



**Get registered early for spring / summer / fall golf classes**  
**Two easy ways to register**

**1- In Person Registration** Benefits of attending the in person registration include:

- Save \$5 on your first class
- In person registration starts a week before mail-in
- Three convenient locations to register
- Confirm your child's place in class, no more wondering if your form made it in the mail
- Registration can be done for all classes and all courses at any in person registration day
- Let our staff help you determine the correct class to enroll your child in
- Meet our staff and get all your questions answered

**In Person Registration Dates & Times**

Friday, March 23rd - City Park - 5-8pm

Wednesday, March 28th - Wellshire - 5-8pm

Friday, March 30th - Willis Case - 5-8pm

You do not have to register at the same golf course where you plan to take classes.

**2 - Mail-In Registration Dates & Times**

Forms will be accepted via mail starting on **APRIL 2nd, 2007**

Please enclose all fees per session with completed registration form. Registration form and payment must be received before any space in class will be reserved.

Additional forms can be downloaded at [www.thefirstteeofdenver.com](http://www.thefirstteeofdenver.com)

**2007 Registration Brochure Attached**

**All-you-can-eat spaghetti fundraising dinner**

In conjunction with our open house registration at City Park we will be having a spaghetti dinner to help us raise some money towards our future efforts to positively impact the lives of Denver kids. There will be no need to call ahead, just come out and enjoy a nice all-you-can-eat dinner to benefit a fantastic program.

The date and location is....

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Park Golf Course from 5:00-8:00 PM

**Caddie Program**

We need caddies! If you are between the ages of 13 and 18 (or know someone who is) and want to make money this summer, have scholarship opportunities, and learn a very challenging skill contact Paul Crossland at (303) 370-1562 or by email at [paul@thefirstteeofdenver.com](mailto:paul@thefirstteeofdenver.com).

**Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip, and Putt**

This year the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip, and Putt will be hosted by The First Tee of Denver at City Park Golf Course on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all kids between the ages of 7 and 14 and is **absolutely free**. You can go to [www.thegolfchannel.com/34000/](http://www.thegolfchannel.com/34000/) to register for this fantastic opportunity.

**Staff Profile**



**Paula Purifoy**

Did you know that The First Tee of Denver has a new Executive Director? Please join us in congratulating Paula Purifoy who was promoted to the position on December 4, 2006. Paula grew up in Northglenn, Colorado where she attended Thornton High school. She went on to College at the Metropolitan State College of Denver where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Communications. Paula joined The First Tee of Denver in July of 2004, and has since been integral to the program's success.

**Something you may not have known about Paula** – She received a birthday surprise to go skydiving and found out only an hour before she was supposed to jump. She jumped anyway.

**Coach's Corner**



Some people reading this may know me, some may not. I am the golf club-builder for the First Tee of Denver. I am based out of City Park Golf Course. I have been working professionally on golf clubs since 2000. The First Tee of Denver thought that it would be worthwhile for me to write a column each month for our newsletter. I have always felt like I have been in a lucky position here at The First Tee of Denver. Instead of my livelihood depending on people buying golf clubs from me, we use this shop as a way to help support our club building programs that we do with kids. Since I have never been required to make a living off of the profits of the club shop, I believe that it has allowed me to be a little bit more objective about all of information and hype out there surrounding golf club technology.

Last week, I received a monthly "technical magazine" from one of the major companies that sells golf club components to club-builders. I get lots of things like these and they always have information about fitting procedures, club and shaft specifications, and mostly why their newest stuff is superior to everything else that has ever existed. Some of these magazines are very informational and I gain a lot of valuable information by reading them. Some of these magazines are full of hype and misinformation. Unfortunately, the good, informative magazines are the minority. Most of the information available to consumers about golf clubs is either misleading or just plain wrong. I decided to read through this magazine again and keep track of what information I agreed with and what I thought was incorrect in one form or another. I counted 120 different technical statements that were made in this magazine. I found only 60 of them to be accurate. This information is geared toward the people who are supposed to be helping consumers get the best possible equipment, and half of it is inaccurate. I decided to do they same experiment by reading through the web site of one of the major golf club manufactures. In this instance I found only about 40% of the information to be worthwhile. Look for my monthly column where I will discuss some of these issues and hopefully help everyone learn a little more about golf clubs and maybe help their games some.

The First Tee of Denver is a USGA supported program



The USGA is committed to providing opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. To this end, the USGA launched an aggressive grant making program in 1997 to help organizations develop introductory golf programs and alternative golf facilities for youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, minority youth, girls and individuals with disabilities. USGA-supported golf programs have impacted hundreds of thousands of children and people with disabilities. The USGA is committed to this \$5 million annual grants initiative through at least 2010. Also, in 1997, the USGA instituted the Fellowship in Leadership and Service. This two-year program provides professional development opportunities for recent college graduates and instills in them a passion for volunteerism and philanthropy. The paramount experience of USGA Fellows comes through working as grants program staff members.