



## The Clubhouse Recap

First Tee – Cleveland is excited to publish its inaugural newsletter as a vehicle to share all of the ways the organization enriches the lives of youth in our community through golf.

The goal is for the newsletter to hit your email inbox at the beginning of every month. You can find a digital version of our newsletter under the “Stories” tab on our website! Thanks to volunteer coach Matt Harness for assisting with the writing! Stay connected with us on Instagram, X, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

On to the news. March was busy at the Woodworth Activity Center, which hosted a three-month indoor series of classes for kids ages 7 to 18. Fit to a Tee, the on-site culinary program, hosted a parent brunch that showcased the kids’ cooking skills.

Additionally, the sparkling new headquarters welcomed a variety of guests, including Kiwanis clubs, community partners, business meetings and team-building events.

## Next on the Tee

First Tee – Cleveland’s 26th [annual fundraiser](#) is Monday, June 9 at The Country Club in Pepper Pike. Sponsorships are also available.

Make this year’s [Grand Slam tournaments](#) – The Masters, PGA Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship – more entertaining by joining First Tee – Cleveland’s majors contest, hosted by the chapter’s Ambassador Committee. There are prizes for each individual event as well as for the best overall player.

Hungry? participate in our [Taste of The Tee](#) event on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm.

[Registration](#) is open for this season’s classes! Don’t wait—the spring session starts April 21. Visit the website for more information and to sign up.

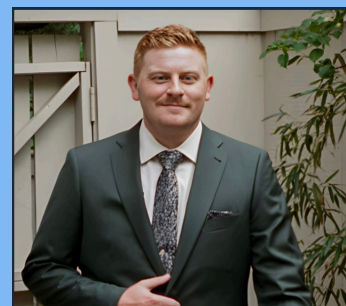
## Community Corner

DAN DREILING considers himself a friend, partner, investor, sponsor and coach to First Tee – Cleveland. He got involved in 2020 because he believes in the mission and its approach and process to teaching golf to kids. Furthermore, the First Tee provides him with the best return on his investment of time, talent and treasure.

A Strongsville resident and graduate of John Carroll University, Dan is an owner of North Point Portfolio Managers, an investment firm in Orange Village. First Tee – Cleveland is a fortunate recipient of his company’s generosity. From personal experience, Dan knows how much value organization such as First Tee offer communities. He encourages everybody to get involved.



## Where Are They Now?



JAMES KOCAB participated in First Tee – Cleveland from 2009-13 and calls the organization a “life-changing” program.

His best memory was at the National First Tee Summit in Nashville, where he met former President George W. Bush and listened to country music legend Vince Gill sing him happy birthday in front of more than 1,000 people.

James played golf and earned a degree in Psychology from the College of Wooster. He works as an account executive at Nomura Research Institute (North America).

A resident of Richmond Heights, James got married last year, and the couple plans to visit Ireland—their fifth country—this summer for an eight-day walking tour. Of course, he said he will do his best to sneak in some golf.

“I continue to look for ways to support the mission and values of First Tee - Cleveland and expect to do so for the remainder of my life,” he said.

**STAY CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED, AND KEEP SWINGING!**