



The Clubhouse Recap

First Tee – Cleveland's Spring session is off to a great start, and we are already looking toward our Summer sessions. Registration is open for Summer classes and golf camps. On April 5, the Woodworth Activity Center hosted a volunteer kick off meeting with over 50 coaches in attendance. Volunteers were educated on various coaching and event opportunities.

We're excited to announce that we are partnering with Washington Golf Course and Cleveland Metroparks' summer golf camps. The week-long camps are Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm, beginning on June 9. First Tee will have coaches on hand to help educate campers on golf fundamentals and to help with on course play. Click [here](#) to register and select the "Washington Golf Course" location on the left side filter options.

Finally, with warmer weather making it's return, First Tee – Cleveland has been busy hosting field trips for our school partner students. Field trips include games and activities on the driving range, short game area and putting green, and a pizza party.

Next on the Tee

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

Hungry? Don't miss [Taste of the Tee](#) presented by the Putt Family on May 15 from 5-8 pm at the Woodworth Activity Center in Newburgh Heights. Chefs from Canterbury Golf Club, Lakewood Country Club and The Country Club will partner with the Fit to a Tee kids to create culinary delights.

Quack! Quack! The [Strongsville Duck Race and Kids Fest](#) is taking place Saturday, June 7th from 11am to 3pm at the Metroparks Chalet. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the event. First Tee – Cleveland is a beneficiary, and you can help support by buying a rubber duck.

Test your endurance while raising money for First Tee – Cleveland programs by playing in the 5th annual [100 Hole Golf Marathon](#) on Friday, July 18 at Seneca Golf Course.

Community Corner

In her 10-plus years with First Tee – Cleveland, SONIA MINTUN has watched as timid kids turn into confident teenagers and ultimately successful adults. After Mintun's own children went to college, she started coaching at First Tee. She was drawn to the organization's mission of developing youth through golf. Mintun believes golf's foundation of etiquette and discipline builds character and instills values necessary to navigate life's challenges. As a board member and patron, Mintun is excited to lead First Tee – Cleveland into the future. She highly recommends getting involved to anyone with the time and resources. "You quickly understand how impactful the program is," Mintun said. A resident of Chagrin Falls, Mintun is a Managing Director and Portfolio Manager at Ancora Advisors.



Where Are They Now?



One of KAYIN CLAYTOR's fondest memories of First Tee – Cleveland was spending hours on the range, hitting balls from a large garbage can under the supervision of Associate Director Brian McFarland. The exercise improved his swing and enabled him to take his game to the next level.

After success on First Tee's Junior League team, Kayin went on to play for Shaker Heights High School. "That was my first introduction to competitive golf, and it gave me the confidence to play at the high school level," said Kayin, who participated in First Tee from 2010-18.

More importantly, Kayin learned a work ethic he's carried to this day. He earned a finance degree at Miami (Ohio) University and works as a financial analyst at UBIZ Venture Capital in Cleveland, where he lives. Kayin intends to be a resource for others like him.

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