows on their first U.S. headline tour. Their engaging and distinct live performances have led to stand out sets at festivals such as Bonnaroo, Firefly, Shaky Knees, and more. For tickets and more information, visit www.floridatheatre.ticketforce.com. The Florida Theatre is located at 128 E. Forsyth St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Thirsty Thursdays at Al's Pizza Al's Pizza locations offer a "Thirsty Thursday" special with dollar slices and \$1.50 Yuengling Lager and house wines. For questions or more information, call Al's Pizza at (904) 543-1494. Al's Pizza is located at 635 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>The Weight Band at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall The Weight Band is led by Jim Weider, a 15-year former member of The Band, and Levon Helm Band. The Weight Band originated in 2013 inside the Woodstock barn of Levon Helm. Weider was inspired by Helm to carry on the musical legacy of the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame group and is now bringing it to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on March 13 at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, visit www.pvch.com. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>'Loving Beethoven' In celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, in partnership with MIMMA (Interactive Music Museum in Malaga, Spain), is paying tribute to this milestone with the traveling musical installation, "Loving Beethoven," running at The Cultural Center from March 6 to May 27. MIMMA's design team created the installation using sizable individual spheres that when hugged, allow guests to feel Ludwig van Beethoven's music through vibration. The spheres change color when touched, which creates a unique sensorial and immersive experience. Entry cost is \$5. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Monthly improv jam at the Ponte Vedra Ballet & Dance Co. Dancers of all levels can stop by the Ponte Vedra Ballet & Dance Co. on March 13 for an evening of exploration and connection. This Friday night monthly class allows movers to seek their own personal dance movement and exploration. Class opens with a discussion about touch and each person's boundaries. Contact is always optional in this setting. No experience is necessary. Class cost is \$5, cash or Venmo only. For questions or more information, call (904) 859-2223 or visit www.pvballet.com. The Ponte Vedra Ballet & Dance Co. is located at 886 A1A N., #5 in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>Kayaking Guana Lake Join the St. Johns County Audubon Society and North Guana Outpost as Rhonda Lovett leads a kayak trip on Guana Lake from the Guana Dam. Guests must bring their own kayak or rent one ahead of time from the North Guana Outpost at www.northguanaoutpost.com. Attendees will be kayaking past the North Guana Outpost. Guests must reserve a spot ahead of time by emailing stjohnsaudubonsociety@gmail.com. Parking is \$3. For questions or exact directions to the Guana Dam, call (904) 825-5071. The Guana River State Park is located at 505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Jax Beach Spring Arts Market Jacksonville Beach is hosting its Jax Beach Spring Arts Market on March 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seawalk Pavilion. This is the market's fourth year running in Jacksonville Beach. For questions, more information or to sign up as an artist visit www.jaxbeachartsmarket.com. The Seawalk Pavilion is located at 75 First N. St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Sagip Taal at Hosted by the local nonprofit, Filipino Pride Day, Sagip Taal is a dinner show and benefit that helps raise funds for families affected by the Taal Volcano eruption in the Philippines. In coordination with The Rotary Club in Manila, proceeds from the benefit will provide assistance to a poor village located in one of the surrounding areas that was affected by the Taal volcano. Part of the proceeds will also benefit Davao earthquake victims in the Philippines. The dinner is from 6 to 11:30 p.m., March 14. For questions or more information, call (904) 743-2360 or visit the official website, www.fpdjax.org. Maharlika Hall & Sports Grill is located at 14255 Beach Blvd., Suite E in Jacksonville.</p> <p>St. Practice Day bar crawl Warm up for St. Patrick's Day on March 14, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the St. Practice Day bar crawl. The crawl starts at The Ritz Bar and includes 12 bars and restaurants, access to the all-night silent disco at Lynch's Irish Pub, giveaways, complimentary drinks and more. Tickets are \$5 and can be found by searching for the event at www.Eventbrite.com. The Ritz Bar is located at 185 Third Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>THE PLAYERS' 'Eye Screen for Ice Cream' & family morning out Join Jacksonville Mom and Nemours Pediatric Ophthalmology on Championship Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at THE PLAYERS' Championship Kids Zone, presented by Nemours Children's Health System. Nemours eye experts will offer free eye screenings for school-aged kids during the event. Once screened, all kids will receive an ice cream voucher that is redeemable on-site. While the little ones enjoy the Kids Zone, Jacksonville Mom invites adults to mix and mingle, with a free three-pack donut voucher from The Mini Bar for all parents. Tickets to THE PLAYERS' can be found at www.theplayers.com/tickets. Parking for THE PLAYERS' is located at 5387 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Yoga in the Gardens Wellness nonprofit Harmony is hosting a yoga practice at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens from 11 a.m. to noon, March 8. Enjoy a stress-free morning in nature, quieting the mind, engaging the body and restoring the spirit. This is kid friendly family event. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. No mat? No problem Harmony has plenty to share. Just bring a friend and smile. For questions or more information about the event or nonprofit, call Harmony at (904) 401-5929. The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens are located at 1445 Millcoke Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Join Big Fish Power Yoga on Sundays for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register by visiting www.bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First Street in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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For questions or more information, call Amy Chamberlin at (904) 396-6674 ext. 242 or email at achamberlin@themosh.org. The MOSH located at 1025 Museum Cir. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third Street N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>SJC Spring Break camp Join the St. Johns County staff from March 16 through 20, for a week of activities at Spring Break Camp. Kids from grades kindergarten through eighth will spend the week playing games, participating in hands-on activities, visiting the playground and going on a field trip to downtown St. Augustine. Lunch and snacks are not provided. Cost is \$50 per participant. Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will take place at Ketterlinus Gymnasium. To register for Spring Break Camp or for more information, email Stephanie Taylor at sntaylor@sjcfl.us or call (904) 669.6612. Ketterlinus Gymnasium is located at 60 Orange St. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>THE PLAYERS Championship THE PLAYERS Championship, one of the PGA TOUR's most watched events is back in Ponte Vedra Beach from March 10 through 15, at TPC Sawgrass. Witness the competition as this year's top players battle it out on the course. For tickets or more information, visit www.theplayers.com. Parking for THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass is located at 5387 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>First Coast Newcomers Recreation event The First Coast Newcomers Recreation Club will host its next event in Orange Park on March 17 for a 60-piece Community Band Concert. Arrive at 12:50 p.m. The show starts at 6 p.m. For the exact location, to join or for more information, contact the club organizer at (904) 814-9612.</p> <p>Kids' \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca & Co Eatery At Trasca & Co. Eatery, children eat for \$1 on Tuesdays, with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, take out and deliveries. For more information, call Trasca & Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca & Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Dr. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Military Appreciation Day featuring The Chainsmokers Award-winning EDM duo, The Chainsmokers, will highlight the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony during THE PLAYERS Championship on Tuesday, March 10, at 5 p.m.. The performance will take place on the world-famous island green 17th hole. Tickets to the ceremony cost \$45 and can be found at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit www.theplayers.com. Parking for THE PLAYERS Championship is located at 5387 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>PV Democratic Club's election night party The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club and the Blue Wave Coalition will host an Election Night party Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. The party will be hosted at the Coastal Oaks Clubhouse in Nocatee. The Coastal Oaks Clubhouse is located at 600 Bluewater Dr. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>'Fun & Fit with Fran' Everyone is welcome to the Ponte Vedra Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m., to join this weekly, instructor-led class that covers a variety of topics including shuffleboard, corn hole, bocce ball, stretching and painting shirts. Instructor Fran will always "keep it fun, fresh and exciting," while attendees socialize and make new friends. This class is recommended for active seniors, but is complimentary for all. For questions or more information, call the center at (904) 280-3233. The Ponte Vedra Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Ln. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>First Coast Newcomers Card Playing date The First Coast Newcomers Card Playing Club will host its next event at 5 p.m., March 18, at a restaurant within World Golf Village in St. Augustine. The card playing begins at 6 p.m. For the exact location, to join or for more information, contact the club organizer at (904) 814-9612.</p> <p>Newcomers of the Beaches monthly luncheon The Newcomers of the Beaches invites new members to attend their monthly luncheons on second Wednesdays. This social club consists of a group of women who have recently moved to the beaches and/or have gone through a major life event. The luncheon will be March 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Marsh Landing Country Club. For more information or to reserve a spot, visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com. The Marsh Landing Country Club is located at 25655 Marsh Landing Pkwy. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>PVB Conservative Women voter registrations The Ponte Vedra Beach Conservative Women will conduct voter registrations at the Ponte Vedra Beach Post Office on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the end of June (weather permitting). For questions, call Elvira Hasty at (904) 705-5650.</p>	<p>Om in the Dome Join regional teacher Melissa Hirschman on March 19, along with master handpan musician John Guinta, for an evening of yoga and live music under the starry scenescape inside the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium at the Museum of Science and History. Light refreshments provided after the yoga practice. No yoga experience is necessary. Om in the Dome startd at 6:30 p.m. and runs until to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. For tickets or more information, visit www.themosh.org or call (904) 396-6674. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Cir. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursdays of the month at St. Paul's Catholic Church, in room 102 of the Family Life Center. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., March 19. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665. St. Paul's Catholic Church is located at 578 First Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Eric Johnson: 'Classics: Present & Past' at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Grammy Award-Winning guitarist Eric Johnson will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on his "Classics: Present & Past" Tour on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Among Johnson's many accolades are a Grammy award for "Cliffs Of Dover," a lifetime induction into the Guitar Player Gallery of Greats and his listing among the "100 Greatest Guitarists of the 20th Century" by Musician. 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Phil Mickelson and his special 7-year-old friend reunite at THE PLAYERS

By Maggie FitzRoy

For an hour on Wednesday, 7-year-old Rue Andeer was as famous as champion golfer Phil Mickelson.

Rue and Mickelson held a joint 9 a.m. press conference and then signed autographs for eager young fans inside the Kids Zone presented by Nemours Children's Health System.

Rue is a cancer survivor and Nemours ambassador. And Mickelson is a family friend who supported her and her family through her battle with leukemia that began when she was 2-years old.

The reunion between Mickelson and Rue began with a short video featuring photographs and film clips of the two together when the famous golfer visited the little girl in the hospital.

Sitting side by side onstage, they then took turns speaking during a talk moderated by Billy Kratzert, a friend of Rue's family and also of Mickelson's.

Rue's primary oncologist from Nemours, Dr. Cindy Gauger and Dr. Howard Katzenstein, head of the division of oncology at Nemours, also attended.

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ABOVE: Phil Mickelson and his friend, 7-year-old Rue Andeer, hold a joint press conference Wednesday in the Kids Zone.




LEFT: Mickelson and Rue Andeer sign autographs for young fans after their talk.

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Clare Berry, longtime volunteer of THE PLAYERS Championship, enjoys being of service to the players

By Maggie FitzRoy

Clare Berry began volunteering at the championship now known as THE PLAYERS back in 1982, when she was manager of Arvida Clearview Cable TV and John Tucker was in charge of the tournament.

A friend, Kelly Whitaker, who was Tucker's assistant, called Berry one day and said, "I hear you write press releases."

"Sure, I write press releases," Berry recalls saying.

"Then can you come over to my office after work?" Whitaker asked.

"And that's how it all started," Berry said. "They didn't even have a public relations committee. I was the public relations committee."

Berry continued doing public relations for the tournament for two years and then told them it was too much work. So, they gave her a volunteer job in admissions, which she did for one year before declaring that she didn't want to volunteer anymore.

She had made a career switch to real estate and was too busy.

Until another phone call changed her mind: How would she would like to chair the Players Services Committee?

"As a Realtor, that was right up my alley," she said. "They put us in a trailer at the edge of the parking lot."

Berry has kept that volunteer role for 35 years. She no longer works out of a trailer, but "it's been a lot of years and a lot of fun memories," she said.

The Players Services committee is now headquartered in the TPC Clubhouse.

Monday, as players arrived from all around the country, Berry and her fellow committee volunteers worked out of The Presidents Cup Library, registering the professional golfers and helping them get situated for the tournament.

Berry said the committee functions as a "concierge" service for the players for the week, helping them with everything from locating a doctor, if they should need



Clare Berry (left), chair of the Players Services committee and her assistant, Kathy Krempler, work in the Presidents Cup Library in the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse Monday, registering players as they check into THE PLAYERS.

one, to giving shopping advice, restaurant recommendations and more.

They began their volunteer duties the Saturday before THE PLAYERS, on March 7 and will work up to 11 hours days through the end of play on Sunday, March 15.

"Before competition begins, our number one job is to make sure they get registered and have a car for the week, if they want one," Berry said. Some drive their own cars to the championship, but if they don't, The PGA TOUR gives them a Lexus to use.

Saturdays and Sundays before THE PLAYERS are usually rather slow, because many of the pros are still at Bay Hill, the tournament held the week before, Berry said.

And then Mondays get really busy, with more than 100 players registering that day this year, of the total 144 slated to play.

First time golfers usually have a lot of questions, which the Players Services

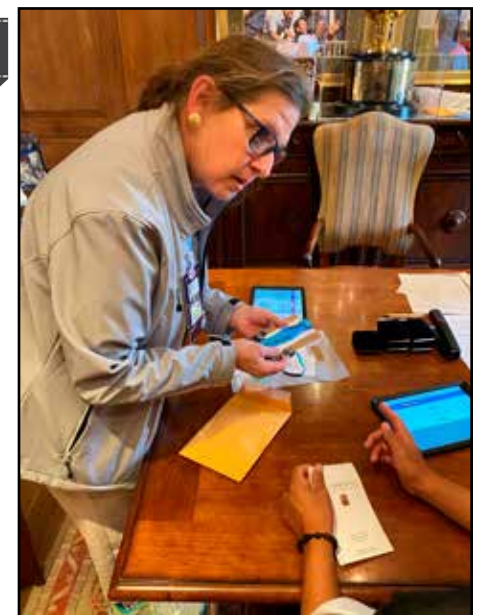
Committee is on hand to answer, Berry said. And her volunteer role is a learning curve from year to year.

"The registration process used to be very paper intensive," she said. "Now it's all electronic. It takes a minute — the old way used to take five. It's streamlined, it's wonderful."

Volunteering at tournament for Berry is also a family tradition. Her mother once volunteered at the Greater Jacksonville Open, which evolved into THE PLAYERS. And her son became a volunteer at age 16 and put in 10 years of service.

Owner of Berry & Co. Real Estate, Berry once worked at the Ponte Vedra Recorder and she said her background in real estate and media is a tremendous help in her volunteer role today.

"I like to fix problems or challenges, which is what I do everyday in real estate," she said. "It's a lot of fun. I can pretty much call anybody and tell them what I need and why I need it and get



Photos by Maggie FitzRoy

Berry helps register a golfer.

whatever I want. Because everybody wants to help the players and their impact on local charity."

After 35 years in her current volunteer role, "I still have the same passion and energy I've always had," she said. "I'm excited about rolling out the red carpet for people who are spending a week here."

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preter, which Karen Newton, assistant middle school principal, said was wonderful, praising his signing ability as "very clear."

Tim Bush, who is in his 16th year as a volunteer at THE PLAYERS and his sixth one with Strano, said he was so inspired by Strano that he took sign language classes as well, so he could communicate with the kids.

"He's a great communicator," Bush said. "He teaches them how to grip the club, how to turn their shoulders. He starts

them with tennis balls and rubber clubs, then he graduates them to regular clubs. He'll critique them as they hit, as they do different skills. His love of doing this and his communications skills are amazing."

Last year at the 17th hole replica in Stadium Village, a young boy who had never hit a golf ball before hit a hole in one, Bush said. "It was because of the way Rob taught him to swing."

Michael Johnson, web media communications manager at the school, said he has been bringing deaf students to Strano's clinic at THE PLAYERS for eight years.

"For a lot of them, it's their first exposure to golf," Johnson said. "And they love it."

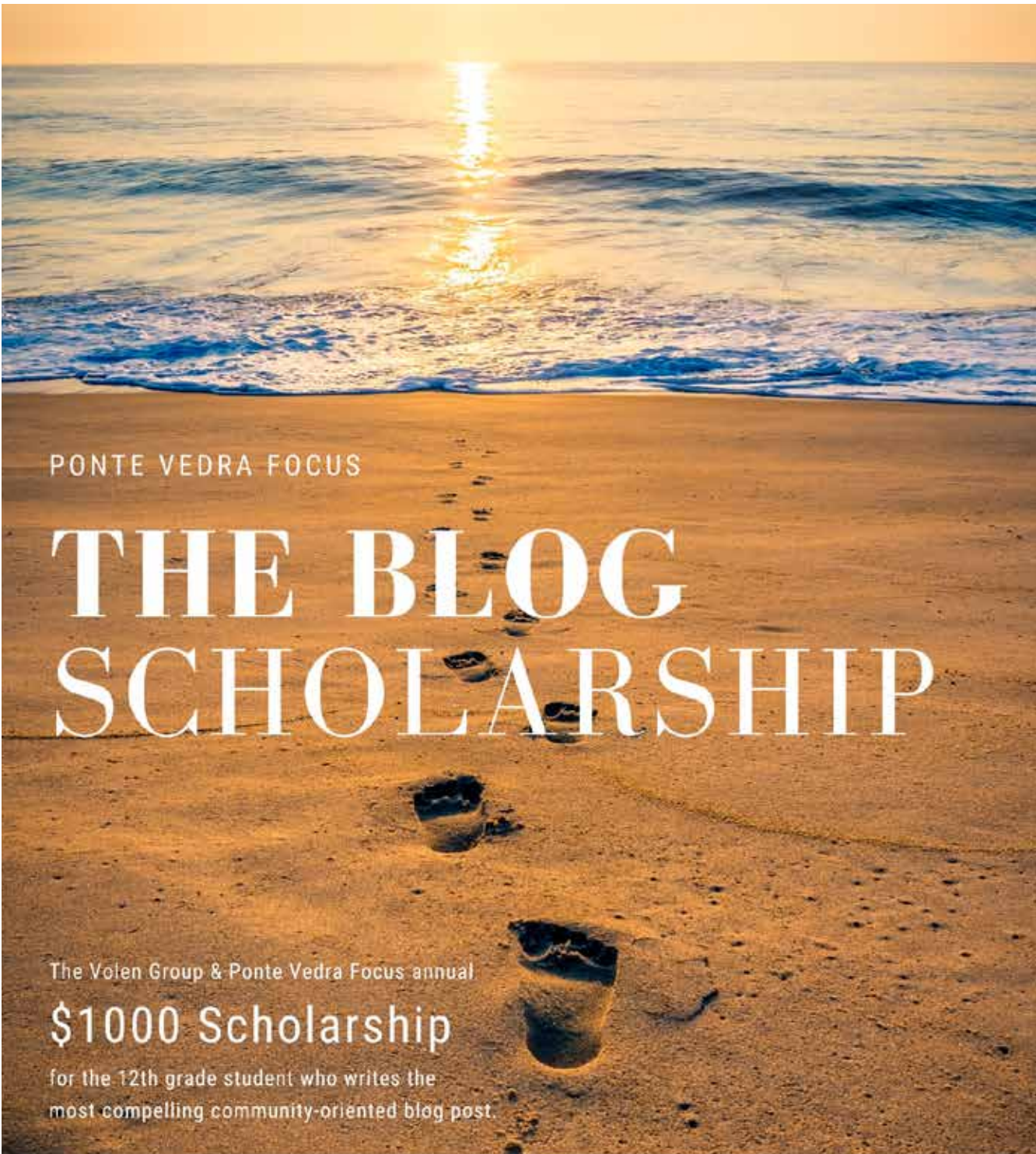
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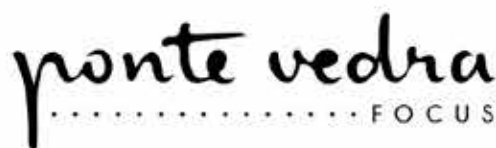
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Media invited to THE PLAYERS Preview

Members of the media were invited to a sneak peek of food, wine and merchandise offered this year at THE PLAYERS on Friday, March 6.

The event kicked off at 4 p.m. and included a wine tasting hosted by Meiomi Wines. Attendees then headed over to the 17th tee for photos and from there to the Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger for a food and beverage preview, with tastings provided by several local tournament food partners.

Attendees also went inside the PGA TOUR Fan Shop to take a look at merchandise and this year's displays.

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PGA TOUR Fan Shop offers preview ahead of tournament

By Daniela Toprek

For a sneak peek of tournament week, THE PLAYERS and PGA TOUR opened its PGA TOUR Fan Shop to the public March 7 and 8, when they previewed 2020 merchandise and let early-bird visitors shop for the latest trends.

"One of our most popular items have been the Island Green shirts," said Nick Warner from the PGA TOUR.

Familiar brands at the shop include Lilly Pulitzer, Travis Mathew and Level Wear, along with familiar teams including Florida, Florida State and Georgia, for those wanting to support THE PLAYERS and represent their alma mater at the same time.

Visit www.pgatourfanshop.com for more information.



ABOVE: Lilly Pulitzer offers different styles and patterns for the THE PLAYERS Championship.



The PGA TOUR Fan Shop offers clothing and merchandise for golf fans of all ages.



RIGHT: The PGA TOUR's Nick Warner poses with one of the most popular items at the Fan Shop.



Multiple hat selections are offered at the shop to stay shaded and cool.

Photos by Daniela Toprek

Rue Andeer, 7, (front) stands for a group photograph with Phil Mickelson (from left, back) Nemours oncologist Howard Katzenstein, Rue's mother Casey Cohen and Nemours oncologist Cindy Gauger.

Photo by Maggie FitzRoy



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"I don't think there is a more difficult thing to go through then to see your child struggle with their health," Mickelson said during the talk. Turning to smile at Rue, he said, "I think there is a special purpose in life for this girl. I don't know what it is, but part of the joy for me is finding out."

Mickelson explained that he could relate to what Rue's family went through, as he also experienced cancer in his family. And that he appreciated the support they re-

ceived from people's thoughts and prayers.

"When our family went through tough times, you could actually feel that positive energy," he said. "It helps you get through it."

He praised Rue for caring about other people during her illness and for her courage during 26 months of difficult treatments.

"We are really happy you are doing well," he told her. "What was the hardest part?" he asked.

"The needles," she said.

"Yet you did it," he said. "A lot of times, even though you didn't like it. Good job."



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Fans get autographs from a player.

Fans take in action at THE PLAYERS' first practice day

Fans of all ages watched players make the rounds during the first open practice day at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass on Tuesday, then eagerly collected autographs at various places around the course.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy



Fans get autographs from player Tommy Fleetwood.



ABOVE: Fans eagerly seek autographs from Tyrrell Hatton, who is coming off a win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational earlier this month.

RIGHT: Fans get autographs at the 18th hole.



Levi Williams, 11, (from left), his brother Christian, 9, and father Cory Williams at the 17th hole with autographs.



Kids of all ages come out for autographs. Two fans get THE PLAYERS 2017 champion Si Woo Kim to sign their memorabilia.



Kyle Jones and son Jett, 2, of Jacksonville Beach, watch practice Tuesday.

Ocean Palms Elementary, JT Townsend Foundation make play accessible to all

The Ocean Palms Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization recently gained an ally in their fundraising effort to build a new \$150,000-playground at the school.

The JT Townsend Foundation donated \$5,000 toward the new ADA-compliant structure, which will benefit all students at the Ponte Vedra Beach school, including its approximately 600 students with special needs.

The play structure will include an otter float that is wheelchair accessible, which supports

the JT Townsend Foundation's mission of "bettering the lives of children and adults with disabilities on the First Coast by providing financial assistance, adaptive equipment, and research funding."

For more information, contact playground committee chairs Jennifer Werba at Jennifer.Werba@gmail.com or Stacy Rendzio at Stacy.Renzio@gmail.com.

Visit JTGivesBack.org for more information about the JT Townsend Foundation.



Photo provided by Ocean Palms Elementary PTO

Children get sporty at annual 'These Kids Can Play!'

By Daniela Toporek

The PGA TOUR Wives Association, in partnership with THE PLAYERS hosted children and families from Wolfson's Children's Hospital and Community PedsCare on March 10 for a morning of playful activities and friendship at the annual "These Kids Can Play!" event at TPC Sawgrass.

Families arrived at the Stadium Village tent within TPC Sawgrass and were welcomed with books, face painting and golf activities. An art station was provided by Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville and attendees could also visit animals from the Jacksonville Zoo.

"This year is a sports theme," said one of the event organizers, Tabitha Furyk, of the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation. "So, we have Fang here, the mascot from the Jacksonville Icemen, Scampi, from the Jumbo Shrimp and of course, Jaxson de Ville. So, we're just giving the opportunity for these kids, who have life-threatening or changing conditions, to come out, bring their entire family, have a day at THE PLAYERS and just have this special morning."

"She loves the books and she loves Jaxon," said Kathy Smoot, who was there with her daughter Emily.

Each child received a book and a medal after they finished each of the featured activities, from practicing golf swings to football passes.

"This is our sixth time here," said Kim Way, who

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On March 11, the PGA TOUR Wives, in partnership with THE PLAYERS' and TIAA Bank Field, hosted the annual "These Kids Can Play" event at TPC Sawgrass, where kids and families from Wolfson Children's Hospital and Community PedsCare were invited to spend a day at THE PLAYERS' with fun activities, gifts and new friendships.



Photos by Daniela Toporek

Seth, 7, takes a look at the animals brought by the Jacksonville Zoo.



ABOVE: Sean Way, Tabitha Furyk and Kim Way pose with Scampi from the Jumbo Shrimp and kids Kaleb, Seth and Sydney.

LEFT: Emily Smoot is a huge fan of the Jacksonville Jaguars and Jaxson de Ville.

Fantasy Farms to host annual open house March 21

By Daniela Toporek

Nonprofit animal sanctuary and event venue Fantasy Farms will host its annual open house March 21 in honor and memory of Daryl Barker. The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

Barker was the wife of Fantasy Farms' CEO Frank Barker. A dedication to Barker's Aviary is slated for 1:30 p.m.

The open house will also feature an About Creamery Ice Cream truck for guests craving a sweet snack and a raffle for a new 2018 Ryder Club Golf Bag autographed by Jim Furyk and Thomas Bjorn. Tickets for the raffle cost \$20.

Kathy's Creative Gardens and Nursery staff will also be attending the event, answering any gardening questions attendees may have before the summer weather kicks in.

The open house will also feature items regarding the



Photo provided by Fantasy Farms

Nonprofit animal sanctuary and event venue Fantasy Farms will host its annual open house March 21 in honor and memory of Daryl Barker.

farm's latest news, such as "volunteens" Leah and Tina, who take the time to work on the farm on their days off from school to help the animals on the farm, specifically

horses Beamer and Ginger and their miniature sister, Angie.

"At first, Beamer and Angie were shy, but now (the horses) come running out to play when they see the girls," the farm said in its "save the date" invitation. "The girls even took string and made a hay bale to feed the horses. No wonder they love each other."

The farm also extended its thanks to the Publix Super Market at the Shoppes at Palm Valley for the "fruits and vegetables the animals at Fantasy Farms are munching on," adding that thanks to Publix's generosity, the animals can stay nourished and healthy.

For questions and more information, visit www.fantasyfarmsevents.org.

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stopped by with her three kids, 6-year-old Kaleb, 1-year-old Sydney and 7-year-old Seth.

"They always enjoy seeing the Furyks," she said. "We have a tradition every year where we take a picture with them, so that's been pretty cool, watching them grow. I also get to see other families that I don't get to see too often. It's just

an awesome event."

After annual group photos with the families and PGA Wives, representatives from TIAA Bank Field and THE PLAYERS Championship surprised attendees with a \$30,000 donation each.

"There are no people in this world that are nicer than the golfers' wives," Smoot said. "The Furyks have been super with us. And the kids need to be active. Emily's life expectancy was 6 and she just turned 21. We're alright. Because each day is special."



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Home is where the heart is – even if it's not your own

Beaches Habitat for Humanity house leads to extraordinary connection

By Paris Moulden

Perhaps it was divine intervention. After all, it was Christmastime, the season of miracles, but who would have guessed a standard issue Christmas card brought to a local senior living center could spark such a magical and heartwarming experience?

David Clarke is a resident at Ponte Vedra Gardens, an Alzheimer's special care center on Palm Valley Road. He has dementia, and, like many others with the disease, suffers from severe memory loss and difficulty communicating. Since he moved into Ponte Vedra Gardens around a year ago, his wife, Keith Clarke, has become a familiar face to the caregivers there. But the connection one caregiver had to her husband came as a surprise to everyone — including them.

One day last year, shortly before Christmas, Keith brought in a Christmas card to show David. It was the annual holiday card sent out by Habitat for Humanity to its past and present volunteers. David had been a big part of Habitat for Humanity. He had helped organize the first Habitat for Humanity at the Beaches. He even received a service award in 1995 for helping to build the second Beaches Habitat for Humanity house.

Keith recalled David's excitement after he helped get the program up and running and then physically being able to start building homes. He would describe in detail to her the houses they were building alongside the people who would be living in them.

"He just absolutely loved it," Keith said. "He loved the people he was building houses for. He would always talk about them."

So, Keith thought bringing the card in and showing it to David might brighten his day or give him a reason to smile. Little did she know, it would turn out to do so much more.

In what may only be described as fate, one of David's caregivers at Ponte Vedra Gardens, Latricia Macon-Stewart, was in the room when Keith presented the Christmas card to David. Keith explained David's connection to the nonprofit organization to those in the room and shared his pride about building the second Habitat House at the Beaches. She wasn't prepared for Latricia's response.

"I remember her saying, 'I grew up in this house,'" Keith said.

The house David built had been a special place for Latricia, as well. She'd moved into that home as a child with her family right after it was built. Her mother, who helped build the home alongside David and other Habitat for Humanity volunteers, raised Latricia in the home. Naturally, as time passed, Latricia moved



Photos provided by Ponte Vedra Gardens

Latricia Macon-Stewart and David Clarke share a happy moment at a party given in their honor at Ponte Vedra Gardens.



Keith Clarke hugs Macon-Stewart at the party.

out on her own, but returned to that same home when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. When Latricia's mother passed away four years ago, Latricia remained in the home where she could still feel her mother's presence.

It's the home she was living in when David received that card, and she realized the man she helps care for almost



David Clarke holds the award (pictured below) he was given in 1995 for building the second Beaches Habitat for Humanity home — the home Macon-Stewart (left) grew up in.



every day had been an integral part in building her family home..

As amazing as the connection was for Latricia, it may have been even more so for David. Latricia recalled David's reaction upon hearing it was her house. They spent hours talking about the house, and Latricia says she was amazed at his ability to recall almost every detail.

"When he was in that moment, he remembered," Latricia said as tears rolled down her face. "He told me everything. We had a great talk about the house. He told me it was just something he loved doing."

Others at Ponte Vedra Gardens couldn't believe the impact the link between them had on David, either. They gathered around as David and Latricia shared memories of the house.

"That day when I saw them talking, it was so beautiful, because it was the most engaged I'd ever seen him," said Jennifer McCormick, program director at Ponte Vedra Gardens. "He was so in that moment with her. They were just so connected."

The connection was so special, the staff at Ponte Vedra Gardens wanted to commemorate it. They threw a party for the two on Valentine's Day, and the house was at the heart of the celebration.

"When Latricia was talking about the house, he was just so happy," McCormick said.

The connection also meant so much to Keith, who felt a unique bond with Latricia after finding out, and who got to relive a special time in her relationship with David. She remembered shortly after they were married over 20 years ago, David was looking for something to do. She said with David's big heart, volunteer work was a natural fit, so, as he was browsing volunteer opportunities, he came across an upcoming meeting for people who might be interested in organizing a Habitat for Humanity at the Beaches.

"He came home and said, 'Well, I'm in charge of raising all this money,'" she said. "He raised the money somehow and then started building and just absolutely loved it."

Because of his dementia, details are not something David regularly recalls. However, McCormick said his reaction to hearing about the house and its connection to Latricia is proof of how special building those homes were for him.

"Although they have dementia, the moments are really important, so if it's something really special, or if it's something from the past, they tend to remember those things, or the feelings associated with it," she said. "That's why, in a place like this, where we care for people with dementia, it's so beautiful to see when they have moments like this, when they really do connect, because so many times they aren't able to."

The house means even more to Latricia now. The home's location in Atlantic Beach and the growth of the area has increased its value significantly, but Latricia said she can't imagine selling it. Her mother's presence is still there, and now, there's something else. Something otherworldly, perhaps.

"It's such a rare story," Latricia said. "It's almost like he blessed us back then and now, I'm returning the favor."

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Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary hosts wine tasting at The WheelHouse

Members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club enjoyed a wine tasting in a novel setting March 7 – at the luxury garage condominiums known as The WheelHouse in Ponte Vedra.

Featuring a selection of red and white wines and hors d’oeuvres, the event was hosted by Will Montoya, a past president of the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club who shares the two-story condominium with Tim Gill and Russ Thomas. Guests had an opportunity to view some of the vintage vehicles the trio owns, including Montoya’s 1970 Ford Bronco and the first car Gill ever owned: a 1969 red Ford Cobra in pristine condition.



ABOVE: Leslie McCaughan, Dan Cavey, Rotary Club President Vickie Cavey, George McCaughan and Will Montoya.



Tim Gill's first car, a 1969 Ford Cobra



RIGHT: Jep Barbour, Kathy Johns, County Commissioner Jimmy Johns and Scott Grant.

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Rotarians Will Montoya and Jack Parker in front of Montoya's 1970 Ford Bronco



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Rotary President-Elect Sam Hall and Rotarian Bethany Mathewson

Beth El – The Beaches to observe Holocaust Remembrance Day

Beth El – The Beaches Synagogue will honor the memory of six million Jews who lost their lives during World War II on Holocaust Remembrance Day, Sunday, April 19.

The 3-5 p.m. memorial will be open to the public at the synagogue, located at 288 Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.

“This annual memorial commemorates not only the Jews enslaved in numerous concentration camps during the war,

but the many heroes that fought to save them”, Sherill Herzfeld, Beth El vice president said. “While Yom HaShoah is important each year, it is becoming more and more necessary to honor this memory since survivors are few and far between.” Most survivors of the camps have passed on and the youngest survivors, those born within the camps, are 75 years of age and older.

Beth El’s program will feature a docu-

mentary titled, “Sheer Luck - A Story of Survival.” The film tells the story of the life of Herzfeld’s father, Jack Glucksmann, from pre-war Poland to the years he spent in various concentration camps, including Auschwitz, the Death March, and his survival in the Baltic Sea after the bombing and sinking of the Cap Arcona, the ship that was carrying him to safety.

“As a child, my father never spoke

of his experiences,” Herzfeld said. “We knew he was in the concentration camps because of the tattooed numbers on his arm. It wasn’t until we were young adults that he began speaking about the atrocities publicly.”

Candles will be lit during the memorial, and names of loved ones who are no longer living will be read aloud.

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Immersive musical installation 'Loving Beethoven' opens in Ponte Vedra Beach

By Daniela Toporek

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach partnered with the Interactive Music Museum in Malaga, Spain, to bring the musical installation of "Loving Beethoven," to the United States for the first time. An opening reception was held March 6 to celebrate.

Created by MIMMA's design team, the "immersive" installation, open until May 26, features five life-sized orbs that change in color and vibration to the rhythm and intensity of classical music composed by Ludwig van Beethoven.

The reception featured culinary treats and drinks.

"These are some good olives," said Richey Smith of the goodies laid out by Let's Cheese, Trasca & Co. Eatery and Savory Sensations.

A member and supporter of the Cultural Center with his wife Sandra. Smith said they spend their time living between Ohio and Ponte Vedra and happened to be in town for the grand opening.

"We don't really know what to expect," Sandra Smith said, "but we have a lot of classical music in Ohio and we've been supporters of the center for a long time."

After a time for socializing, the center's executive director Donna Guzzo welcomed everyone with a warm smile and thanked them for coming.

"It's so exciting to have you all here tonight and to have you experience something so unique to our area," Guzzo said. "For the first time, not just here at the cultural center, but here in the United States."

She thanked the dignitaries, sponsors and supporters of the center and the installation, with special accolades to Monica Jacoby, who was Guzzo's inspiration for bringing the installation to life in Ponte Vedra Beach, and to John Regan and his wife, Felicia, who helped make the dream a reality.

"This man made the introduction to make this installation happen," Guzzo said of MIMMA museum director Miguel Angel Piedrola, who flew in from Malaga a little less than a year ago to discuss the project, and then returned for the grand opening that evening.

"This installation demonstrates that music can be perceived not only through the ear, but also through sight and through touch," Piedrola said, explaining the story behind the installation and how it pays homage to Beethoven and his 250th birthday.

"There are many people who are unable to enjoy music through one sense but are able to still enjoy and appreciate it through other senses," he said. "Music is rhythm and you're going to be able to see rhythm with the changing lights [and vibrations]."

As the music faded in, guests, hesitant at first, slowly inched toward the giant, glowing orbs, ever changing from blue to green to pink and onward, matching the rhythm, beats and intensity of Beethoven's classics.

Guests moved closer and closer, immersing themselves and all their senses.

Then, when the music faded out, a small accompanying workshop station was available in the corner for guests and children to interact with, featuring different instruments, sounds and vibrations.

"It's not what I expected," Sandra Smith said afterward. "But it's very interesting, the way you could feel



ABOVE: On March 6, guests and supporters of the Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach gathered for the grand opening of the immersive musical installation, "Loving Beethoven."

LEFT: Monica Jacoby, Miguel Angel Piedrola and Donna Guzzo all helped bring the international installation to Ponte Vedra Beach.

BELOW: A small workshop accompanies the installation, helping guests understand the concept and the power of music and sound.

Photos by Daniela Toporek



Sandra and Richey Smith enjoy snacks and refreshments before experiencing the installation.

each sound through orb. It was less emphasis on the sound and more on the touch."

Piedrola explained that the installation was created for people of all ages, whether or not they were familiar with Beethoven.

With the installation "children have the opportunity to get to know and enjoy his music," Piedrola said. "Because what you do not know, you cannot yet love."

"Loving Beethoven" will be open to the public until May 26 at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Admission is \$5.

For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org. The Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.



"Loving Beethoven" will be on display at the Cultural Center through May 26.

Beaches Museum opens art exhibit honoring women's suffrage movement

Centennial of 19th amendment celebrated through abstract art

By Amber Lake

The Beaches Museum hosted three North Florida abstract artists at the opening reception for The Ballot and the Brush: Celebrating Women's Suffrage through Art on Friday, March 7.

Sara Conca, Tiffany Manning and Princess Simpson Rashid presented at the exhibit with work honoring the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote.

Conca, whose contemporary "aquatic mystical series," evokes her surroundings, said she wanted to create work that drew on the idea that "women have the incredible ability to win with love." Conca uses natural mixed media of raw pigment colors, mica flakes and crystals to "immerse the viewer into the emotional energies" of a feminine power.

With energy and dance, Manning's acrylic work aims to represent female empowerment, strength and victory through movement on canvas.

"My time in the studio is one part mov-

ing meditation and one part dance party for one," she said. "This is where I tap into my bliss."

Rashid's work, comprised mainly of reds and blacks, is intended to reflect the African American woman's perspective during the suffrage movement, which Rashid feels is largely overlooked.

"I chose red for all the suffering and sacrifice for us to be able to vote," Rashid said. "Specifically, I used black to represent the black bodies. Maybe they didn't get as much attention or were listened to, but they were on the front lines as well."

A recent breast cancer survivor, Rashid also drew from her pain during this time period, creating work that shows a "search for order out of chaos." Her geometric abstractions are pulled from the canvas, giving her work emotional undertones of strength amidst disorder.

Chris Shea, an exhibit committee chair, said the Beaches Museum is proud of the current exhibit and the wealth of talent it has compiled. Shea said the museum is looking toward expanding similar showings for the future.

"We are trying to step it up a little bit and have more art exhibits, more frequently," Shea said. "(We believe) there is sort of a void in the art community at the beach. We'd like to try to help fill that



Photos by Amber Lake

Sara Conca (from left), Princess Simpson Rashid and Tiffany Manning.



"House of Cards" by Princess Simpson Rashid



"Power of Love" by Sara Conca



"Hear me Roar" by Tiffany Manning Rashid

void with this fine arts gallery."

The Ballot and the Brush: Celebrating Women's Suffrage through Art will be on display through May 31. For more information about the exhibit, visit www.beachesmuseum.org. More information on the artists and their work can be found at princessrashid.com, saraconca.com and tiffanymanning.com.

Rachel Bechtel joins Cathedral Arts Project board of directors

Jacksonville Beach resident Rachel Bechtel, Florida Blue vice president of Product Solutions, has joined the Cathedral Arts Project Board of Directors.

Bechtel joined Florida Blue in 2000 and has held several leadership positions, most recently serving as senior director of Product Solutions, where she was responsible for leading product strategy and development for Employer Markets and Ancillary. Bechtel's other leadership positions include service manager and operations manager in the service organization, where she managed a team of service advocates and was instrumental in implementing a customer service platform.

"Florida Blue is a longstanding and vital partner in our work to make sure every child has access to an arts-rich education, and I am thrilled to welcome another one of its leaders to our board," CAP President and CEO Kimberly Hyatt said. "Rachel brings a strategic mindset around how CAP's work is helping to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida coupled with



Rachel Bechtel

a deep appreciation for and engagement in the arts."

Upon moving to Jacksonville from the Washington, D.C., area in 1999, Bechtel founded and became the president of the MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support), an organization of stay-at-home moms.

Bechtel has also been active in community and professional organizations, including

United Way, Community Connections and the Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida. She recently served as the sponsorship chair for Northeast Florida's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Bechtel was selected to participate in the first GuideWell Leadership Academy and was nominated and selected to be part of the Leadership Jacksonville class of 2015.

Serving on the CAP Board is a natural fit for Bechtel, who said music has been a presence in her life as long as she can remember. "As a child, my family had the good fortune to own a piano," Bechtel said. "Having the freedom and the means to play a musical instrument had a multi-layered effect on my life. Our piano room was a place where I could retreat, express my feelings, nurture creativity and build confidence as I learned to play."

She said she believes strongly in CAP's mission and feels that arts education should not be limited only to those students who are fortunate enough to have the means to pursue it, but should be made available to any student who aspires to create or appreciate the arts.

"Learning to play a musical instrument requires discipline, patience and structure, all of which are valuable tools that children need to advance their individual growth," she said. "I am proud to be a board member of the Cathedral Arts Project, which affords students the opportunity to pursue their artistic ambitions by providing the necessary funding to achieve this goal."

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Melinda Mulliniks Few

Melinda Mulliniks Few passed away March 1, 2020. She was born in Memphis, TN, on Oct 13, 1938 to Robert Curlee and Hallie Agnas Mulliniks. Melinda has an older brother Robert Curlee Mulliniks, Jr. Melinda spent her younger years in Missouri and later went on to receive her Associate's degree from Memphis State University in 1958.

Melinda married Robert Pierce Few Jan. 13, 1962 and they welcomed their son Marshall Read Few in Nov 1967.

She was the Vice President of Henderson & Few Company in Atlanta, GA, from 1963 to 1967. Robert, Melinda and Marshall moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, in 1971. Melinda and Robert divorced in 1978.

From 1978, she was a broker at Robinson-Humphry Company, moved on to become Vice President of Blackstock and Company and then moved to Johnson, Lane Smith and Company. She also sat on the Board of Directors for National Health Care Systems, Denticare before retiring in 2000.

Melinda was featured in Who's Who in the South 1985 – 1989 and Who's Who of American Women in 1989 and 1990.

Melinda and Robert were remarried on Jan 13, 1987, and were inseparable until his passing in 1995.

A Memorial Service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020 in the chapel of Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home. Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



Patricia Goodall

Patricia Goodall, 61, born on April 27, 1958, was called to God on March 1, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.



Patricia Goodall

She was born in Cleveland, OH, and moved to Pennsylvania in 1963, attending St Monica's for grade school, Tredyffrin Easttown for middle school and Conestoga for high school. Patricia received her Bachelor's in Food Service Nutrition Management from Drexel University in 1981, and her Master's in Organizational Leadership from Cabrini University in 2011.

After graduating from Drexel University, Patricia worked at Fox Chase Cancer Center, providing nutritional services to the scientists helping to cure cancer, and patients. She provided the upmost charismatic and superb leadership within her work. Patricia worked tirelessly for over

twenty-five years, while influencing and impacting everyone that she worked with.

She was known for being selfless, nonjudgmental, caring, and unconditional. Patricia was a loving wife, mother, daughter, and grandmother. She was the world. Patricia was a pillar of support for everyone she met and welcomed many friends into her family as if they were her own. To her husband, Patricia was his rock and foundation, and made him the man he is today. To her children, she was the best friend and mom any kid could ask for, always being there for them no matter the circumstance. To her mother she was her closest friend, always making sure to call her every night for their nightly phone calls. Patricia was an excellent cook, dedicated gardener, and perfect role model for parenting, grand parenting, unconditional love, and inner strength.

Patricia had an unwavering faith in God. She attended Church every weekend at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Wayne. She was also an active member of the Our Lady Star of The Sea Catholic Church Bible Study, where she met many friends to support her during her illness and practiced her love of God. Patricia was an activist for Women's Rights as one of the first women to be in the Women's Organization Club at Conestoga High School. She loved classic rock, strawberry custard, and mystery novels.

Patricia was completely selfless, she put others first no matter how hard she was struggling. She was the strongest woman we know, and would love for us to remember her as the fun loving, patient, and caring woman we always knew her as. "We never know how strong we are, until being strong is the only choice we have."

A Funeral Mass was held Monday, March 9, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 32082. Inurnment will follow at Ponte Vedra Valley. In lieu of flowers the family kindly asks that donations are made to support Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance <https://ocrahope.org/>

John Austin Ruvane

John Austin Ruvane, 84, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, left this world on March 1, 2020, surrounded by his wife of 62 years, Anne Beebe Ruvane and his six children,



John Austin Ruvane

Anne Julie Ruvane (Wil Reitsma) of Ponte Vedra Beach, Kearney Ruvane Vrabel (Ron) of Bernardsville, NJ, Molly Kamensky (Michael) of Dune-din, FL, John Austin Ruvane, Jr. (Sharon) of Jersey City, NJ,

Alice Ruvane (Steve Mortimer) of Portland, ME, and Susan D'Avanzo (Rob) of Skillman, NJ.

He was blessed with twelve grandchildren, Christopher (Tayvia) Ruvane and Brian Kamensky, Anna, Andrew (Lauren), and Alex Vrabel, Joseph and John D'Avanzo, Caleigh (Justin McDonald)

and Ian Reitsma, and Patrick, Katie and Bridget Ruvane.

Born in Jersey City, NJ, to Dr. Joseph Jerome Ruvane and Anna Agnes Sullivan Ruvane, John was a proud graduate of The Delbarton School and Princeton University (1957).

All who knew John can attest to his incredible musical talent. He could play anything on the piano in any key, no music necessary.

While at Princeton, he accompanied the Nassau Jazz Band on a tour of Europe. John and Anne never missed a major Princeton reunion and were blessed to travel with Princeton classmates and their wives to numerous "mini reunions" around the world. For many years John was a regular at "Jazz at Noon," in Manhattan, playing with some of the most talented amateurs in the city as well as a few great professionals, including Dave Brubeck, Buddy Guy, and Warren Chiasson.

He pursued his passion for jazz piano and composition taking numerous courses later in life at The Mannes School in Manhattan, as well as the University of North Florida. He volunteered his piano talent every Wednesday at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. John also volunteered his time and talents with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Mission House, BEAM, and Lend an Ear in Jacksonville Beach.

He was a member of The University Glee Club of New York, the Heritage Singers of Jacksonville, and the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus.

All of his children and grandchildren inherited his love of music and musical gifts. He and the family were welcome guests at many a party where they could be enticed to perform in four-part harmony. In fact, his family sent him off to Heaven in song with the "Irish Blessing." He was also an accomplished painter of watercolors, creating gorgeous memories on paper of his beloved time with Anne and dear friends both in Barbados and Buck Hill Falls, PA.

As a young man, John got his start in pharmaceutical sales, eventually settling into pharmaceutical advertising and marketing. He later founded his own agencies, J.R. Druid Associates, Ruvane-Leverte and JAR-COM, Inc., all in New York City. He secured a trademark on a single sponsor medical publication, "Point Counterpoint." He served as Program Manager and then President of the Pharmaceutical Advertising Council of New York City.

John was an avid golfer and enjoyed memberships at Essex County Country Club and Canoe Brook Country Club in NJ, Buck Hill Golf Club in PA, as well as Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. John was proud of his Irish heritage, tracking down the Ruane cousins and the family farm in County Mayo, Ireland. There were few books he had not read; he took great pleasure in sharing his knowledge and opinions on just about everything with anyone whose ear he was able to commandeer. He wore his beautiful smile everywhere he went. He was immensely proud of all of his children and grandchildren. He was a devout Roman

Catholic, a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach where he regularly treated the congregation to his jazzy piano meditations. He is survived by his wife, Anne, his children and grandchildren, his sister, Anne Julie McKelvey of Melbourne, FL and many nieces and nephews and his dog, Barley. His brother, Joseph Jerome Ruvane, Jr., predeceased him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach with the Reverend Matt King as Celebrant. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Abbey, The Delbarton School, Mendham, NJ at a later date.

Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home



Enda Gayle Leininger

Enda Gayle Leininger, 79, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Feb. 24, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. (904) 249-1100

William Porter

William Porter, 70, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Feb. 27, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. (904) 249-1100

Steven LeBlanc

Steven LeBlanc, 67, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died March 1, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Brian Stevens

Brian Stevens, 59, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died March 2, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

William Moon

William Moon, Jr., 76, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died March 2, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Loretto H. Long

Loretto H. Long, 89, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died March 3, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. (904) 249-1100

Dorothy Virtuoso

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Bolles Innovators present wheelchair access ideas to County Commission

The Future Bolles Innovators fifth-grade robotics team recently presented a wheelchair beach access plan to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

As part of the students' FIRST LEGO League competitive curriculum this season, students were tasked with proposing an innovative solution for a community challenge. Students tackled the idea of wheelchair access to St. Johns County beaches and shared their findings during the commissioners' Feb. 18 session.

"This group of 10 fifth graders, along with their sister team of fourth graders, embraced a challenge that exists as part of a category in their FIRST LEGO League," said Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach campus science teacher and robotics coach Carolyn Houston during her introduction to the commissioners.

FIRST LEGO League is an international robotics competition built around theme-based challenges that engage children ages 9 to 16 in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering. This winter, robotics teams around the world, including several from The Bolles School, have been practicing for local and regional qualifying meets.

"Their goal was to identify a problem and the teams invited wheelchair users to help determine the biggest accessibility issues in our area," Houston said. "The problem was quickly identified – access to our Beaches for the disabled needed help."

During their robotics competition season, fourth-graders worked to create a better beach wheelchair. The FBI fifth-grade team, however, expanded its focus to the distribution of existing beach wheelchairs. The county owns only a few beach wheelchairs, and all must be reserved up to three weeks in advance of any beach visit. Reserved beach wheelchairs are transported by a county-sponsored driver to the users, a system that has some obvious inefficiencies.

The FBI robotics team presented their ideas to the commission in a "skit" form, demonstrating memorized lines and a great depth of topic research and understanding.

Recognizing the flaws of the current wheelchair access system — special mats that cause beach erosion and the arduous chair reservation and delivery system — students proposed a shelter prototype "pod" model. The system is similar to e-bike and e-scooter reservation applications students



Photo provided by Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach

have used in larger cities. They called their app idea, the BAW for "Beach Accessible Wheelchairs."

Students said the app they have in mind would allow users to type in their location and discover which beaches have chairs available for the time and date they select. Once a reservation and payment are secured, the user gets a four-digit code to reserve and access a beach wheelchair from a pod storage building at their selected beach. Students looked at hurricane building codes, spoke with former county commissioners for perspective, read up on disability laws and consulted with general contractors to align their plans. Their research also yielded several federal grants that could provide up to \$250,000 for pilot programs creating greater access for the disabled. They also plan to reach out to Uber for a possible partnership, which

might allow them to use some of their existing app technology. The cost to develop the app would cost about \$35,000, according to the students' research.

"As a team, we reached out and surveyed more than 50 wheelchair users from the area counties," said student Emerson Slaughter. "The results suggest that most wheelchair users avoid the beach because they aren't currently accessible. The data indicates most users would be more likely to go to the beach if the beach wheelchairs were easily accessible. Responses reflect positively that the app and the pod system would make the process of getting a beach wheelchair much easier for their trip to the beach."

St. Johns County Commissioners thanked students for their ideas and indicated they would take a closer look at making their innovative plans a reality.



Photo provided by the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus.

Students from left, J.C. Lundgren, Oliver Reich and Grace Miller

Bolles School Ponte Vedra Beach speech competition teaches public speaking skills

Fifth-grade students on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus participated in a speech competition recently that gave them an opportunity to practice public speaking skills in front of their peers as well as a panel of judges.

The students researched and prepared material for their speeches and practiced them for several weeks. Then, on Feb. 26, each student took a turn approaching the lectern in George Hall with their rehearsed presentations. Judges considered

many factors when assessing the speeches, including volume, speed, speech construction and audience engagement.

All of the students spoke about topics that were of interest to them personally, and after deliberating, the judges selected the following students to congratulate for their presentations:

- J.C. Lundgren for "The Greatness of America"
- Oliver Reich for "Tunnel Flying"
- Grace Miller for "Dwarf Wheat"

STUDENTS SHOP LOCAL AT BOLLES PVB CAMPUS FARMERS MARKET



Students participated in a farmers market on March 4 at the the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus. Staged on the lawn by the school's flag pavilion and organized by the school's parent association, the market included an array of treats, jewelry, dog food, plants, live farm animals and shells — all exhibited by local vendors. Students learned how to buy local and how to become more environmentally conscious consumers.

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McIlroy wants to be first player to directly repeat as PLAYERS champ

By Kathy Bissell

Rory McIlroy has climbed many mountains in his golf career. In fact, there aren't all that many things he hasn't accomplished. He's won the FedExCup. He's won majors. He's won the Race to Dubai. He's been on winning Ryder Cup teams. He's been Player of The Year.

There's only one major he hasn't won, and he still has plenty of chances to do that.

So on Tuesday, when it was pointed out to him that no one had ever repeated as champion at THE PLAYERS, his eyes sparkled, and he suddenly looked very interested in doing something that no other golfer had accomplished.

"I'd love to give myself a chance," he said. "If I can keep playing the way I've been playing and get myself into contention on Sunday, it would be something extra to play for, which would be pretty cool."

McIlroy has been hanging around in top-5 territory since the end of October. He was third at the ZOZO, won the WGC-HSBC, was T3rd at Farmers Insurance Open, T5th at Genesis Invitational, 5th at WGC-Mexico and T5th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

He's been a threat to win each time he teed it up. It's just that he hasn't won since, oh, all the way back to last October, which was his fourth title in a calendar year.

When asked if focusing on winning would get him across the line even more often, he said, "I think the only way to not win is to concentrate on the results."

Right now, he's focused on consistency. It's all part of his change in approach to golf the last two years, in an effort to make incremental improvements in all aspects of his game.

"If I can just concentrate on what I'm doing and what I'm doing well, what I maybe need to improve on a little bit, just break the game down into different sections but really just try to make it as simple as possible, if I can do a few different things in my golf game just a little bit better, those thirds and fifths will hopefully turn into wins," he added.

One thing is sure, McIlroy has become an expert at learning to like Pete Dye golf courses.

"The 2010 Whistling Straits was when I turned a corner. I turned up there. It was the PGA Championship, and I hated it," he admitted. "I had to tell myself, look, you just need to like it for one week. Just get your head around liking this place for one week and embracing the fact that it's different and the fact that it's visually a little funky and whatever."

He finished third, one shot out of a playoff. That made him reconsider how he felt about Pete Dye.

"Going on from there, winning at Kiawah, winning at Crooked Stick, winning here, I've started to quite like them," McIlroy explained. "They're like beer when you're younger. You sort of don't like it but then you think it's cool to drink it and then you sort of acquire a taste for it."

As most professional golfers will tell you, a Pete Dye



Photo by Craig O'Neal

THE PLAYERS 2019 champion Rory McIlroy (left) talks to the media during a news conference Tuesday, March 10, at TPC Sawgrass.

golf course messes with your mind.

"I think he's a wonderful golf course designer, but I never liked how he made you feel on the golf course in terms of hiding things and angles," McIlroy admitted. "It makes you a little bit uncomfortable, which is obviously his plan."

McIlroy said that the reason he was able to play TPC Sawgrass more successfully last year was that he could hit driver more times than he could when the tournament was in May.

"I was probably more stubborn back then than I am now and trying to overpower this golf course with a driver, when in May you couldn't do that," he explained.

As far as his favorite hole, he picks the 12th.

"I'm a big fan of the new 12th hole here. I think they've done a good job with the redesign of that hole, risk-reward, you can go for the green, but if you miss it in the wrong spot, it can become very tricky," he said.

Then there's the 17th.

"If you surrounded that green with bunker or grass or whatever, it would be one of the easiest par-3s that we play all year, but because of the water, there's just an extra element of difficulty to it," he said, adding that most players are just trying to make par all four days.

As for what will happen this week, McIlroy predicts, with the weather forecast, it will be double digits under par for the winner. And maybe, just maybe, he will be the first repeat champ.



Photo by Micah Green

Rory McIlroy celebrates with the trophy after winning THE PLAYERS Championship last year.

PGA TOUR STARS MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT PLAYERS STADIUM COURSE



ABOVE: Justin Thomas takes a selfie with fans on Tuesday at TPC Sawgrass.

RIGHT: Rickie Fowler, who THE PLAYERS in 2015, signs autographs for fans Tuesday.

Photos by Craig O'Neal



Rory McIlroy bonds with a K9s for Warriors dog who shares his name. Every year K9s for Warriors names a service dog after THE PLAYERS Champion.

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP: TEE TIMES AND PAIRINGS (ROUNDS 1 AND 2)

FIRST ROUND (THURSDAY, MARCH 12)

Tee No. 1

7:40 a.m. – Brian Harman, Rory Sabbatini, Sepp Straka
 7:51 a.m. – Scott Brown, Lucas Glover, Cameron Tringale
 8:02 a.m. – Aaron Baddeley, Scott Stallings, Michael Thompson
 8:13 a.m. – J.B. Holmes, Brice Garnett, Ryan Armour
 8:24 a.m. – Bubba Watson, Jason Dufner, Jimmy Walker
 8:35 a.m. – Chez Reavie, Graeme McDowell, Daniel Berger
 8:46 a.m. – Jim Herman, Sung Kang, Louis Oosthuizen
 8:57 a.m. – Cameron Champ, Nate Lashley, Kevin Tway
 9:08 a.m. – Dylan Frittelli, Scott Piercy, Pat Perez
 9:19 a.m. – Corey Conners, Charles Howell III, Russell Knox
 9:30 a.m. – Ryan Moore, Danny Lee, Abraham Ancer
 9:41 a.m. – Adam Hadwin, Kyoung-Hoon Lee, Christiaan Bezuidenhout
 12:45 p.m. – Luke List, Carlos Ortiz, Kiradech Aphibarnrat
 12:56 p.m. – Patrick Rodgers, Sam Burns, Bernd Wiesberger
 1:07 p.m. – Peter Malnati, Bud Cauley, Victor Perez
 1:18 p.m. – Viktor Hovland, Collin Morikawa, Matthew Wolff
 1:29 p.m. – Matt Kuchar, Henrik Stenson, Sergio Garcia
 1:40 p.m. – Adam Scott, Justin Rose, Xander Schauffele
 1:51 p.m. – Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka, Jon Rahm
 2:02 p.m. – Brandt Snedeker, Jim Furyk, Tommy Fleetwood
 2:13 p.m. – Andrew Putnam, Tony Finau, Zach Johnson
 2:24 p.m. – Kevin Na, Jason Day, Patton Kizzire
 2:35 p.m. – Emiliano Grillo, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Roger Sloan
 2:46 p.m. – Kevin Streelman, Bronson Burgoon, Mark Hubbard

Tee No. 10

7:40 a.m. – Russell Henley, J.J. Spaun, Denny McCarthy
 7:51 a.m. – Brian Stuard, Matt Every, Brian Gay
 8:02 a.m. – Jhonattan Vegas, Scottie Scheffler, Matt Wallace
 8:13 a.m. – Sungjae Im, Gary Woodland, Bryson DeChambeau
 8:24 a.m. – Patrick Reed, Patrick Cantlay, Hideki Matsuyama
 8:35 a.m. – Webb Simpson, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson
 8:46 a.m. – Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler, Jordan Spieth

8:57 a.m. – Tyrrell Hatton, Max Homa, Paul Casey
 9:08 a.m. – Marc Leishman, J.T. Poston, Francesco Molinari
 9:19 a.m. – Nick Taylor, Lanto Griffin, Keith Mitchell
 9:30 a.m. – Branden Grace, Harris English, Joel Dahmen
 9:41 a.m. – Chesson Hadley, Jason Kokrak, Tom Hoge
 12:45 p.m. – Retief Goosen, Talor Gooch, Sam Ryder
 12:56 p.m. – Matt Jones, Adam Schenk, Jazz Janewattananond
 1:07 p.m. – Kyle Stanley, Martin Laird, Wyndham Clark
 1:18 p.m. – Cameron Smith, Keegan Bradley, Ian Poulter
 1:29 p.m. – Brendon Todd, Sebastián Muñoz, Ryan Palmer
 1:40 p.m. – Kevin Kisner, Troy Merritt, Danny Willett
 1:51 p.m. – Andrew Landry, Tyler Duncan, Billy Horschel
 2:02 p.m. – C.T. Pan, Adam Long, Si Woo Kim
 2:13 p.m. – Joaquin Niemann, Shane Lowry, Aaron Wise
 2:24 p.m. – Chris Stroud, Nick Watney, Byeong Hun An
 2:35 p.m. – Charley Hoffman, Vaughn Taylor, Harold Varner III
 2:46 p.m. – Mackenzie Hughes, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Erik van Rooyen

SECOND ROUND (FRIDAY, MARCH 13)

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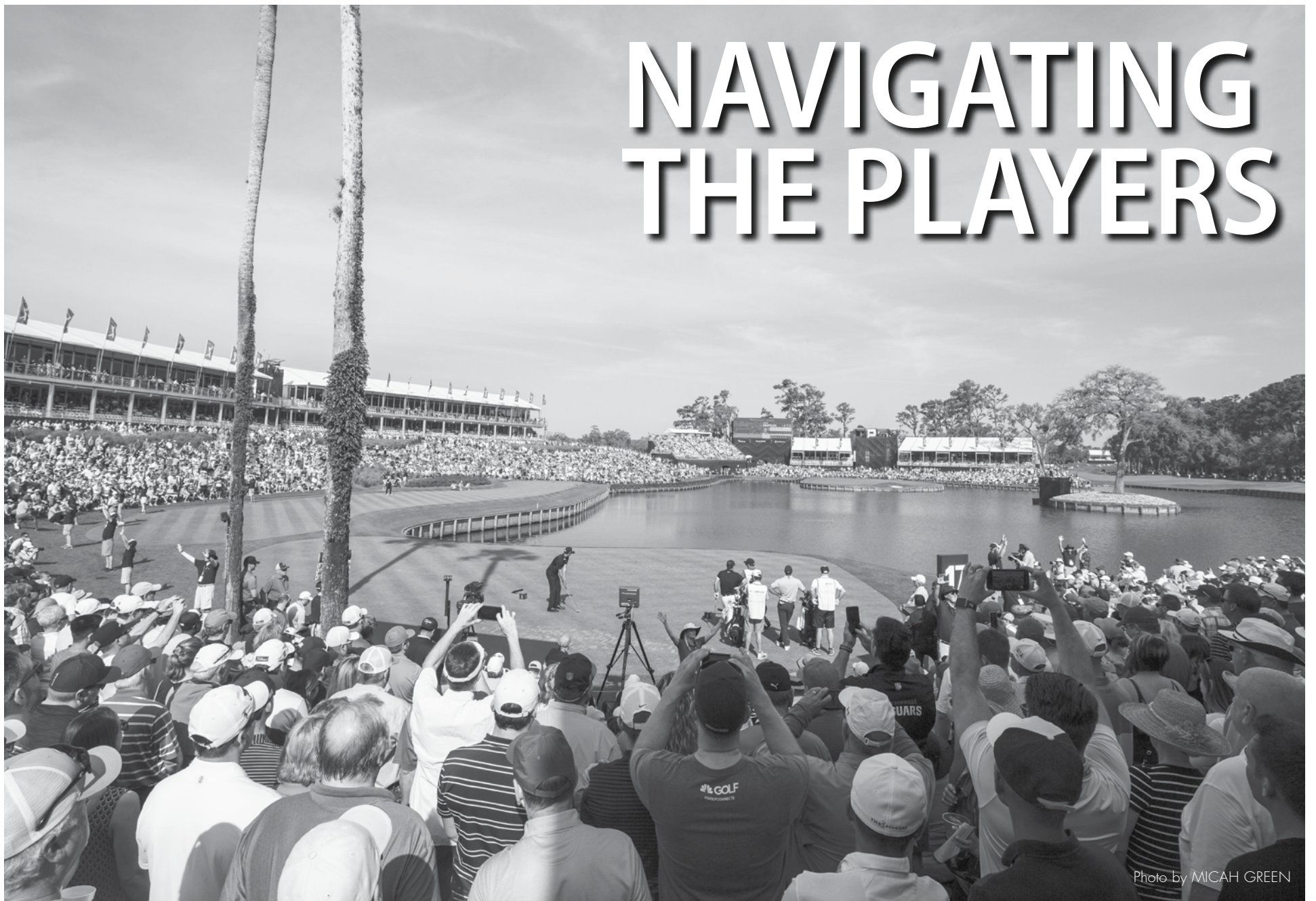


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TICKETS

THE PLAYERS Stadium Pass provides access to nearly 20 venues, numerous local food and beverage options, rope-side access to the best players in the world and more. New to 2020, all passes are now mobile-only and day-specific passes. Tickets can be purchased via the PGA TOUR App or THEPLAYERS.com. Parking is purchased separately at THEPLAYERS.COM/parking.

Thursday and Sunday passes cost \$65; and Friday and Saturday passes cost \$70. Taxes are not included.

Captain's Club

Experience a premium club space with views of the 16th and 18th holes at TPC Sawgrass. Beer, wine and soda are included; full bar and food are available for purchase. Soft seating, full bar, televisions and outdoor viewing creates an elevated environment to experience THE PLAYERS. Tickets cost \$250 per day for Thursday through Sunday.

THE PLAYERS Club

THE PLAYERS CLUB is an ultra-VIP, all-inclusive hosting and hospitality experience at THE PLAYERS Championship, featuring exclusive access to the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, which is completely reimaged during tournament week, as well as all-inclusive hospitality venues on the famous island green 17th hole and the finishing 18th hole. Members of THE PLAYERS Club can take advantage of valet parking, hand-crafted food and specialty cocktails from top chefs and bartenders across the country and private shopping experiences featuring merchandise and collections from luxury brands that are only available to members of THE PLAYERS Club during tournament week.

Tickets to THE PLAYERS Club cost \$6,000 for the week, Tuesday through Sunday, with the ability to transfer the daily tickets to another individual.

Military passes

Complimentary admission is provided each day of the tournament to active duty, military retirees, military reserve, National Guard, military spouses and accompanied dependents with valid credentials and identification. Veterans are provided an exclusive offer, permitting them to purchase one ticket for themselves and one ticket for a guest at a discounted rate per day (\$30 each – Thursday through Sunday). All military personnel must verify their military status online through birdiesforthebrave2.sheerid.com/theplayers2020. Valid military identification is required.

Student passes

College and graduate students can purchase a discounted \$55 ticket for Thursday through Sunday with a valid student ID. To purchase, visit THEPLAYERS.com/tickets and then click on "College Student Offer."

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

General parking is located off County Road 210/Palm Valley Road. For GPS directions, enter this address: 5387 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. There will be a dedicated turning lane into the general parking lot off of CR 210 to speed up the entry/exit process. Peak traffic times are from noon to 2 p.m. To avoid traffic, plan to arrive before noon or after 2 p.m.

New in 2020, parking passes are now required on all tournament days for Tuesday-Sunday. Parking passes are daily passes and must be purchased in advance via www.THEPLAYERS.com/parking. Parking is expected to sell out. Parking passes will not be sold in the lot nor at Will Call. Thursday through Sunday parking costs \$40 per day.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 12

- Entries open at 7:15 a.m.
- First round of competition begins at approximately 7:35 a.m. (threesomes off of No. 1 and No.10)

Friday, March 13

- Entries open at 7:15 a.m.
- Second round of competition begins at approximately 7:35 a.m. (threesomes off No.1 and No.10)

Saturday, March 14

- Entries open at 8 a.m.
- Third round of competition begins at approximately 8:30 a.m. depending on the size of the cut (twosomes off No.1)

Championship

Sunday, March 15

- Entries open at 7:15 a.m.
- Final round of competition begins at approximately 7:45 a.m., depending on the size of the cut (twosomes off No.1)



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Four for Free

Fans with four or more guests in a vehicle can park receive free parking through Sunday with the "Four for Free" parking voucher. Fans can go online to www.THEPLAYERS.com/parking to download the voucher, which allows free parking in the general lot off of CR210. A new voucher must be downloaded and printed for each day or saved on an electronic device.

Golf Cart Parking

THE PLAYERS offers complimentary Golf Cart parking services through

Sunday at Gate B, located inside the TPC Sawgrass Gates off of PGA TOUR Boulevard in the back of lot 5. Golf cart parking is free of charge.

Uber

From 2018 to 2019 alone, THE PLAYERS saw a 63% increase in the number of Uber rides to and from our tournament, and this number is expected to continue to grow. Uber is the preferred ride sharing partner of THE PLAYERS and will drop off and pick up at the Couples Entry off of ATP Boulevard, steps from the 15th hole. Rideshare vehicles will be staged outside the Couples Entry to make transportation as easy as possible for spectators.

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Pedal to THE PLAYERS

THE PLAYERS offers complimentary bike parking during the tournament, from 7:30 a.m. until end of play. Spectators can ride their bikes to Gate B, located inside the Sawgrass Gates off PGA TOUR Boulevard in the back of lot 5. Bike racks are available free of charge.

Downtown Shuttles

Shuttles from downtown Jacksonville by the Omni Hotel, Hyatt Regency Hotel and Lexington Hotel will be available to hotel guests and for residents to “park and ride.” Shuttle passes cost \$20 (excluding tax) and can be purchased at Shuttle passes can be purchased online.

Cooperation with area officials

THE PLAYERS is working closely with officials from St. Johns County, SJCSO, JSO and Florida Highway Patrol in the development of a streamlined traffic flow pattern and improved traffic light management on Florida A1A. THE PLAYERS continues to partner with The Florida

Department of Transportation to encourage traveling fans to use FDOT’s 511 Traveler Information System for information on crashes, congestion, construction and more. FDOT provides up-to-date information on traffic conditions throughout the Jacksonville area, including I-95, I-295 and I-10. Motorists in the area can get information by calling 511 toll free, visiting www.FL511.com, downloading the free Florida 511 mobile app on Android and Apple devices, or following @FL511_northeast, @FL511_I95 or @FL511_I10 on Twitter.

Disabled Guest Services

THE PLAYERS Disabled Guest Services program provides shuttles during the tournament. There will be 14 shuttles on course. A wheelchair-accessible van shuttle is available to and from Accessible Parking in the General Parking Lot and Shuttle Row, adjacent to Davis Love III Entry, for spectators wishing to access the practice area, Cclubhouse or No. 1 tee. Carts will run from the time entries open each tournament day until 30 minutes after play. Cart shuttles will pick up and drop off from only the designated locations below and will not stray from official routes under any circumstances.



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WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

Enhanced WIFI

With the move to digital tickets, THE PLAYERS will also have amplified WIFI at all tournament entries and throughout the course.

New Hospitality Offering

The Island Suite is a new private hospitality venue with a patio to enjoy premium views of the 16th and 17th greens at TPC Sawgrass. It features outdoor seating, all-inclusive food and beverage, full bar and TVs.

Every Shot Live

For the first time ever in golf, every shot by every player will be live-streamed during all four rounds of THE PLAYERS, with 120 cameras will be placed throughout the Stadium Course to live stream more than 32,000 shots on PGA TOUR LIVE via NBC Sports Gold.

Selfie Screens

Fans can take a selfie with their favorite PGA TOUR players via life-size ‘selfie kiosks’ at various fan venues on-site. All the kiosks will feature touch-screen digital displays and give fans the opportunity to share their selfies directly on their social media platforms.

Interactive Past Champion Video Wall in Sawgrass Square

Fans who stop by Sawgrass Square near the Davis Love III entry will be able to check out a digital videoboard displaying images and highlights of all past champions.

Transportation Enhancements

THE PLAYERS continues to work on enhancing the transportation experience to and from THE PLAYERS. Enhancements for THE PLAYERS 2020 include a new, dedicated turning lane into the general parking lot off of CR 210, bringing spectators directly to the tournament’s main entry, the Nicklaus Entry; a designated Uber pickup and drop off area outside the Couples Entry and continued partnership with the City of Jacksonville to provide shuttles to and from downtown hotels to the tournament.

Express Lanes

Spectators without bags can enter through a separate line at the Nicklaus and Couples entries, speeding up the entry experience. In addition, for the first time at THE PLAYERS, there will be designated exit lanes for spectators to leave the tournament easily.

The Kids Zone presented by Nemours Children’s Health System

Nemours Children’s Health System will sponsor the Kids Zone, which has been enhanced and also relocated near the 8th green.

Stadium Village Enhancements

Stadium Village, the popular expo area and fan venue within THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience, now has an indoor-outdoor bar and has moved just across the Nicklaus entrance, adjacent to the 17th Hole Challenge.

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THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience

Upon entry into the tournament, spectators entering through the general parking lot will walk through a bridged pathway through the woodlands into THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience.

The PGA TOUR Fan Shop at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience

THE PGA TOUR Fan Shop (pictured at right) at THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience is the ultimate shop to gear up for THE PLAYERS, featuring new 2020 product lines and exclusive gear that are only available while supplies last.

Stadium Village

Stadium Village has moved just across the Nicklaus entrance, adjacent to the 17th Hole Challenge, and now has an indoor-outdoor bar. Stadium Village also features the Lexus, Mayo Clinic and PGA Tour “Must-See Moments” fan experiences.

Morgan Stanley Eagles for Impact

In its new location along the 18th fairway, the Morgan Stanley Eagles for Impact tent will feature a golf simulator and the chance to win customized hats.



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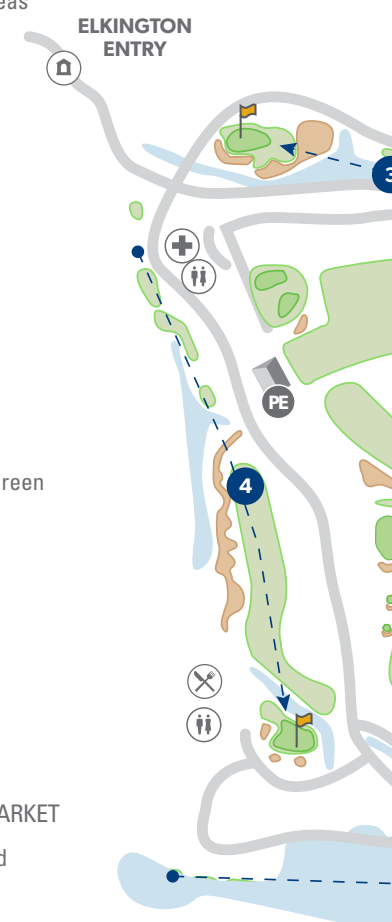
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Things to do

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17th Hole Challenge presented by Optum, Morgan Stanley and Grant Thornton

This replica of the famed 17th hole gives fans a chance to take two free shots at the Island Green. Fans can purchase an additional chance for a \$5 donation to The First Tee of North Florida. Fans can make a donation of \$20 or more for a “The First Tee Fast Pass” to bypass the queue, take five shots and receive a free sleeve of golf balls. All proceeds will benefit The First Tee of North Florida.

Kids Zone presented by Nemours Children’s Health System

The Kids Zone is an interactive destination for kids and families attending THE PLAYERS Championship. It will provide lots of unexpected fun for the whole family.

Interactive golf experience

Fans can practice their swing with hitting bays and a putting experience open to the public.

The Grove

Located behind the 17 tee and 16 green, The Grove is an outdoor, shaded and turfed area that is open to the public. It includes a large video board, showcasing the Golf Channel and NBC broadcast, so fans won’t miss any tournament action while taking a break. The Grove will also feature a social media board covering THE PLAYERS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds. The area is in close proximity to the large permanent restrooms located behind 16 green and 17 tee.

Palm Valley Village

Palm Valley Village is near 9 green, adjacent to the Greenside Lounge presented by GreenWise Market and is open to everyone with a Stadium Pass. This area provides fans with a comfortable spot featuring local food from vendors ABBQ (Atlantic Beach BBQ) and Bonefish Grill available for purchase.

Family Care Suite presented by Wolfson Children’s Hospital

(Behind the No. 8 green)

As part of Baptist’s program as the on-site medical service provider, the Family Care Suite, located near THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience, extends services to attendees of THE PLAYERS. The venue will serve as a skin-screening center and comfort station for parents to care for their children and have a private, comfortable venue as needed during tournament week.



Photos by Susan Griffin

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

FOOD POLICY

THE PLAYERS allows fans to bring in food in a 1-gallon clear, plastic bag where food items are also wrapped in clear wrap. Fans can refill their empty water bottles at the filtered water stations. This policy does not allow fans to bring in outside water bottles and/or beverages.

The Benefactor featuring The ULTRA Club

The Benefactor featuring The ULTRA Club is situated behind the tee box of the world-famous 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course and has sold out since 2012. The 14,500 square-foot, climate-controlled venue has a 4,500 square-foot patio and allows spectator access to The Benefactor, The Turn and Tournament Grounds. There is upscale food and a premium bar available for purchase, including Michelob ULTRA, the official beer sponsor of the PGA TOUR, along with private restroom facilities.

The Turn

The Turn is the perfect place for the golf-centric crowd to watch the action. The interior features the GREY GOOSE 19th Hole with GREY GOOSE signature drinks, including the Sawgrass Splash, and soft seating. Flat-screen televisions surround the interior lounge, providing coverage of six-plus broadcasts at a time. The back wall provides a view of No. 9 green and the front provides outdoor seating and spectator views of the 18 fairway and green. GREY GOOSE is the official spirit of the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour.

Sawgrass Splash (The signature cocktail of THE PLAYERS)

The Sawgrass Splash is made with GREY GOOSE L’Orange vodka, fresh lemonade, orange juice, lime juice and simple syrup. It’s recommended to be served tall and over ice. Stop by The Oasis (21 and over only), a public, air-conditioned venue located between 9 and 18 tee boxes to sip on the Sawgrass Splash while enjoying the views of No. 9 tee.

The Patio

A fan favorite since its debut in 2011, The Patio, located between 10 tee and 18 green/16 tee, offers a shaded fan zone that includes open-air seating and a videoboard to keep up with tournament action. The Patio features food from V Pizza, founded by Jacksonville natives, with the goal of bringing true Neapolitan pizza to their hometown.

The Oasis

Located between 9 and 18 tee boxes and open to the public, (21 and over), The Oasis features signature cocktails made with GREY GOOSE Vodka, the official spirit of the PGA TOUR. The Oasis is an air-conditioned venue with signature cocktails, food and drinks available for purchase.

The Island Suite

The Island Suite is a new private hospitality venue with a patio to enjoy premium views of the 16th and 17th greens at TPC Sawgrass. It features outdoor seating, all-inclusive food and beverage, a full bar and TVs.

The Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger

THE PLAYERS will feature the Bier Garden, back and presented by Hoptinger, adjacent to the Couples Entry. Spectators will have a variety of craft beers on tap to choose from. Craft beers include:

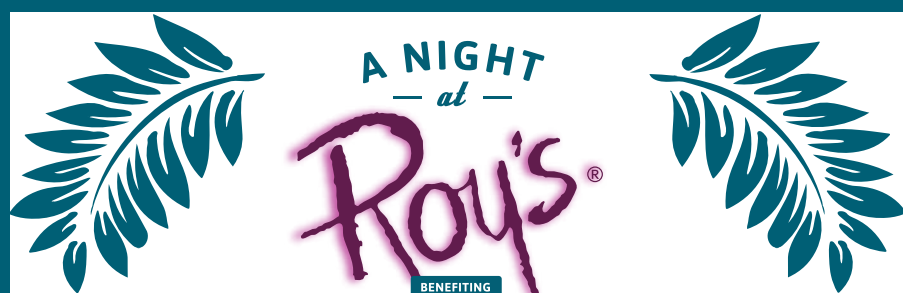
THE PLAYERS YETI

(Pint Cup New in 2020)

YETI is the official insulated cup and cooler of the PGA TOUR. New at THE PLAYERS this year, fans can purchase 16-ounce PLAYERS-logoed YETI pint cups in all open-to-the-public draft beer locations including Beer Garden presented by Hoptinger, #18 Landing Refreshment, #16 Green Refreshment and #8 Green Refreshment. The pint cup can be refilled, with beer only, on the day of purchase at any of the above locations. Fans will not be able to re-enter the grounds with the cup throughout the week for security purposes.

Wine Lounge presented by Meiomi Wines

Meiomi Wines, the official wine partner of the PGA TOUR, will sponsor the fan bleacher located behind the no. 8 green for fans ages 21 and up. In addition to providing a bird’s eye view of the par-3 8th hole, the lounge features Meiomi’s Pinot Noir, Rosé, Chardonnay and sparkling wine selections, as well as a live succulent wall with putting green and clubs for interactive photo moments, a personalized pro-shop with premium giveaways, on-site embroidery (golf towel, bag tags for golf bag - initials embroidered on-site), customized golf decor, branded championship cups and flight trays and live viewing on TVs throughout the lounge area.



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GREY GOOSE Bloody Mary Bars

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The bars are located near the Couples and Nicklaus entrances and are open from entry to 11:30 a.m.

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Taste of JAX

Located behind 11 green and 12 tee, this public venue offers flavors from local, favorite restaurants, a GREY GOOSE open-air bar, permanent restrooms and

video boards to keep up with the tournament. Taste of JAX restaurants include Cousins Maine Lobster, MOJO BBQ, Zoe's Kitchen and new to 2020, Home-spun Kitchen.

Food Court

Located in THE PLAYERS Welcome Experience at the Nicklaus Entry is the food court, filled with a variety of selections for hungry fans. There's also a permanent restroom and shaded seating nearby. Restaurants featured in the Food Court include Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Hawkers Asian Street Fare, Firehouse Subs, M Shack, Tropical Smoothie Café, and CJ Bibigo.

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Dining

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Wine & Dine on 9

The popular fan venue, presented by Meiommi Wines, is located left of 9 fairway. Fans can enjoy small gourmet plates prepared by Matthew Medure, one of Northeast Florida's renowned chefs, in a garden setting, taking in THE PLAYERS surroundings in style. And what's a gourmet meal without a glass of wine? New in 2020, Wine & Dine on 9 will feature Meiommi Wines, the official wine partner of the PGA TOUR. Freshen up at the permanent restrooms there as well.

Trucks on 10

Located between 10 fairway, 11 fairway and 15 green, this public venue offers flavors from local, favorite food trucks, an upgraded restroom and an open-air, centrally-located Michelob ULTRA Mobile bar. Returning food trucks include Mama's Food and Tikiz, with multiple newcomers like Valley Smoke, Pie95 Pizza, Cackylacky's, What's the Catch and Chaunie's Coffee.

Tacos on 12

Tacos on 12, located between 11 tee, 12 green and 13 tee, features TacoLu, Jacksonville's popular "Baja Mexicana," which will be serving food and beverages. This public venue includes seating and shaded areas.

Sawgrass Square

Located at the Davis Love III Entry, Mini Bar will be serving up its signature mini donuts alongside 4 Rivers Smokehouse, a local barbeque favorite.

Fan bleachers presented by Publix

Located on 12 green and 13 fairway, these double-sided Fan Bleachers pre-

sented by Publix offer a covered public bleacher and deck with concessions available for purchase. Publix will be serving its signature sub of THE PLAYERS that includes Boar's Head rotisserie chicken breast, cheddar jack spread, bacon, lettuce, tomato and jalapeño on a white sub roll. THE PLAYERS sub will be sold at all Jacksonville area Publix

locations starting March 1.

Miscellaneous Food and Beverage

BUBBA burgers will be served throughout the course as an added fan enhancement. BUBBA Foods has partnered with events and venues across the country and is proud to be a part of THE PLAYERS 2020.

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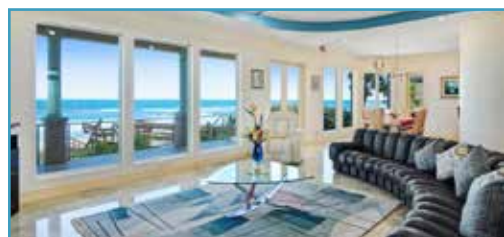
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Victory anniversaries at THE PLAYERS Championship



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35 YEARS AGO: CALVIN PEETE

The 2020 PLAYERS Championship is the 35th anniversary of one of the most prolific winners of the 1980s, Calvin Peete. His career is highlighted by his 1985 PLAYERS victory. Regarded as a bridge between African-American golfers Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder to Tiger Woods, Peete set several professional marks that are still unmatched.

He was known for his accuracy and won the Driving Accuracy category of the PGA TOUR nine seasons in a row, from 1981 through 1990. In addition, he led the stats in greens in regulation from 1981-1983, taking over from Jack Nicklaus, who won that category in 1980. Peete also won the Vardon Trophy from the PGA of America and the Byron Nelson Award from the PGA TOUR, both for low scoring average.

At THE PLAYERS in 1985, he set a 72-hole scoring record of 274. It held for three years, until Mark McCumber shot 273 in 1988.



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30 YEARS AGO: JODIE MUDD

Jodie Mudd had his best year in 1990, when he beat reigning British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia by one shot to win THE PLAYERS.

It was one of those rain-interrupted years. On Saturday, the weather came in around 1:45 p.m. and washed out golf for the day, even though the leaders had only played four holes. Those who had not finished their third rounds had to come back on Sunday morning and pick up where they left off, starting around 6:15 a.m.

The leaders finished up and the final round began and concluded on Sunday with the last groups playing 40 holes of golf.

"I really can't believe it," Mudd said after winning. "My game just does not lend itself to this golf course."

Like Rory McIlroy in 2019, Mudd also won the Tour Championship that same season.



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25 YEARS AGO: LEE JANZEN

Lee "Mr. Kleenex" Janzen won THE PLAYERS for the first time two years after his first U.S. Open victory. Janzen, in case you did not know, tears up when he wins. Every time. Like Bubba Watson.

While Janzen beat the best field all year, he didn't battle just anybody on the way to the title. In second place that year was Bernhard Langer, one of the most tenacious competitors ever to play the game. Janzen made a five-footer for par on the final hole to capture the 1995 PLAYERS Championship.

Course conditions were called severe by some, with the greens rock hard, a reaction to 1994 when Greg Norman set a course record of 24-under par in wet conditions and the greens were like sponges.'



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20 YEARS AGO: HAL SUTTON

Hal Sutton is one of few golfers to win The Players twice. His second victory in 2000 was over none other than Tiger Woods. Woods had already won the Tournament of Champions and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am that year, the latter with a stunning seven-shot, come-from-behind victory. Woods was coming off a previous season when he had won eight times. Suffice it to say, PGA TOUR pros had a hard time beating him. He was at his peak.

Sutton decided not to be defeatist.

"I have only played with Tiger once this year, first two rounds at Los Angeles," he said during THE PLAYERS. "And I felt like it was important that I send a message to me and him in those two rounds, you know. One, that I could beat him, playing with him; and two, that he knew that I could beat him playing with him."

And at THE PLAYERS, he did.

After hitting his second shot on 18, Sutton famously shouted: "Be the right club today!"



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15 YEARS AGO: FRED FUNK

A local resident at the time, Fred Funk became everyone's golf hero with his victory at THE PLAYERS in 2005. He wasn't long. He wasn't a big man. And he was able to turn back time to win the most lucrative tournament against the toughest field all season. At age 48, he also became the oldest champion.

Weather played havoc with the schedule that year. Play was suspended on Sunday. The final round was pushed to Monday. Funk had to play 32 holes in winds that gusted to 35 mph. The average score for the field that day was the highest for the entire year of any tournament on the PGA Tour. It was 76.897.

"I knew I was playing good, but I didn't know I was going to be in position to do this until the back nine. And I hung on there, barely," he admitted after the victory. "I felt kind of like Herbie the Volkswagen, The Love Bug, because I'm just out there just hitting my little pea shooters, and the bombers are going 40 by me, everybody I was playing with."



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10 YEARS AGO: TIM CLARK

Tim Clark was winless on the PGA TOUR until he won THE PLAYERS in 2010. He captured the title in fine fashion. His final 18 holes were bogey free, and he had only four bogeys for the entire week. He credited his green-reading ability.

Before winning THE PLAYERS, Clark considered his most important victory as the U.S. Public Links, a USGA event that is no longer played.

"That qualified me for the Masters, as an amateur. And to this day that's still probably the highlight of my career is playing Augusta as an amateur," he said.

"I think at the end of the day, these are tournaments that you do judge your career on, THE PLAYERS Championship and majors," he added. "If I go on and win some majors, that will probably define my career. If I win eight or nine Tour events, it's not going to probably change me a whole lot. I'll drive nicer cars, though."

5 YEARS AGO: RICKIE FOWLER

Rickie Fowler stunned golf fans with the courageous golf shots he hit, including the final tee shot in the playoff at the 17th hole to win THE PLAYERS in sudden death over Kevin Kisner in 2015.

At the beginning of the final round, Fowler was so far back that his family left for the airport while he was on the golf course. But when he finished birdie-par-birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie, he vaulted into a lead that only two other players could equal, Kisner and Sergio Garcia.

The trio started the first ever three-hole, overtime, cumulative-score playoff. At the end of three holes, Garcia was behind the other two and dropped out. At that point Fowler and Kisner went

to sudden death starting at the 17th. There, Fowler hit an amazing shot to within five feet of the hole, and Kisner's was 12 feet. Kisner missed his putt and Fowler made his, sealing his biggest victory to date.

"I feel like I look at this event as basically like a major. It has the major feel, obviously one of the best fields we play all year, on a tough golf course," he said. "Being that I was able to get the job done here, especially in a playoff and when it really mattered, it's just going to give me added confidence and belief in myself going forward."

By Kathy Bissell



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HOLE 1

- No. 1 tee is a popular spot to watch players hit their tee shots with mounds to the left and right of the green for optimal viewing.
- Limited foliage lets you see a player's approach and putt.
- This less-crowded location provides an opportunity to get close to players as they walk from No. 1 green to No. 2 tee.

HOLE 2

- Elevated mounding behind the green provides a great place to watch players decide whether or not to go for the par 5 in two or lay up, and then you can keep an eye on them as they head to No. 3 tee to take a shot at the par-3 green.

HOLE 3

- Left of the tee box is a great place to view golf, as you are just on the other side of the practice tee, which means you can move back and forth to watch the third hole, as well as see players warm up. This elevated area provides a great line of sight.
- Extended mounding to the left of the green allows for great views of balls approaching the green and players putting.

HOLE 4

- Sit on the bulkhead around the water surrounding the green and dangle your feet (hold on to those flip-flops!).
- Lowered mounding for improved viewing on 4 tee.
- Expanded fan walkway.

HOLE 5

- Find great views of this tough par 4 from the elevated left side of the fairway, where you can also catch a glimpse of players practicing on the back tee of the upgraded driving range.
- Elevated mounding behind the green provides superior viewing angles.

HOLE 6

- This green isn't very crowded and offers a great place to catch the action up close.
- It's the perfect spot to be near players as they walk from the green to the No. 7 tee.

HOLE 7

- The elevated mounding behind the green allows you to see all the way back to the tee box.

HOLE 8

- Always a fan favorite, you can get close to the action when players hit their tee shots thanks to elevated mounding behind the green (and in the shade of nearby trees).
- The elevated mounds also allow fans to see shots land and players putt on this undulating green.
- The Fan Bleacher presented by ULTRA offers views of the eighth hole.

HOLE 9

- A great par 5 to watch players hit their tee shots and decide whether or not to go for the green in two.
- Significant amounts of foliage to the left of the green have been removed, and bleachers were added.
- Mounding on 9 green allows you to have a better view of players' approach shots and putts.

HOLE 10

- The elevated mounding behind the tee provides great views of players' tee shots, and you're just steps away from a permanent restroom.

HOLE 11

- A fan favorite par 5 where players often go for the green in two, the green is surrounded by sand and water, which provides non-stop drama and excitement.

HOLE 12

- Elevated mounds around the tee provide excellent views of players hitting their tee shots. Will they go for the green or lay up?
- The mound near the green allows you to look back at the tee and approach shots, as well as over the green for up-close views.
- Additional mounding for improved viewing on 12 tee.

HOLE 13

- Fans directly behind the green may even see a ball or two roll through the green and end up in collection area just on the other side of the ropes from where they're sitting.
- The top of the mounding behind the green also provides a nice view of players teeing off on No. 14.

HOLE 14

- A tough par 4 with great, elevated views behind the tee and the right side of the fairway. Errant tee shots to the right often end up right near fans.

HOLE 15

- This par 4 has elevated mounding on the left side of the green, providing good views of approach shots and putting.
- Additional mounding for improved viewing on 15 green.

HOLE 16

- The elevated mounding on the left side of the green provides an ideal vantage point for approach shots and putts, as well as a view of the 17th hole.
- This is one of the most iconic par 5s in all of golf, offering opportunities for eagles and birdies with accurate approach shots, but also bogeys and double bogeys with water looming down the right-hand side.

HOLE 17

- There is not a bad view of this legendary, Island Green par 3.
- This is a perfect spot to watch golf and then see players walk off the green and through the tunnel as they head to the 18th tee.

HOLE 18

- This finishing hole is one of the most difficult on the PGA TOUR, with water down the left side and an extremely narrow fairway.
- You'll find great views behind the tee and down the right side of the hole.
- The elevated area around the green is known as The Bluff, where courtesy folding chairs are provided at no charge, and if you're in your chair when the last putt drops at the end of the day, you can take it home for free!

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Daniel O'Connell (from left), Christina Dorman, Marquis Pickett, owner Kate Wagner, Griffin Nietling and Hailey Fisher.

Dog boarding and daycare facility opens in Sawgrass

By Amber Lake

The Sawgrass Pet Resort hosted an open house to a packed crowd on March 6 and 7. The 5,000 square-foot facility provides dog daycare, boarding and training, among other services.

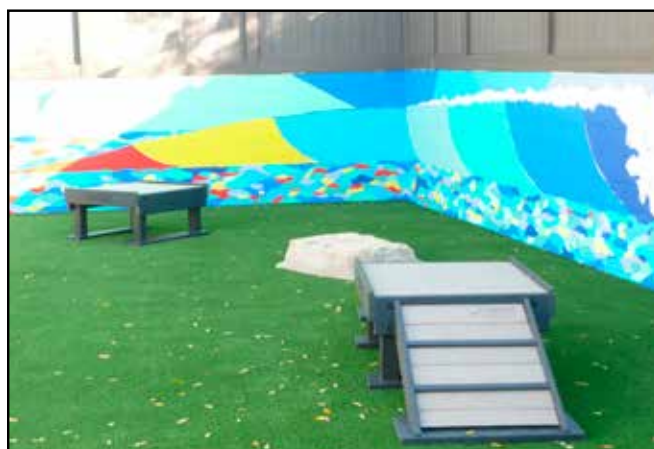
Kate Wagner, owner of the Sawgrass Pet Resort, said she was excited to see so many Ponte Vedra Beach residents come out to show support for her new business.

"It's so exciting because we are locals and we live here," Wagner said. "Everyone has been texting and telling me they are so happy we are here. It's been wild."

Wagner founded the Sawgrass Pet Resort after seeing a lack of available boarding facilities in the area. Due to her work running



ABOVE: Alison Friedel, Jennifer Greene and Sawgrass Pet Resort owner Kate Wagner.



LEFT: The new Sawgrass Pet Resort boasts a playground for its visitors.

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Financial Focus: Don't let coronavirus infect investment strategy



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

As you know, the coronavirus has become a major health concern, not just in China, but in other parts of the world, too — and it's also shaken up the financial markets. As an individual investor, how concerned should you be?

The impact of the coronavirus on the markets isn't surprising. China is the world's second-largest economy, and when it experiences factory closures, supply chain disruptions and city lockdowns, the ripple effect on the world's other economies is considerable. Plus, the financial markets simply don't like uncertainty — and there's a lot of that associated with this outbreak and the efforts to contain it.

Nonetheless, instead of worrying over events you can't control, try to focus on what you can do in this investment climate. Here are a few suggestions:

■ **Don't panic.** The coronavirus may well cause continued market volatility over the next several weeks, or even months. But it's important for investors to take a long-term view. Market corrections, typically defined as a drop in investment prices of 10% or more, are a fairly common occurrence, and we may have been overdue for one even before the coronavirus scare. In any case, it's generally a good idea not to radically revamp your investment strategy unless you experience a major change in your personal life, such as a significant career move, medical condition or change in family situation.

■ **Be aware of history.** The coronavirus is certainly serious, but it's not the only viral outbreak we've seen in recent decades. During these earlier pandemics, the financial markets also took a hit, but they bounced back. For example, from late April 2003, in the midst of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) until late April 2004, the S&P 500 rose about 21%.* And other large gains were recorded following the outbreak and decline of the Ebola and Zika viruses. Of course, the past performance of the markets in pandemic situations can't necessarily predict future market developments; every situation is

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Athletic apparel retailer Lululemon to open pop-up shop in Nocatee

Named one of Fast Company's "Most Innovative Companies," fitness, yoga and "athleisure" retailer Lululemon recently announced plans to open a pop-up shop at Nocatee Town Center.

"Lululemon's brand fits perfectly with the Nocatee lifestyle and will be complimentary to other merchants within the center, as well as a major draw for the area," said Eric Apple, leasing agent. "We

are excited to add the Lululemon pop-up store to both Nocatee Town Center and the Nocatee community and can't wait for its arrival this summer."

Lululemon will be located at 245 Nocatee Center Way. The pop-up shop will replace what was formerly Artsy Abode and will occupy 2,570 square feet of space.

Visit www.Nocatee.com or call (904) 924-6863 for more information.



Photo by Chris Gillyard

Representatives of Sawgrass Pet Resort hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony with members of the St. Johns County Chamber Of Commerce-Ponte Vedra Beach Division.

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the Grayter Good Weimaraner Rescue, Wagner has established relations with the Humane Society, S.A.F.E Pet Rescue and Florida Urgent Rescue (F.U.R.).

Wagner said that what she is most excited for is the ability to host organizations like these for charity and community events.

"We have a seasoned staff of professionals in the industry," Wagner said. "I am going to focus on doing the altruistic stuff. Quarterly adoptions, football nights and Round Up for Rescues."

In addition to providing boarding, hosting events, daycare and training, the resort will offer dog reiki and Pawsitively Delectable locally made, all-natural dog treats. Currently the facility is accepting registration for dog boarding and daycare. Visit sawgrasspetresort.com to fill out an online registration form or for more information.



Kennels are set up at Sawgrass Pet Resort.

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THE PLAYERS 2020



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Chris Cox, director of sports and entertainment for United Rentals, and Mellissa Reilly, manager of corporate sponsorships for United Rentals, stand in front of their booth at the Military Job Fair at THE PLAYERS on March 7 at TPC Sawgrass. United Rentals served as sponsor of the event.

THE PLAYERS hosts annual military job fair

By Paris Moulden

THE PLAYERS Championship continued its support of those who served the country with its annual job fair for military members, veterans and military spouses.

Numerous companies in search of employees were on hand at The Military Job Fair at THE PLAYERS presented by United Rentals, held Saturday, March 7, at the Birdies for the Brave Patriots Outpost at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass. The event also provided free career counseling and resume-writing assistance for service members and veterans.

The event is just one of many honoring the military during the week leading up to THE PLAYERS. Chris Cox, director of sports and entertainment for United Rentals, said the job fair usually draws around 200-300 people looking for job opportunities or employment assistance. This is the fifth year United Rentals has sponsored the event.

“For this, it brings in a bigger audience for us,” Cox said of tying the military job



THE PLAYERS Championship welcomes military members, veterans and military spouses to its annual job fair March 8 at The Patriots' Outpost Military Hospitality Tent.

fair in with THE PLAYERS week. “It’s a very targeted market in Jacksonville here; one of the biggest military markets there is for us on tour. And just nationally, it’s an obvious spot to shine a light on it.”

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Mattamy Homes opens new community at RiverTown

Mattamy Homes has opened its first 55+ community, WaterSong, within the company’s RiverTown community along the St. Johns River. Located in St. Johns County, it is Mattamy’s first foray into Northeast Florida’s booming active-adult market.

“WaterSong is Mattamy’s first age-restricted community, and our entire team is delighted that it’s becoming a part of RiverTown,” said Cliff Nelson, Mattamy Homes’ Jacksonville Division president. “The setting is, quite simply, gorgeous. It’s perfect for active-adult homebuyers who want the serenity, convenience and amenities they’ve worked all their lives to earn.”

Set in an area with plentiful greenspace, dotted with palmetto trees and live oaks and draped with Spanish moss, the community boasts an array of exclusive resort-style amenities, including a fitness center, social room, hot tub, pickleball courts and paw park. In addition, an exclusive clubhouse designed especially for WaterSong will provide a social hub in the secure, gated community. The first phase of the WaterSong Amenity Center is expected to open in early 2021.

WaterSong’s homebuyers also enjoy all the benefits that the RiverTown master-planned community has to offer.

RiverTown’s marquee amenities include Olympic-size and zero-entry pools, a fitness center, yoga studio and miles of nature trails. Other features include a kayak launch, fishing pier, patios, dining options, tennis courts, soccer field, dog park, tot lot and more. The community’s RiverClub overlooks the St. Johns River, with a boardwalk along the shoreline.

Located on 260 acres, WaterSong, once completed, will feature approximately 800 villas and single-family homes.

“Within two months of opening, impressive early sales showed a clear demand for a community that’s tailor-made for active adults in Northeast Florida,” Nelson said. “That’s why we’re so excited about WaterSong as an exceptional lifestyle experience, and we’re looking forward to being able to deliver beautifully designed homes within RiverTown.”

Six fully decorated model homes are now open for viewing. The floorplans were designed exclusively for WaterSong, and smart-home technology packages are also included.

For more information about WaterSong and RiverTown community, visit rivertownflorida.com.

Life and leadership coach to speak at Chamber luncheon

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council will host a business luncheon at Pusser’s Bar and Grill from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24.

Lisa McGowan will be the guest speaker. Her talk, “Change Your Habits, Change Your Life!” will feature a short and informative discussion on what neuroscientists have learned about a person’s ability to change, develop and create new habits.

McGowan is a strategic life and leadership coach and founder of Clear

View Coaching LLC. After 35 years in leadership with banks and credit unions, McGowan made the change to follow her passion of helping others slow down, gain clarity and “live their lives on purpose.”

The luncheon is open to all chamber members. Prospective members can call the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce office at (904) 829-5681 to register. The luncheon is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit www.sjccchamber.com.

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different, and over the next year, returns might be modest, as prices have already soared in the 11 years since they bottomed out during the financial crisis of 2008-09.

■ **Don’t try to time the market.** We may well see coronavirus-based volatility in the near future — but volatility implies “ups” as well as “downs.” If you try to

time the market by guessing at highs and lows, and then “buying high and selling low,” you might get lucky once in a while, but you could just as easily miss the mark.

■ **Keep a diversified portfolio.** In addition to avoiding efforts to time the market, you should also stay away from trying to pick “winners” and “losers” among individual investments in the marketplace of viruses. Instead, try to build and maintain a diversified portfolio, consisting of an array of different asset classes, with the

allocation of these assets based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. Diversification doesn’t prevent losses or guarantee profits in a declining market, but it may help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

You may not be able to totally quarantine your portfolio from this serious virus in the short term, but by following a consistent, long-term investment strategy that’s appropriate for your individual needs, you’ll be doing what you can to

help yourself move toward your financial goals.

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Military members, veterans and family members stroll through booths set up by companies seeking employees at the Military Job Fair at THE PLAYERS.

Job Fair

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United Rentals, the largest equipment rental company in the world and a PGA TOUR marketing partner, is one of the top-20 military employers in the United States, and Cox said that's one of the reasons the military job fair is so valuable.

"This is at the heart of our market," he said. "Some of our best employees have

come directly out of the military."

Cox said the benefit is mutual for military members and veterans looking for work and companies like his looking for employees.

"We have many programs surrounding the military and to be able to do something, to not only give back a little bit, but it gives us something back a little bit as well by picking up some new employees and some great folks to work with," he said.



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The Recorder has a new garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani, of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery. Read her column for valuable, gorgeous garden-growing tips in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE



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Butterflies are nature's angels. They remind us what a gift it is to be alive.
— Robyn Nola

BUTTERFLY GARDENS

Butterfly gardens are a beautiful and colorful way to attract butterflies into your

landscaping!

When designing a butterfly garden, keep the following in mind:

- Plant both larval host plants and adult nectar sources for butterflies in all stages of life.
- Garden in full sun and partial shade.
- Select a variety of plants that bloom at different times.



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- Use quality topsoil to ensure plants and flowers are enriched.
- Include sweet smelling plants such as sedum and lavender.
- Plant in groups, butterflies are more likely to land in a bunch versus a single plant.
- Choose plants of mixing heights, colors, shapes and sizes.



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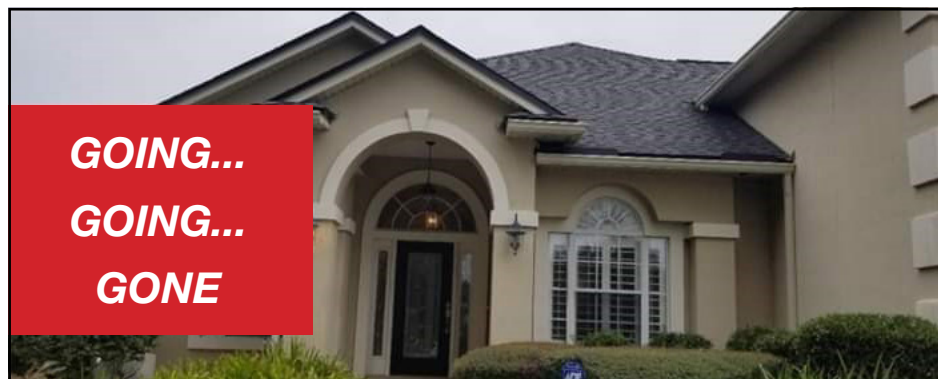
- Adding a shallow dish with water, rocks and even fruit will encourage butterflies to land.

Some of the most popular plants for caterpillars and butterflies: butterfly bush, fennel, milkweed, lantana, pentas, purple passion vine, black-eyed Susan, porterweed, sage, gaillardia, firebush,

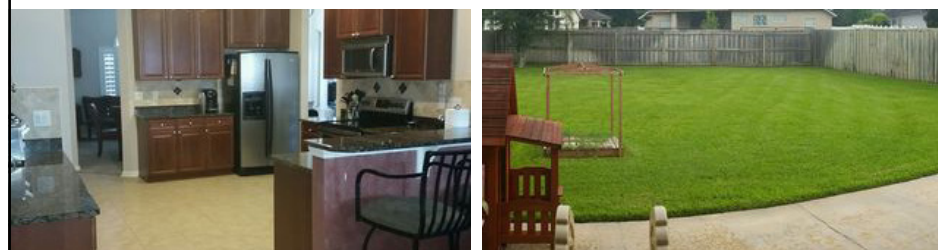
sunflowers and more.

Email Kathy at kcg.pvr@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future.

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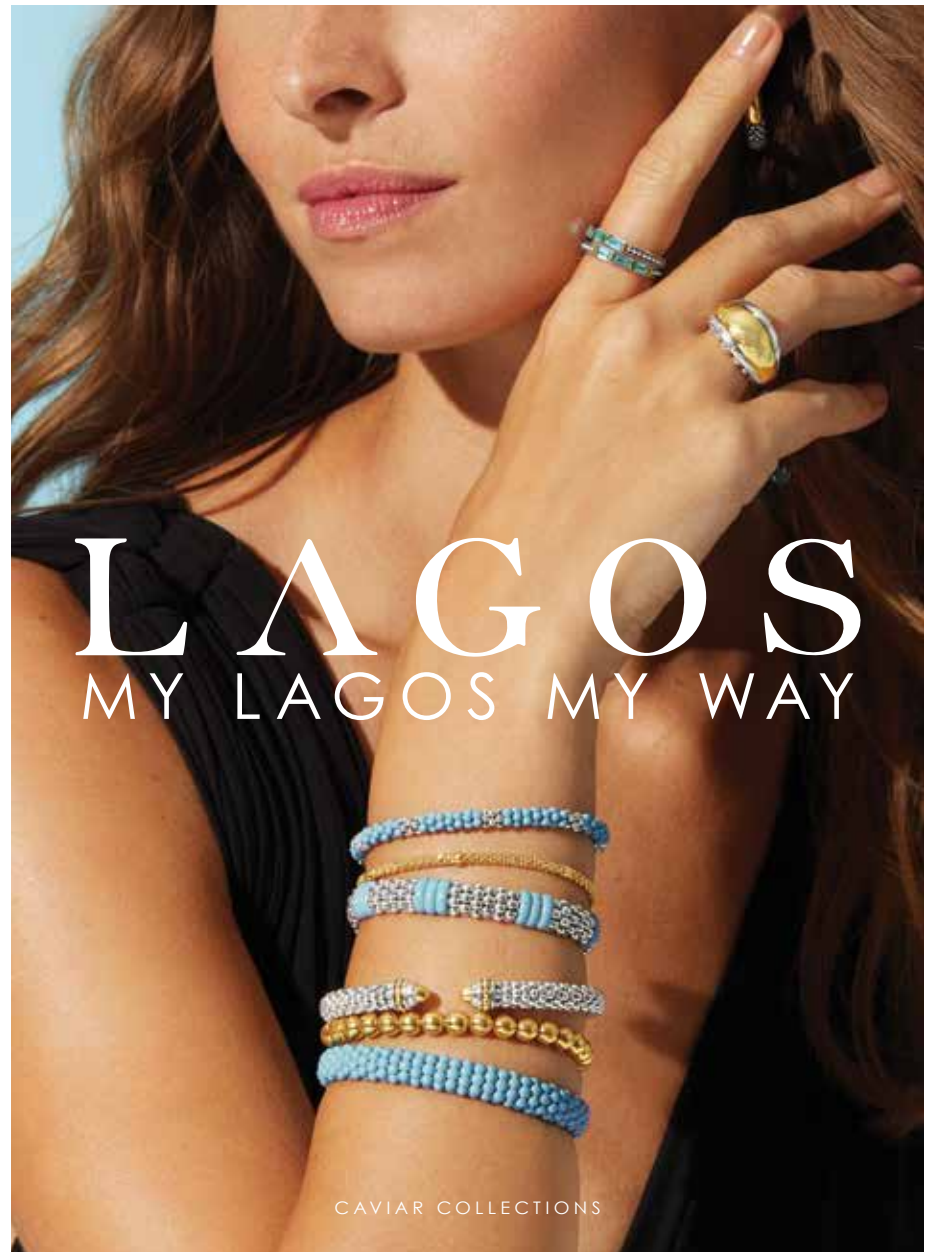


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Bartram Trail student's award-winning play to raise funds for Alzheimer's research

April 3 showing of 'Kittery' will benefit the Alzheimer's Association

For a high school student, Bartram Trail High School senior David Watt has achieved a great deal. Having received top honors for his original play, "Kittery," at the world's largest high school theatre festival, Watt is now an award-winning playwright. And he has chosen to use his talents to benefit others as a philanthropist as well.

On Friday, April 3, Watt will host a special showing of "Kittery" to raise funds to help eliminate the illness that inspired it — Alzheimer's disease.

"We become parents twice — once for our children, and once more for those who raised us," said Watt, who lost both a grandfather and grandmother to Alzheimer's disease. "With two affected family members on opposite sides of the east coast, I was able to feel what it was like to be in the center of a caregiving cycle and to be far from it at the same time."

The recipient of two "Best of Show" awards from both the district and state levels of the 2019 Florida State Thespians theatre competition, "Kittery" explores some of the challenges associated with caring for a loved one with dementia.

"The show is about a daughter who is paid to care for her father because no one else will, and she has troubles financially," Watt said. "After her brother comes to the house, he sees that she has done a poor job caring for both their father and the home they live in. He then resolves to remove her and put their father in a care center, the only place he believes is secure for him."

While adding that he hopes for as many people as possible to see the show, Watt said viewer discretion is advised.

"The show is heavily mature. There is strong language and adult content. It is not an easy watch and I feel this is necessary," he said. "By exposing the worst possible outcomes that disease can bring, I think we as a people can learn to empathize with the ideas of legacy and losing control of one's fate. These ideas can be intensely personal and cruel. I don't believe cen-



Photo provided by Alzheimer's Association, Florida Region

David Watt (left) stands with his twin brother, Bruce (right), and their grandfather Robert Watt, who had Alzheimer's disease.

soring them can do an audience any favors."

All proceeds from the show will benefit the care, support and research programs of the Alzheimer's Association as part of the organization's annual The Longest Day fundraising initiative. Centered around the summer solstice — the day with the most sunlight — The Longest Day encourages Alzheimer's advocates around the world to combat the darkness of Alzheimer's through the fundraising activity of their choice. Though the event coincides with Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in June, fundraising efforts continue throughout the calendar year.

"In Florida alone, there are more than 560,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease," said Carly Wille, The Longest Day development manager for the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "What many people don't realize, however, is that a dementia diagnosis can be life-changing for not only the diagnosed but their loved ones as well. As more than 1 million Floridians are currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, it really is crucial that we continue to raise awareness and funds for a cure."

Watt's "In Memory of Kittery" fundraiser will take place at 7 p.m., April 3, at Bartram Trail High School, which is located at 7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway in Saint Johns. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door. Donations can also be made directly at www.act.alz.org.

To learn more about or register for The Longest Day, visit www.alz.org/thelongestday.

Flagler College choirs to perform at St. Augustine church March 29

The Flagler College choirs will perform a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Augustine. A free-will offering will be collected during the program.

Presented as part of the Music at Grace program, the concert will feature two Flagler College ensembles — The Choral and the Chamber Singers — led by Director of Music Kip Taisey. Now in his fifth year with the college, Taisey has toured and worked with numerous theatre companies, including Asolo Repertory Theatre Company, Seaside Music Theatre, Orlando Repertory Theatre, Prather Entertainment Group and The Depot Theatre Company. He holds an MFA in Musical Theatre from University of Central Florida and a BM in Choral Music Education from Central Washington University.

Grace United Methodist Church is located at 8 Carrera St. in St. Augustine. For more information, contact the church office at (904) 829-8272 or music@gracestaugustine.org.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre to host free 4-part environmental film series

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre's Front Porch will host a free, four-part environmental film series beginning next month, with periodic documentary screenings running through October.

Part of the amphitheatre's Green Hands Initiative, the St. Augustine EcoCinema is presented in partnership with the St. Augustine Film Society, The Golden Way and Beaches Go Green. All four screening events are free and open to the public through sponsorships made by the Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre (FOSAA) and Maritime Creative. Free parking will also be available for the film screenings, each of which will be followed by question and answer sessions with local organizations.

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Moody Blues' Justin Hayward to perform at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Legendary Moody Blues frontman Justin Hayward will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Monday, April 13 in a special concert with guest artist Mike Dawes.

Having chalked up more than 50 years in the music and entertainment industry, Hayward has a voice that has been heard the world over. As the principal vocalist, lead guitarist and composer for the Moody Blues, Hayward and the band sold 55 million albums and received numerous awards, garnering both commercial and critical success. Within the entertainment industry, observers say, the Moody Blues are renowned as innovators and trailblazers who influenced numerous fellow artists.

Having started the ball rolling as a songwriter in his own right with a couple of solo singles, Hayward joined the Moody Blues in the summer of 1966. Hitting his stride immediately with the single "Fly Me High," he followed it up with the classic hit songs "Nights in White Satin" and "Tuesday Afternoon" from the seminal album Days of Future Past. The album went on to become a favorite of the NASA astronauts and was taken aboard the Atlantis shuttle spacecraft by chief astronaut "Hoot" Gibson on many missions.

When the Moody Blues took a break

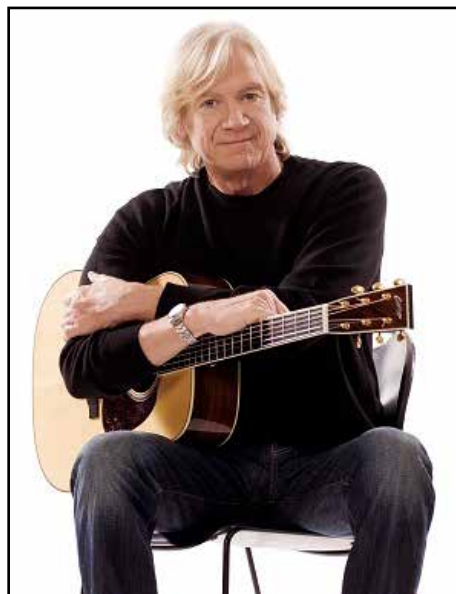


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from touring in 1975, Hayward worked on the Blue Jays' album, followed by the hit single "Blue Guitar." Although the Moodies continued to record and tour, Hayward also found time to create several solo albums: Songwriter, Night Flight, Moving Mountain and The View From the Hill. Proving that he could write hits outside of the Moody Blues, he hit the Top 10 glob-

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Players by the Sea to present 'Spring Awakening'

Jacksonville Beach community theater Players by the Sea will present "Spring Awakening," a contemporary rock musical set in an 1890s provincial German town. The show will run April 24-May 16.

The production offers a look inside the minds of teens in midst of transformation. Where do babies come from? Who will listen when times are hard, and they need to vent? How does one bring progression

to society?

With themes like oppression, abuse and mental illness, the musical, with a cast of 20, aims to transcend the walls of the theater and make an impact on the community.

"This is a show that has been on the top of my list for so long now that it feels a little surreal to finally bring it to life," said production director Bradley Akers. "I'm honored to guide this extraordinary cast

of local performers and this creative team through this journey as we bring this relevant, kinetic, and important story to life."

The show includes mature content and is suitable for ages 16 and older.

Players by the Sea is located at 106 N. Sixth St. in Jacksonville Beach.

For tickets or more information, visit www.playersbythesea.org, or call the PBTS Box Office at (904) 249-0289.

Film

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chronicles Angela Sun's personal journey of discovery to one of the most remote places on Earth, Midway Atoll, to uncover the truth behind the mystery of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

On Tuesday, June 16, the St. Augustine EcoCinema will feature two documentaries addressing rising sea levels: "Sinking Cities: Miami" and "The Oldest City Underwater." "Sinking Cities: Miami" is one of four "Sinking Cities" episodes exploring how global cities are coming to grips with the real-time effects of rising

seas and extreme weather. "The Oldest City Underwater" addresses rising water levels within St. Augustine.

"Wasted! The Story of Food Waste" will be the featured documentary presented Tuesday, Aug. 4. This Anthony Bourdain-produced documentary aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Through the eyes of chefs, audiences will see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system.

The series will conclude Tuesday, October 6 with "Blue," a documentary that delves into how industrial-scale fishing,

habitat destruction, species loss and pollution have placed the ocean in peril.

The Front Porch at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A South in St. Augustine.

EcoCinema screenings:

April 7: "Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch"

June 16: "Sinking Cities: Miami" and "The Oldest City Underwater"

Aug. 4: "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste"

Oct. 6: "Blue"

For all screenings, the amphitheatre's Front Porch opens at 6 p.m., followed by the film screening at 7 p.m. A question and answer session will follow each screening.

Hayward

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ally in 1978 with "Forever Autumn" — created for Jeff Wayne's War of the Worlds album. In the 1980s, he was made a member of the famous Society of Distinguished Songwriters and in 2012 he was elected "King SOD." In 1989, he collaborated with Mike Batt and the London Philharmonic Orchestra on the album Classic Blue.

In 2005, Hayward was presented with The Golden Note Award from ASCAP, the top honor for a British writer, and he has appeared in Nashville regularly with other songwriters in showcase events. He is consistently touring the globe with The Moody Blues and as a solo artist accompanied by Julie Ragins, and Mike Dawes, one of a new generation of young guitar players.

Tickets for Justin Hayward with guest Mike Dawes are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$92.50. Visit www.pvconcerthall.com for more information.

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- Bigger than tsp.
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- Snoop
- Hold the floor
- Predict from an omen
- More of the same
- Cell dweller
- *Good _____, as in morning
- *Gathering of rogues and _____, sing.
- What engineer and auctioneer have in common
- Japanese vodka
- Gourmet mushroom
- Sheer profit
- *Set up a tent
- "Best _____ schemes o' mice an' men"
- Attention-getting interjection
- One who looks at the stars, e.g.
- Eye up and down
- Train stop
- Laughing on the inside
- Remember this battle site!
- Isaac's firstborn
- Zelensky's capital
- Fermented milk drink, pl.
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- Use lacrimal glands
- Weakest in chess
- Burmese neighbor
- *Please
- *Men's vest
- Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
- Call to Bo-peep
- Andretti or Lauda
- Colorado ski resort
- "Slippery" tree
- Phantom's genre
- Scotland's famous lake
- Johnny's other nickname
- Martha Washington post 1799, e.g.

DOWN

- Rap sheet abbr.
- Keith Moon's instrument of choice
- Apple's apple, e.g.
- Accustom
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- Do like volcano
- *Are
- Swimsuit fabric
- Not kosher
- Island east of Java
- Roofed colonnade
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Jim Furyk to host new PGA TOUR Champions tournament in 2021

Constellation Furyk & Friends to be played at Timuquana Country Club on Oct. 4-10

The Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, Constellation and PGA TOUR Champions announced a new event set to debut in Jacksonville in 2021. Through a multiyear agreement, the Constellation Furyk & Friends tournament will be played at Timuquana Country Club the week of Oct. 4-10, 2021.

Ponte Vedra residents Jim and Tabitha Furyk launched the Foundation in 2010 to bring awareness and funding to charities throughout the region. Jim Furyk, who turns 50 on May 12, will serve as the tournament's official host. The announcement was made at the 10th annual Furyk & Friends Concert on Sunday night at the famed 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, host of

this week's PLAYERS Championship. "We are beyond excited for this opportunity to bring the Constellation Furyk & Friends to the city of Jacksonville," Jim and Tabitha Furyk said. "We look forward to continuing to offer music, food and fun along the fairways of Timuquana Country Club all to support local charities in our community."

The Constellation Furyk & Friends will feature a 78-player field competing for a \$2 million purse. Tournament week will feature the Foundation's tradition of bringing in top chefs, the Celebrity Golf Classic and musical acts. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, with Constellation contributing \$500,000 each year to the event's overall charitable efforts.

As part of Sunday's announcement, Constellation pledged to contribute \$100,000 to the Foundation in 2020 in support of Jim and Tabitha's efforts.

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The Ponte Vedra High School boys lacrosse team traveled to the Baltimore/D.C. area last weekend to take on some of the nation's best high school lacrosse teams — Gilman School (pictured) and Boys Latin School of Maryland. The defending state champion Sharks fell to Gilman School 11-9 on Friday, March 6, and lost 25-6 to Boys Latin School of Maryland on Saturday, March 7. The Sharks followed the trip with a 21-7 victory over host Nease on Monday March 9, and routed host Flagler Palm Coast 19-0 on Tuesday, March 10. Next for PVHS is a 5 p.m. game at Bishop Moore High School in Orlando on Saturday, March 14.


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