

Clubhouse Recap: 6th Annual 100 Hole Golf Marathon



Ken Morgan traveled from Maine to Ohio to participate in the **6th Annual 100 Hole Golf Marathon** on July 17 at **Seneca Golf Course**. It was the second year in a row he made the long-distance trip for the event.

A steadfast supporter of First Tee – Cleveland, Morgan called this installment the most special of the three he's played in. Reason No. 1 is he shared the experience with his teen son **Ross**, a former participant in the program and a 100 Hole rookie.

"To do something like this and do it with the people you love is the best," said Ken, who lived in Brecksville before moving to Falmouth, Maine in January 2024.

"First Tee was a great social outlet for Ross. The kids don't even know the life lessons they learn through golf."

Thanks to people like the Morgans, First Tee – Cleveland experienced a record-breaking outing. The organization had the most players who raised the most money from the most donors.

"If you love golf, there's no better event than this," said **Chief Executive Officer Brian McFarland**. "It's not as intimidating as it looks. Yes, you have to keep pace, but you don't keep score and don't have to overthink things. Some players find out they play better."

Jim Jakubowski and **Dan Wilhelm** are among the few who have participated in all six marathons. In fact, Wilhelm is credited with bringing the idea of a golf marathon to First Tee.

"There were open minds to try new ways to raise meaningful dollars," said Wilhelm, who lives in North Ridgeville. "It could have been a bust, but it's worked out pretty well. It's such a cool thing. What other opportunity do you have to play virtually unlimited golf on three different nines. That's a rare thing. More importantly, the money raised has a real impact on the First Tee community."

As a volunteer coach, Jakubowski, of Parma Heights, is someone who's seen that money put to good use.

"This is an organization that I believe in," he said.

A special shoutout goes to Seneca and **Cleveland Metroparks** for partnering with First Tee – Cleveland to host the marathon for all six years. **Director of Golf Dave Donner** even cut all 27 hole locations for the event.

"The relationship between the Metroparks, Seneca and First Tee makes perfect sense," said Seneca's Clubhouse Manager and golf professional **Dan Ratliff**. "Our goals are to provide access to golf and grow the game."

As this year's top team fundraiser, the Morgans are doing their part to ensure First Tee's future.

Ross said, "I love golf and spending time with my dad, and I want to start giving back."



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