

Headed to Pebble Beach to Play Alongside PGA Tour Champions

Christina Carroll and Haley Quickle, WGGB Players' Program



Christina Carroll (left) and Haley Quickel, both 16, will represent the First Tee of Delaware in the Pure Insurance Championship, a PGA Tour Champions tournament in Pebble Beach, California, from Sept. 25-30.

aley Quickel and Christina Carroll started playing golf because it was fun. Now the sport has taken them all the way to California to play in one of the game's most prestigious venues. Haley and Christina were selected to represent the First Tee of Delaware at the Pure Insurance Championship in Pebble Beach, California, September 25-30. The annual event pairs 81 PGA Tour Champions pros with 81 junior golfers from The First Tee Chapters across the country.

Carroll, a Bear resident who attends William Penn, was on the practice green preparing for a summer junior tournament in State College, Pennsylvania, when her father, Henry, broke the news. "My dad came up to me and gave me a big hug and said, 'We're going to Pebble Beach,'" Carroll said. "I was so happy. I was hugging him. I was happy the whole round, even if I hit a bad shot. I just couldn't stop thinking about it."

Quickel, a Middletown resident who attends Padua, was also at a tournament when she heard the good news. "To get to go to Pebble Beach for free, it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Quickel said. "And I get to share it with my parents. I'm really excited." Carroll and Quickel will be the first girls from the First Tee of Delaware to compete at Pebble Beach.

"We're positively creating youth development, teaching life skills and healthy habits through the game of golf," Bell said. "The students' best interests are first. Whether they just want to come and hang out with their friends, whether they want to putt, or go to the driving range or the course, we want to make them happy and build their confidence. And we're here to guide them all the way, to whatever level they want to take it to."

The First Tee program emphasizes nine core values: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.

"They're used in your everyday life, for your whole life," Quickel said. "My favorite is perseverance. No matter what it is, if you just work hard at what you want to do, you're going to be successful."

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2018—Another Record Year for WGGB

Letter from WGGB President, A.K. Frazier



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WGGB 2018 Annual Charity Golf Tournament: WGGB girls participating in the Players' Program mini tournament



Dear Friends of WGGB,

After a great summer of golf for our girls, I am delighted to highlight the programs you so generously support. In 2018 WGGB gave a record \$100,000 to fourteen programs: eight clinic programs introducing the basic swing mechanics, rules and etiquette to our younger players, and six Players' Programs for more advanced players who want to compete in high school

and college. We also sponsored a tournament for high school golf teams in which 85 girls participated. Hundreds of girls benefited from the programs we funded this year, and the numbers continue to grow.

WGGB has exciting news about growing the board of directors and the organization. We are thrilled to welcome two new board members, Jennifer Flaisher and Jessica Shure, who will bring new energy and expertise to WGGB. Additionally, we are working with an organizational planner, who is guiding us to be bigger and better through strategic thinking and through hiring an association management company to take over much of the administrative work. This will free the board to concentrate on donor relations and increasing the impact and scope of our grants. Stay tuned for exciting changes in WGGB.

At our fundraising golf tournament at Sunnybrook Golf Club, chaired by Wendy Kennedy and Barbara Story, there were a record number of sponsors and players and we raised more than \$114,000. Bryn Mawr Trust Company has agreed to be the Lead Sponsor in 2019 which sets the stage for another great event. We will hold the tournament at the same great course on June 24th, 2019. Please mark your calendars and plan to play or volunteer.

As always, I must mention the people who volunteer for WGGB: our committees and board members are listed throughout this newsletter. I pass on my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them, because they make WGGB a success.

This is our annual appeal, and I hope that you will give generously to WGGB so that we can continue to teach girls who would otherwise not be able to play the great, transformative game of golf.

Sincerely,

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A.K. Frazier, President & Founder, Women Golfers Give Back

Serena Chen Earns Scholorship Award for Work On and Off the Golf Course

Serena Chen, WGGB Players' Program

Excerpts from an article written by L.A. Parker, columnist for The Trentonian, published July 9, 2018¹



When Serena Chen joined The First Tee of Greater Trenton she likely had no idea about where golf might take her, certainly not to Silvis, Illinois, where this week the Lawrenceville School senior receives VIP treatment as a guest of the PGA Tour event John Deere Classic.

Chen will play in the tournament's pro-am event later this week and the talented scholastic Big Red

player will receive a Power For Good \$5,000.00 college scholarship along with Varsha Nekkanti from The First Tee of Silicon Valley and Neeve Chen from The First Tee of Greater Sacramento.

Chen has cultivated success both on and off the golf course with a resume that highlights her commitment to community and helping others by implementing The First Tee of Greater Trenton's nine core values. And to think that Chen quit golf after her first year.

"Because I was so bad at it," she admitted in her response to being selected as a Power For Good recipient. Chen incorporated perseverance, one of the key tenets of The First Tee and any inspection of her life will find honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility and courtesy woven throughout her movement from shy golf ingénue to social activist starlet.

"Overall, being a member of The First Tee for the past ten years has inspired me to act as a leader in my community," Chen said. "I am so bonored and grateful to win the John Deere Power for Good Scholarship. I bonestly never thought that I would be chosen, because only three people in the nation receive the award. Representing the First Tee of Greater Trenton makes me proud because of the impact that the organization has bad on my life! I started playing golf at the age of seven with TFTGT. From the First Tee, I not only gained the ability to play a lifelong sport that I love, but also the life skills that the program emphasizes. In particular my confidence and perseverance have improved tremendously. Ironic to most people that know me and my life for golf today, I quit golf after one year of playing because I was terrible at the sport. But, thanks to the motivation from the First Tee mentors and other students, I kept playing, and now, I am one of the captains of my golf team.

Also thanks to the First Tee program, I have led a mentorship program for the past three years at my school, in which high school students are paired with First Tee kids, and they work on their golf games and learn valuable life skills. There are First Tee kids and Lawrenceville Prep high school volunteers that come every fall and spring for the class, and I have seen their dedication and enjoyment of the program. One of the girls that I mentored two years ago in this First Tee program just recently made her girls golf team, and I still keep in touch with her.

"I think the John Deere Power for Good scholarship really highlights the fact that First Tee is not just a golf program, but a character-building program, because there is no minimum handicap requirement for the award, but recipients must demonstrate their service to the community. Thank you, First Tee!"

 Parker, L.A. (2018, July 9). Serena Chen Earns Scholorship Award for Work on and Off the Golf Course. The Trentonion. Retrived from https://www.trentonian.com/sports/l-a-parker-lawrencevillesenior-serena-chen-earns-scholarship-award/article_c1354413-b11a-5735-9989-96ad16cf3cf1.html

AK Frazier Honored: Receives Women in Sports Special Recognition Award

AK Frazier, WGGB founder and President



Mia Fioravanti, FS Investments, AK Frazier and Karen Buccholz, Comcast NBC Universal at the U.S. Open Squash Championships 5th Annual Women in Sports

On October 10th, 2018, AK Frazier, WGGB Founder and President, received the Special Recognition Award at the U.S. Open Squash Championships 5th Annual Women in Sports Day. The award was bestowed on AK for her efforts to support the personal development of girls and women through sport. Frazier is in good company—Billie Jean King is a former recipient.

"In 2003, I was inspired to reconcile my love of golf with my desire to give back." AK remarked. "With the help of my female golfing friends, WGGB was born. Fifteen years later, WGGB has raised and donated over 1 Million dollars. We started with one program serving a handful of girls. We now have 15 programs helping to enrich the lives of thousands of young girls. My message to all of you here today is: we all recognize how our lives are enhanced and even shaped by sports. Do what you can to give back. It doesn't have to be financial (although that's always great!). It can be by giving your time and talent to mentor, teach or volunteer.

Tonight, as we watch these amazing female athletes at the pinnacle of their sport, we marvel at their talent. But also recognize that their dedication to their sport has given them skills that will serve them well off the court and last a lifetime."

Continued from page 1: Quickle.and Carroll

Carroll's favorite value is responsibility. "It's very important to take responsibility for anything you do, schoolwork, on the golf course," she said.

Both players will be paired with a PGA Tour Champions professional for three practice rounds, plus at least one tournament round at both the famed Pebble Beach and Poppy Hills golf courses. Their professional partners will be selected in a random draw. But asked if she had a favorite, Quickel selected Vijay Singh because he gave her an autographed ball at a professional tournament years ago.

Carroll's first choice would be Bernhard Langer, the event's defending champion and one of

the greatest players in the tour's history. Both are looking forward to picking up some tips from the pros.

"I'm not sure what to expect, but I know it's going to be great," Quickel said. "I know I can learn a lot. I've watched a lot of tour players play, but I've never gotten to play with them. It will be amazing."

Carroll is especially interested in watching how the game's best players deal with the adversity that golf often dispenses. "I hope to learn a lot about the mental game," she said. "It can sometimes be frustrating when you hit a bad shot, and I want to learn how to overcome that."

WGGB Sponsors 7th Annual Spring-Ford Girls' Golf Classic

September 15, 2018 • Linfield National Golf Club

On September 15th, the 7th Annual Spring-Ford Girls' Golf Tournament was held at Linfield National Golf Club. Nineteen schools participated, with eight schools entering a team of five girls and 84 girls competing in total.

Jessica Shao of The Hill School placed first with a score of 72. She was trailed by Claire Gimpel (77), Olivia Wirsching (84), Lisa Priolo (85), and Brianna Mann (86). Across schools, Mount Saint Joseph placed first with four scores totaling 332. The Tournament also awarded prizes for those "closest to the pin" on all five par-3 holes, and all participating girls received a t-shirt and a gift bag with goodies, golf balls, and a cooling towel.

Despite wet course conditions, the girls enjoyed a beautiful sunny day and the opportunity to play a competition 18-hole round of golf with other peers passionate about the sport. We are grateful to Robert Kleckner of Linfield Golf Cub and WGGB for sponsoring the tournament —thank you!



7th Annual Spring-Ford Girls Classic Golf Classic Tournament participants

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WGGB Awards \$100,000 in Grants to 14 Grantees in 2018

Across the Greater Philadelphia Region

\$45,500 to Players' Programs and **\$53,500** to Clinic Programs

| Players' Program Grantees | | |
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| Linfield Players' Program | \$11,500 | Applecross Country Club, Downingtown, PA |
| The First Tee of Delaware | \$9,000 | Porky Oliver Golf Course, Wilmington, DE |
| Girls' Golf Revolution | \$8,500 | Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA |
| Girls' Golf Players' Program of Honeybrook | \$8,000 | Honeybrook Golf Club, Honeybrook, PA |
| LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of West Chester | \$5,000 | Honeybrook Golf Club, Honeybrook, PA, Broad Run Golfer's Club, West Chester, PA Ingleside Golf Club, Thorndale, PA |
| YWCA of Bethlehem | \$3,500 | Southmore Golf Club, Bath, PA |
| Clinic Program Grantees | | |
| The First Tee of Greater Philadelphia | \$10,000 | FDR Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA Walnut Lane Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA |
| The First Tee of Delaware | \$9,000 | Porky Oliver Golf Course, Wilmington, DE |
| LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of Valley Forge | \$9,000 | Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA Pottstown YMCA, Pottstown, PA Spring-Ford Country Club, Royersford, PA Waltz's Golf Farm, Limerick, PA |
| YWCA of Bethlehem | \$8,000 | Southmore Golf Club, Bath, PA Bethlehem Golf Club, Bethlehem, PA |
| The First Tee of Greater Trenton | \$7,000 | Princeton Country Club, Princeton Junction, NJ |
| Philly Girls' Golf | \$5,500 | Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Lafayette Hill, PA |
| Spring-Ford High School Golf Tournament | \$4,000 | Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA Annual tournament for high school girls |
| Makefield Highlands | \$1,000 | Makefield Highlands Golf Club, Yardley, PA |
| —plus \$1,000 for Players' Program shirts | \$100,000 | |



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Plan to sponsor, play, and/or volunteer in the

WGGB Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 24, 2019

Sunnybrook Golf Club

Congratulations to 2018 WGGB Charity Golf Tournament Winners

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Closest to pin #8 Becky Sanderson

Closest to pin #15 Tom Holden

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2018 WGGB Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises Over \$114,000

June 25th, 2018 • Sunnybrook Golf Club

The 2018 charity golf tournament was a tremendous success. Wendy Kennedy and Barbara Story were co-chairs and did a fantastic job raising over \$114,000! Bryn Mawr Trust Company was the Lead Sponsor and The Zisman Family Foundation followed suit as the Scoreboard Sponsor. A list of our sponsors can be found on the Donor and Sponsor page of this newsletter.

In the morning, 50 girls from our programs gathered for clinics, and some of the older girls participated in a team competition. The winners were from the Revolution Girls Golf Team: Teagen O'Donovan, Ava O'Sullivan, Stepania Fedun, and Mia Pace. Congratulations on their fine play. The clinics were headed by LPGA Professional, Val Skinner, and each of the girls worked with her individually, a highlight of their year.

In the afternoon the WGGB supporters and sponsors played the best-ball-of-four format. Winners are listed to the left. Live scoring from Golf Genius, delicious food and drink, and a wonderful silent auction rounded out a day of fun.

Plan to join us on June 24, 2019, for our next event!



WGGB 2018 Annual Charity Golf Tournament Top of page: Tournmant winners Teagen O'Donovan, Stephania Fedun, Mia Pace, Ava O'Sullivan, Revolution Girls Golf Team. Bottom of page: girls participating in clinics.

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A Thank You from One of Our Girls

Emily Mayo, WGGB Players' Program



Good afternoon,

I just wanted to take some time to tell you my Girls Golf story. My dad put a club in my hand at the age of five and I loved it. He taught me the basics of the swing, then enrolled me in the First Tee Program in Wilmington Delaware, run by Charma Bell.

Charma is awesome and when she thought I was old enough to go into the Girls Golf Program, she had me start meeting with Becky Dengler at Ed Oliver Golf

Course. She has told me about a lot of chances for me to play golf. Drive, Chip & Putt was the first chance to play away from Girls Golf. I made it to the second round the last two years.

Then she told me about the PGA Junior League two seasons ago. Last year my team went undefeated (5-0-1), and so did I (4-0-2). It was a very cool season. Becky helped me a lot.

As we get started this season, Becky has told me about the Philly Junior Tour. It has a 12 and under division that is perfect for me, since I am 11 years old. It will be the first time that I keep my own score and not play with a teammate.

I want to say thank you for all that you do. People like Becky Dengler make me feel special and important. I hope Girls' Golf keeps getting bigger and better. Thank you, Emily Mayo



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Highlights from a Great Year...



Amanda Schuebel



Maddie Bailey

Maddie Perkins

Linfield National Golf Players' Program

Three girls from our Linfield National Players' Program competed in the PAC Ten Sports Girls Golf Championships and went on to qualify for District 1 Championship: Amelia DiCicco (tied-seventh, 94), Aleena Ghanta and Amanda Schuebel (tied 10th, 95). Amanda is the first Upper Merion High School girl ever to advance to Districts. Its been 24 years since a boy did the same.

LPGA Girls Golf of West Chester Players' Program

Maddie Bailey, a member of the Players' Program in West Chester, is a junior at Lancaster Mennonite High School. The only girl on the team, Maddie qualified her freshman year and has been playing ever since. This year, in her first match of the season, she shot 80, her best competitive score for the team. Maddie is a 2018-19 Girls Golf District 3 Qualifier AA.

Another player, Maddie Perkins, continues to play well for her High School team in Downingtown.

Last year both girls went to the District Championships.

Our recent graduate, Grace Simenson, is now off to the University of Texas and spent this summer helping run the summer program for the our LPGA Girls Golf of West Chester.

Thank You from a WGGB Parent

to Becky Dengler, First Tee of Delaware Coach

Hello Coach Becky,

I wanted to send you a message to tell you what a positive impact you have had on Anna. Anna has an older brother who is extremely athletic and very into sports of all kinds. Anna, in contrast, is athletic, but has always shied away from competition and competitive athletics. We as parents believe in the benefits of physical exercise and athletics. Anna had never played golf prior to joining the First Tee. Over the last couple of years of working with you, I have seen her abilities and, even more importantly, her confidence grow. She loves telling people about what she has worked on and what she has learned. The other day when she and I played 9 holes, she hit a drive almost 150 yards, hit a great shot out of a bunker and made par on one of the holes. Her ability to listen and incorporate constructive feedback has also improved. Additionally, I believe that her success with golf has boosted her overall confidence in her athletic abilities. Last year she played basketball for her school for the first time; something I never imagined she would do. And this fall, she decided she wanted to try flag football. You have helped Anna significantly develop into a good little golfer, but of more importance, this experience has drastically boosted her confidence and ability to learn and grow. This will help her in all aspects of her life. Thank you very much for everything that you have done for her.

Sincerely, Jason Firko

Liddy McCook



Ava O'Sullivan

Girls Golf Revolution Players' Program

Downingtown East senior Liddie McCook from Girls Golf Revolution fired a 2-over-par 73 to capture the second Pioneer Athletic Conference girls' golf championship of her career. She just accepted a full scholarship to Monmouth University to play golf. Congratulations to Liddy!

Downingtown Freshman Ava O'Sullivan from Girls Golf Revolution shot a 79 in the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship.

Morgan Frampton from Philly Girls' Golf shot an 80 in the same tournament.

All three girls went on to play in the District 1 Championship on October 8 at Gilbertsville Golf Club, in Gilbertsville, PA.



Girls' Golf Players' Program of Honeybrook enjoyed their third annual play date at French Creek Golf Club



LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of Valley Forge 7th Annual High School Girls' Golf Classic



In Memorium Adele L. Lebow, 95, Started Girls Golf of Valley Forge

Adele Lebow, 95, of Royersford, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2018 at Columbia Cottage in Collegeville, PA.

Adele started Girls' Golf of Valley Forge in 2006, and truly cherished the families and young golfers she met along the way. Twelve years later, the program is still growing and will continue to provide great opportunities for young female golfers on and off the course. Thank you, Adele!