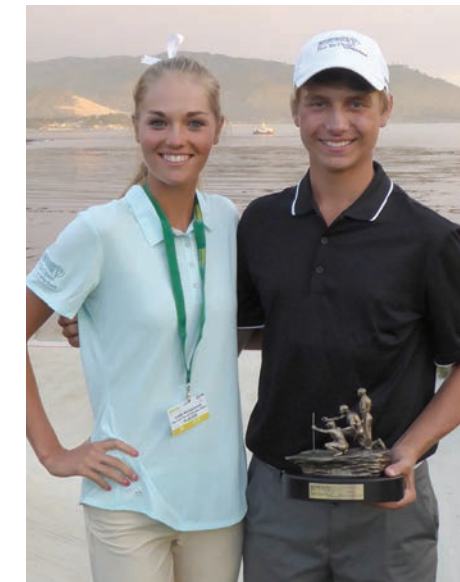


# Pebble Beach Dream

— Rick and Carol Funderburke



Three Pro-Junior tandems in The First Tee Open finished at 18-under-par: Billy Andrade and Ross Funderburke (The First Tee of Roanoke Valley), Michael Allen and Patrick Fernandez (The First Tee of Phoenix), and Kevin Sutherland and Jonathan Tanihana (The First Tee of Sacramento). Fernandez prevailed in a scorecard playoff, the second scorecard playoff in The First Tee Open tournament history.



Ross Funderburke and Callie Montgomery represented The First Tee of Roanoke Valley at the 2016 Nature Valley The First Tee Open at Pebble Beach.

## Pebble Beach Dream

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Grammer. Thanks to social media, the bonds that were formed during these events will last a lifetime.

For us personally, the pro paired with Ross was a special blessing. Billy Andrade and his wife Jody are fellow Demon Deacons so the immediate connection through our alma mater, Wake Forest, made the week even more amazing. Billy and his caddy Ziggy were wonderful with Ross both on and off the course, helping with yardage, putts, and course management while making sure that he was relaxed and having fun. Jody walked with us through the weekend, and shared a unique perspective on the friendships and opportunities for service that are shared on tour. Even through the spotlight of the TV cameras and spectators, we have never had more fun as we watched Ross thrive and find his place on the leaderboard. To watch your child glow with happiness is one of the greatest gifts a parent can experience and we will be forever grateful to The First Tee for this opportunity.

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## Save the Date!



May 19 - 21, 2017



September 22 - 23, 2017



The First Tee has been an important part of our lives for over five years, and we have watched how participation in the program has changed Ross from an impatient and temperamental golfer into a patient young man filled with respect for his opponents, the game, and the courses he plays. In addition to the internal value of the program, the external opportunities that are offered to participants are both rewards for hard work and chances to extend the learning outside of the Roanoke Valley. Ross has dreamed of the chance to play in The Nature Valley First Tee Open, a Champions Tour event contested at Pebble Beach and Poppy Hills. Over the

years, we've heard many stories from past participants, but nothing could have prepared us for our experience. Weeks after our return from The Nature Valley First Tee Open, we are still pinching ourselves in disbelief! From the moment we arrived in California, we were whisked away on a magical ride in the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula, where we met people from every part of the county, each with a personal story and dream, but all united in their love of golf and The First Tee.

At this event, each of the 81 First Tee participants was paired with a professional golfer for their days of competition. During the first two days, they also

played with amateurs who ranged from company executives to athletes to actors. What a privilege to spend hours with these amazing people! After the rounds of golf, the participants were treated to dinners, contests, motivational speakers, and to a moonlit concert by Andy

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**Making the Turn**

— Bill Rader, PGA



Summer Tiger Paw class with coaching staff



Coach Bill loves working with young people



Coach Abigail – so glad to have Abigail on staff this summer!

Since I began teaching at The First Tee of Roanoke Valley over two years ago, people have referred to me by several different names. Names such as Bill (instead of William), Mr. Rader, The New Guy, Pro, Instructor, Director, Teacher, Sir, and Dude are just a few. I have to admit, it's a good feeling to have people see you in so many different ways. There is one name that I think resonates with the mission of The First Tee - "Coach." Since joining the staff in September 2014, it has become my favorite.

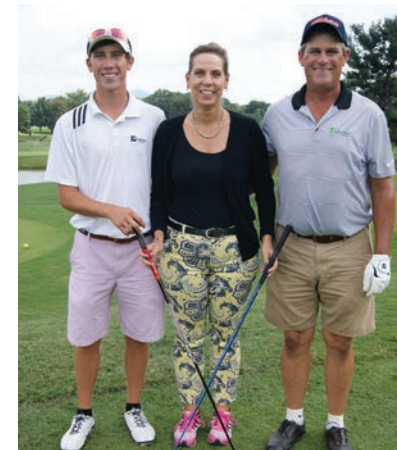
I believe the most important aspect of being a golf instructor is building relationships with your students. Students need to know that you support them and want them to succeed. Strong listening and communicate skills – and helping students develop those skills – are the foundation of a relationship needed to allow a coach's guidance and insight to make a real difference.

A good coach is someone who educates and motivates. Teaching is one thing, but getting someone

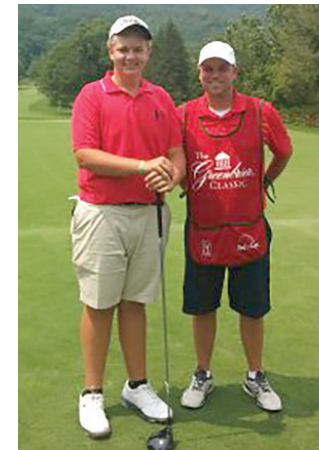
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The First Tee PGA Junior League Team finished second in area.



State 6A Champ: John Hatcher Ferguson Vince Wheeler



Grace Huffman



Ross Funderburke

**What a Year!**

We've had a very successful year at The First Tee of Roanoke Valley! This year, our coaches and volunteers delivered The First Tee lessons in golf skills and life skills to over 800 young people around the area at locations including at our Densmore Road facility, the 4H Camps at Smith Mountain Lake, Rockbridge County, YMCA Magic Place summer camps, and Boys and Girls Club. In addition, programs have been delivered at 24 area schools, reaching approximately 6500 students. Through all of our programs, The First Tee of Roanoke Valley has impacted 7300 children this year; classes are steadily growing 9% over the previous year. There is a place for every young person at The First Tee of Roanoke Valley — **participants are from every back ground and skill level imaginable.**

The First Tee of Roanoke Valley PGA Junior League team finished second in the regular season as well as second overall in the local PGA Junior Golf League. Our team enjoyed the competition and camaraderie that the league provides, as well as the opportunity to play and learn in a team-oriented environment. The team also had two players selected to the Roanoke Valley All-Star Team that made it to the second round of Regional play.

Our high school participants have really shined in 2016. **Alisa Caraballo**, 15 years old, became our youngest Ace Certified participant by completing the final level of The First Tee curriculum. **Sabrina Landsman** and **Madison Horacek** attended The Robins Junior Golf Camp this summer, courtesy of the VSGA Fleming Fund. **Grace Huffman** attended three national academies, including IJGA in Hilton Head where she and **Logan Akers** received world class instruction alongside some of the best US junior players. In September, **Callie Montgomery** and **Ross Funderburke** competed in The First Tee Open in Pebble Beach, which was the experience of a lifetime for both.

Congratulations to our First Tee participants named High School Conference Medalist in our area:

- Grace Huffman - Rockbridge High School
- Vince Wheeler - Patrick Henry
- Ross Funderburke - Hidden Valley High School
- John Hatcher Ferguson – Franklin County High School, (also individual State Champion)



## The First Tee Roanoke Valley - Winter Schedule 2017

Class	Day	Date	Time	Cost
Player Development (ages 7-11)	Tuesday	January 10 - February 14	3 - 4:30 p.m.	\$100
Player Development (ages 11-17)	Tuesday	January 10 - February 14	4:30 - 6 p.m.	\$100

\* Limit to 8 participants per class

## The First Tee Roanoke Valley - Spring Schedule 2017

Class	Day	Date	Time	Cost
PLAYer	Monday	March 13 - May 8	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	\$100
PLAYer	Monday	March 13 - May 8	4:45 - 6 p.m.	\$100
Par	Tuesday	March 14 - May 9	3 - 4:30 p.m.	\$125
Eagle & High School	Wednesday	March 15 - May 10	4:30 - 6 p.m.	\$125
Birdie & Middle School	Thursday	March 16 - May 11	4 - 5:30 p.m.	\$125
Tiger Paws	Friday	March 31 - May 12	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	\$50
Tiger Paws	Friday	March 31 - May 12	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	\$50

\* No classes Easter Week (April 17 - April 21)

## The First Tee Roanoke Valley - Summer Schedule 2017

Camp	Day	Date	Time	Cost
Summer Golf Camp (ages 7 - 14)	Mon - Fri	June 5 - June 9	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$125
Summer Golf Camp (ages 7 - 14)	Mon - Fri	June 12 - June 16	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$125
Girls Golf Camp (ages 7 - 18)	Tues - Thurs	TBD	2 - 4 p.m.	\$75

Class	Day	Date	Time	Cost
PLAYer	Monday	June 19 - July 31	9:30 - 11 a.m.	\$100
PLAYer	Tuesday	June 20 - August 8 (no class July 4)	5:30 - 7 p.m.	\$100
Par	Tuesday	June 20 - August 8 (no class July 4)	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	\$125
Eagle & High School	Wednesday	June 21 - August 9 (no class or Skill/Drills July 19)	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	\$125
Birdie & Middle School	Thursday	June 22 - August 3	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	\$125
Tiger Paws (session 1)	Friday	June 9 - July 7	9 - 10 a.m.	\$45
Tiger Paws (session 1)	Friday	June 9 - July 7	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$45
Tiger Paws (session 2)	Friday	July 14 - August 11	9 - 10 a.m.	\$45
Tiger Paws (session 2)	Friday	July 14 - August 11	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$45

\* Skills & Drills (open practice times) (TBD)

\* Play Days (TBD)

**FREE NOTE: (MUST BE IN SUMMER SESSION TO ATTEND)**

## The First Tee Roanoke Valley - Fall Schedule 2017

Class	Day	Date	Time	Cost
PLAYer	Monday	September 11 - October 30	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	\$100
PLAYer	Monday	September 11 - October 30	4:45 - 6 p.m.	\$100
Par	Tuesday	September 5 - October 24	3 - 4:30 p.m.	\$125
Eagle & High School	Wednesday	September 6 - October 25	4:30 - 6 p.m.	\$125
Birdie & Middle School	Thursday	August 31 - October 26 (no class on September 21)	4 - 5:30 p.m.	\$125
Tiger Paws	Friday	September 1 - October 13 (no class on September 22)	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	\$50
Tiger Paws	Friday	September 1 - October 13 September 1 - October 13	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	\$50

**For more information or to register on-line, visit:  
www.thefirstteeroanokevalley.org or call: 563-1TEE (1833).**



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## Thank you Coach Evans!

We are honored to recognize Evans Deane as our 2016 Volunteer of the Year! Coach Evans generously volunteers weekly to assist with classes, staff events at the golf courses and help with programs at the Boys and Girls Club. Evans really enjoys golf! and working with the children in our program. Thank you!



Coach Evans - Volunteer of the Year

## Make Your Gift Today!

— Jennifer Blackwood

Make an impact on the kids in our region! Your support of The First Tee of Roanoke Valley helps us deliver important character education lessons, introduces thousands of children to golf each year, and provides a safe place for kids to play. Make your gift today! Using the enclosed envelope or online at [www.juniorgolffoundationva.org](http://www.juniorgolffoundationva.org).



## Making the Turn

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to apply what they have learned is another. A good coach understands how to build a student's confidence to become more independent. Students have to understand how to improve on their own. A good coach provides insight and acknowledges a student's strengths and weaknesses.

Through my training in The First Tee coaches program, I've learned the skills required of a good coach. I know it's important what you teach as well as how you teach it. To keep kids engaged, lessons have to be fun and safe. Our students learn life skills like communication, self-management, and how to resolve conflicts. As a coach, it's important to nurture the skills as our young students develop them. Young people need to learn how to problem solve and make good decisions. Young people need opportunities which can help them build good character. And above all, they need to be valued.

I consider being a First Tee Coach a privilege, because of my love for the game and the desire to grow it, as well as for everything that being a coach represents. Besides "Daddy," it's the best name I've ever been called.



Thank you to Delta Dental of Virginia, Ballyhack Golf Club, the VSGA and the Middle Atlantic PGA for naming The First Tee of Roanoke Valley as the beneficiary of the 2016 Delta Dental Virginia State Open. Thank you! For supporting our kids! And programs!

## Which Class is Right For Your Child?

Not sure which class to choose? Following is a guide-line to help you with registration. As always, please feel free to email or phone Coach Bill if you have any questions.

If your child is ages 5-7, then Tiger Paws is the right introductory class. Seven-year olds can start in PLAYer. We generally follow the national First Tee age standards where 7 is the minimum age for PLAYer; age 9 for PAR; age 11 for BIRDIE; age

13 for EAGLE; and age 14 for ACE. Each level has skill/playing requirements as well as written assessments related to Life Skills & Golf Knowledge. The PAR class requires one 9-hole round of golf with a score of 72 or under; BIRDIE requires five 9-hole rounds with a score of 63 or lower; and EAGLE requires ten 18-hole rounds with scores under 106.



# Scott Robertson Memorial Alumni in the News!

— Debbie Ferguson



'09 SRM champion Stewart Hagstead is 2016 USGA Mid-Am champ



'14 SRM champion Brooke Henderson



'12 SRM champion Moriya Jutanugarn

USA! USA! USA! After an eight year drought, the United States Team won the 2016 Ryder Cup! Two of the integral players on this year's team were **Rickie Fowler** and **Patrick Reed**, both of whom walked the fairways of Roanoke Country Club during the 2006 Scott Robertson Memorial. Thanks for helping to bring the Ryder Cup back to the US!

In addition to Ryder Cup accolades, Patrick Reed finished 3rd in the FedEx Cup points for 2016. The 2016 FedEx Cup top 50 money-makers list is peppered with former Scott Robertson Memorial participants and champions. **Emiliano Grillo** (2009) finished in 11th place, **Roberto Castro** (2001) 22nd, **Kevin Kisner** (2001) 23rd, **William McGirt** (1997) 24th, **Daniel Berger** (2001) 26th, **Sean O'Hair** (1999) 27th, **Kevin Na** (1999, 2000, 2001) 28th, **Rickie Fowler** (2006) 31st, **Smylie Kauffman** (2006, 2007, 2008) 43rd, and **Harris English** (2003, 2004) 47th.

Our 2009 Scott Robertson Memorial Champion **Stewart Hagestad** won the 2016 USGA's Mid-Am. In addition to having his name forever engraved on the trophy, Hagestad secured his spot in the 2017 Masters tournament.

Ladies of the Scott Robertson Memorial have a strong showing atop the LPGA's money list. Three-time SRM participant **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2010, 2011, 2012) is currently in second place on the official LPGA money list. Also in the top 50 are **Brooke Henderson** (2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014) 3rd, **Lexi Thompson** (2007) 14th, **Jenny Shin** (2006, 2007) 22nd, **Candie Kung** (1999) 29th, **Jessica Korda** (2009, 2010) 33rd, **Moriya Jutanugarn** (2010, 2011, 2012) 40th, **Morgan Pressel** (2001) 43rd, and **Brittany Lincicome** (2002, 2003) 48th.

This year, history was made in the LPGA with the youngest member ever to be named to the LPGA Hall of Fame. **Inbee Park** (2003, 2004) fulfilled her lifetime dream to play on the LPGA tour in 2007, and in 10 years qualified for the Hall of Fame. Congratulations Inbee for this fantastic accomplishment!

**Mark your calendars now! The 2017 SRM will be May 19, 20 and 21 at Roanoke Country Club.**



## Parent Child Tournament a success!

Our 5th annual The First Tee of Roanoke Valley Parent-Child Golf Tournament was a huge success! A total of 71 teams and 142 golfers participated in our variety of divisions: Adult-Youth "Fun" 9-Hole, Adult-Youth 18-Hole and Adult-Adult 18-Hole. All throughout the weekend we were so pleased to see children from age 4 to 74 enjoying golf together. The Parent-Child is certainly the only tournament in our valley that offers something fun for every age!

Most importantly, our tournament would not have been such a success without our dedicated sponsors. We again want to thank our partner Carilion Clinic for serving as the Presenting Tournament Sponsor. We would also like to thank

our Eagle Sponsors: Brown Edwards & Co., Carter Machinery, Delta Dental, Corned Beef and Company, Hearp Brokerage, and ShotStat. All of these companies and individuals, along with many others, helped us raise over \$20,000 for The First Tee of Roanoke Valley. That money will go directly towards helping young people in the Roanoke Valley learn about golf and the valuable life skills that accompany the game.

Our goal is to make this a tournament that families put on their calendars and look forward to playing in year after year. We hope that you will do the same... **please save the weekend of September 23, 2017** for our 6th annual event! Look for registration information to come out in Spring 2017.

