

Scott Robertson Tournament

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made the trip to Roanoke.

The Boys 14 and under division was exciting as well. **Jackson Van Paris** of Pinehurst, NC, who finished 7th place last year, earned the 1st place berth at the 2017 SRM. Jackson striped the field with a 68-70-34, for 5 under par for the tournament. He had a 7 shot lead over his nearest competitor. Jackson is a very accomplished golfer and has many championship trophies on his mantle. We expect to see much more of Jackson in the future.

The field featured our very first physically-challenged participant. Matthew Doyle of Madison, CT, who qualified into the tournament field through the US Challenge Cup qualifier for New England

residents. Matthew suffers from a degenerative hip disease which requires him to use a motorized cart in order to play. Matthew plays in pain much of the time, but his love of the game and his own personal perseverance lets him succeed. There was a record number of applicants to this year's event; almost 400 applications for 170 available spots in the 4 divisions. Hopefully this is an indicator that more young people are taking up the game.

As proven time and again for 34 years, the Scott Robertson Memorial would not happen without the hundreds of volunteers, donors and sponsors who are so generous and gracious. The players appreciate your dedication,

especially this year with the inclement weather. The event would not be the success it is without your support. We thank you all!



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DDSO Youth Day on
Wednesday, July 19.



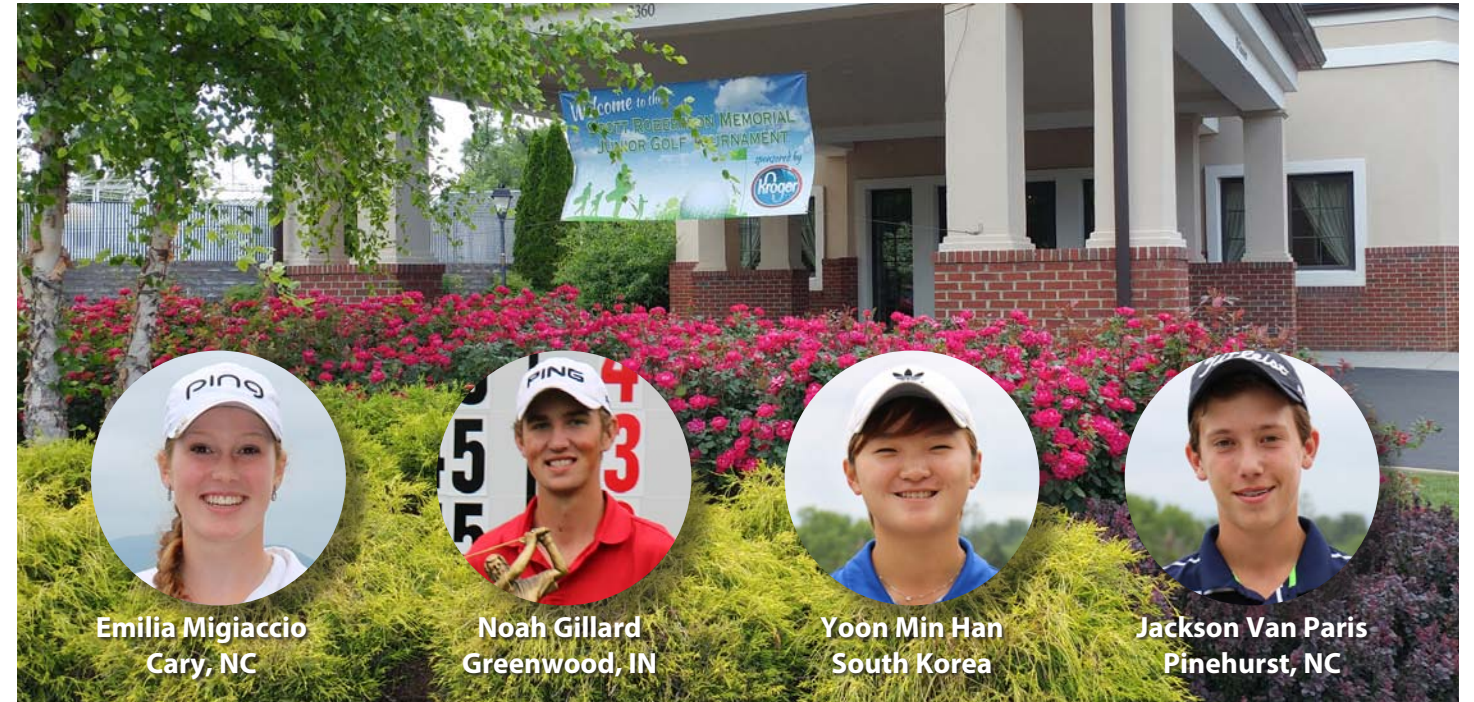
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Emilia Migliaccio
Cary, NC

Noah Gillard
Greenwood, IN

Yoon Min Han
South Korea

Jackson Van Paris
Pinehurst, NC

2017 Scott Robertson Tournament Goes Down in History

Even though the 2017 Scott Robertson Memorial had to be shortened to 45 holes due to inclement weather, there is only one word that can describe the event.....Historical!

Noah Gillard of **Greenwood, IN** is the 2017 Boys 15-18 division champion. The Boys 15-18 division went down to the wire, with the final 3 boys tied, heading into the 8th hole of the weather-shortened 9 hole Sunday round. Noah birdied the 8th hole, taking the lead going into the last hole, and made a clutch, 6 foot slippery downhill putt to edge out Akshay Bhata (the 2015 Boys 14 and under champion). Noah finished the tournament at 5 under par with 71-70-32.

The most notable historical event of the 2017 Scott Robertson Memorial, was our first three-time champion! It seems a portion of the Roanoke Country Club course will be renamed *Migliaccio Forest* as we will plant the third tree honoring champion **Emilia Migliaccio** of **Cary, NC**. She once again played beautifully with 69-67-36, 6 under par for the 45 hole tournament.

In a sudden death playoff Migliaccio and Alexa Pano of Lake Worth, FL Emilia was triumphant on the 2nd playoff hole over the 12 year old Alexa. Had Alexa prevailed in the playoff, she too would have made history as the youngest Girls 15-18 champion.

In the Girls 14 and under division, the 25 girls field was narrowed down to one champion. **Yoon Min Han** of **South Korea** had a fine tournament with a 72-73-35. Yoon was one of 21 students at the IMG Academy of Bradenton, FL that

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Making the Turn

— Bill Rader, PGA



Coach Bill and staff delivered golf programming in 15+ area elementary schools this Winter serving over 2500+ children in the Valley.



Join Us! As Parent Child Play day evening outings this summer! Hanging Rock on July 17 and Old Monterey August 8. Contact Coach Bill to Register.



GOOD LUCK! To our PGA Junior League Team who will compete against area club teams this summer.

Golf can be a tough game to learn and to excel in, especially if one has lofty goals regarding the type of player they want to become. It can also be a game of joy and relaxation for those who don't take it too seriously. Just like deciding what to hit into the green, it all depends on your approach.

To be a seriously competitive player, it takes dedication, perseverance, time and hard work. Regardless of how good a player you become, there will still be good rounds ...and bad. You have to

learn how to handle emotions and focus solely on each individual shot. You have to be able to play with others of all skill levels and paces of play. You want to practice good judgment in making club choices and when to be conservative or aggressive. And above all you have to have a village of support.

These are concepts we teach in our classes at The First Tee of Roanoke Valley. In the beginning PLAYER level, our students are introduced to the core values and ways to apply them in

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What do four chapter participants have in common?

They are all graduating in 2017 AND all four have represented The First Tee of Roanoke Valley at The First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, as well as multiple other events through the years. Congratulations! We are so proud of these young people, wish them well in all of their endeavors and look forward to following their success.



Congratulations Callie Montgomery on her graduation from Franklin County HS; pictured here during her 2016 trip to Ace Classic.



Congratulations Vince Wheeler on his graduation from Patrick Henry HS; pictured here with Tom Watson during his 2015 trip.



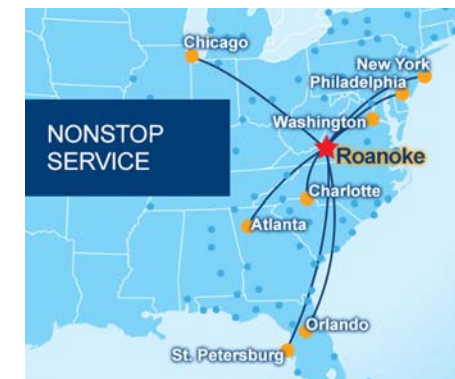
Congratulations Kolton Cooper on graduating from Roanoke College (shown here with Webb Simpson at the 2010 Greenbrier Classic).



Congratulations Drew Board on graduating from University of Virginia (shown here at the 2011 First Tee Open at Pebble Beach).



On the Move...



Congratulations to our chapter participants who have been selected for The First Tee National Opportunities events.

Vince Wheeler and Callie Montgomery have been named to The First Tee Scholars Program and will receive a college scholarship! Both Vince and Callie were selected because of their academic records, community service along with their dedication to our chapter.

John Hatcher Ferguson and Alisa-Marie Caraballo were invited to participate in The Golf to Paradise Challenge held in

conjunction with The Chubb Classic in Naples, FL where they finished in second place.

This summer Alisa-Marie will attend the John Deere Drive Your Future Academy at Georgia State University & East Lake Golf Club. In addition, Alisa-Marie and Joe Philips have been selected to attend the Life Skills & Leadership Academy at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan.

John Hatcher Ferguson has been selected as one of only 24 First Tee participants to attend the College Golf Prep Academy in West Palm Beach, FL.

Grace Huffman will be competing in The First Tee National Par 3 Championship at The Kanawha Club in Richmond, VA.

It is wonderful to be able to offer these opportunities to our dedicated participants. We look forward to them representing The First Tee of Roanoke Valley at these once in a lifetime events!

The First Tee of Roanoke Valley 2017 Summer Schedule 2017

Camp	Day	Date	Time	Cost
Summer Golf Camp (ages 7 – 14)	Mon, Tues, Wed.	August 14 - 16	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$125
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
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* Skills & Drills (open practice times) (TBD)

* Play Days (TBD)

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

The First Tee of Roanoke Valley 2017 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 (no class on September 22)	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	\$50

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

Which Class is Right For Your Child?

Not sure which class to choose? Following is a guideline 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.

Thank you Fishwick Family!



Thanks to a generous gift from John and Jeanne Fishwick, The First Tee of Roanoke Valley has renovated their instructional tee line.

A new TurfHound synthetic range surface has been installed. TurfHound products have rapidly become recognized as the most realistic, versatile and durable surfaces in golf and can be found as such notable course as Pebble Beach, Country Club of Virginia and PGA National Resort. TurfHound Tee Surfaces allow golfers to experience the same swing mechanics, ball response and shot results hitting from synthetic turf as they would from natural turf.

In making this gift John Fishwick said, "The First Tee is a great organization that teaches kids from all economic backgrounds the game of golf and more importantly many life skills. We are honored to help an organization with such a positive impact on our community." The Fishwick's son, Richard has been a volunteer at The First Tee and is currently a member of the Emory and Henry College golf team.

Coach Bill Rader, PGA lead instructor at The First Tee of Roanoke Valley says, "Our new tee line is AWESOME! It's a safe and realistic place for children to learn – we are so grateful for the Fishwick family's support."



Roanoke Valley Gives

Thank you! To all of the donors who supported The First Tee of Roanoke Valley during the second annual Roanoke Valley Gives Day –over \$4,000 was donated in one day to support our programs for area children. Thank you!

Making the Turn

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life and golf. Respect, judgment and perseverance are just a few core values that will help a person excel. In Par level our students learn self-management practices and how they can help a produce a more desirable outcome. In Birdie level, we teach participants how to set goals and use them in making improvements through purposeful practice. And finally Eagle level focuses on how to deal with difficult situations as well as the importance of a go-to team; having people in your life who are supportive and serve as a resource.

There is definitely a place on the course for everyone, including those who don't aspire to become the next TOUR pro. The majority of people who play golf in the United States are quite the opposite of a quintessential tournament player --- they truly represent the essence of the game. From the early days of hand carved clubs and ovine mowers, golf was designed to be fun and leisurely. If you don't get to play or practice much, and especially if you're just learning the game, there are a lot of ways to play and enjoy yourself. Captain's choice, best ball or believe it or not - don't keep score at all. Simply enjoy the time outdoors and the benefits of good exercise. If you're playing with your family, which we should all do, enjoy the uninterrupted time you'll have together. Enjoy the absence of television shows and video games. Every round of family golf offers an opportunity to make memories and develop a bond with those you love.

The game offers so much to each and every one of us. It gives us a way to compete, have fun, be with others, and enjoy nature. It doesn't possess an age limit or require a particular skill level. Above all, it gives us the opportunity to learn who we are as people. Just as on the golf course, you get to decide what kind of player you are in life...it's all about the approach.

The First Tee of Roanoke Valley Parent-Child Tournament

by Meg Wise

September 23 and/or 24 at Roanoke Country Club



The First Tee of Roanoke Valley proudly announces that the sixth annual The First Tee Parent-Child Tournament presented by Carilion Clinic will be held at Roanoke Country Club on September 23rd and/or 24th. The event will be comprised of two person Parent-Child teams. A "Parent" may be a mother, father, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or mentor. We welcome teams of ALL ages and ALL abilities to play, including those not involved in chapter programs. Competition will either be a 9-hole or 18-hole modified alternate shot where players will be placed in different flights based on skill level and age. All tournament proceeds benefit The First Tee Roanoke Valley.

Our goal is to make this tournament enjoyable for everyone playing! Responding to feedback from our past successful tournaments, we will once again divide play into two days. Parents are more than welcome to play in multiple divisions with different children. Awards ceremonies will be held at the end of each round.

Saturday, September 23rd will be comprised of Adult-Youth and Adult-Adult 18-hole teams preferring to play on Saturday. We will also offer our popular morning 9-hole "fun" division especially designed for beginner players.

Sunday, September 24th will be comprised of Adult-Youth and Adult-Adult 18-hole teams preferring to play on Sunday. In the afternoon, we will offer a new 5-hole "fun" division formatted for our youngest players.

Need a teammate? There are many kids within The First Tee program who do not have parents or family members who play golf. We would love for you to play with those children to allow them this unique opportunity.

Sign up before August 1st to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing!

Entry fees vary based on the division - an Adult-Youth 5-hole "fun" division is \$50/team, Adult-Youth 9-hole "fun" division is \$85/team, Adult-Youth 18-hole division is \$110/team and the Adult-Adult 18-hole division is \$135/team. Any entries received after August 1st will be \$15 more per team (\$65, \$100, \$125, and \$150 respectively). This entry fee includes 5, 9 or 18 holes with cart, range balls, box lunch, and an Awards Reception following tournament play. All entries are due by September 10th and teams can easily sign-up and pay on-line at www.thefirstteeroanokevalley.org.

Sponsors will again play a large role in our fundraising efforts. Last year we raised over \$20,000 and this year our goal is \$25,000! Sponsorship opportunities start at only \$100 and extend to \$10,000. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring our event, please find our Sponsor Form in this newsletter or on-line at www.thefirstteeroanokevalley.org. If you are unable to make a monetary donation but would still like to support our tournament, we are always looking for raffle prizes. Please contact Jennifer Blackwood (jblackwood@thefirstteeroanokevalley.org) if you have something you would like to donate our ever-popular raffle. We hope that you will make a contribution to this tournament and thank you in advance for your support.

We are truly looking forward to another great event in September. For more information on tournament details you may visit our website or contact Miller Baber at 540-354-8180 or Meg Wise 540-815-1574.



2017 The First Tee Parent-Child Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

Sign up and pay online at www.thefirstteeroanokevalley.org

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2-Person Entries into Tournament	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Logo displayed on hole	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo placement on scoreboard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo placement on website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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