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2nd Annual First Tee Golf Classic

June 23rd was a successful and exciting day at Edgewood C.C. in Sissonville, West Virginia as 100 golfers (25 teams) took the course for the Second Annual First Tee Golf Classic hosted by the First Tee -West Virginia. The annual fundraiser features a round of golf, food, drinks, entertainment, raffle and awards. FirstNet has been a continuous supporter of FTWV for several years and has been the Presenting Sponsor of the Golf Classic since it's inception in 2024. Over 34 local businesses supported by playing, sponsoring and/or donating goods. All funds raised benefit the statewide First Tee - West Virginia program.

This year Hole #10, "The Party Hole" featured music by Bravo Live DJ and cocktails by the Official Spirits Partner of the WVGA, Tito's Handmade Vodka.

First Tee - West Virginia welcomed other local non-profit organizations like; Goodwill Industries of the Summit, United Way of Central WV and The Maddox Potter Foundation to share their mission in the community.



PSIMED served as the Hospitality Sponsor providing golfers and volunteers with a catered meal from Sam's Uptown Cafe after the round. The Beverage Cart Sponsor, WesBanco, ensured everyone stayed hydrated out on the course while temps reached high 90s.

Team WesBanco won in a scorecard playoff with an overall score of 46 (-25), Team FirstNet came in second and Team PSIMED came in third.

"We are excited to see the continued success of the Golf Classic in it's second year. Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor FirstNet Built with AT&T and all other sponsors for their continued support. Edgewood Country Club's staff went above and beyond to make the day perfect for our event and we can't thank them enough for all of their hard work." said Executive Director, Jeff Preast.

Danielle Monk, a First Tee - West Virginia Board Member and WVGA staff member said, "It's been a great day despite the heat. We are already looking forward to next year and what we can do to make it even better!"

17th Annual Ben McGraw First Tee Classic

"The" Ben McGraw First Tee Classic is in memory of Ben McGraw and held each year on the Cobb Course at The Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels, WV where Ben shared his love for golf with local youth. We celebrate his life and passion on the course raising funds for the youth of West Virginia. "The" Ben McGraw First Tee Classic features a round of golf, food, drinks prizes and a great day with friends of Ben!



The First Tee is a nonprofit administered by the WVGA and is dedicated to empowering the youth ages 5-18, from all backgrounds by providing a meaningful access to the game of golf. It gives opportunities to build life enhancing values such as sportsmanship, honesty, respect, confidence, integrity, and more that lasts a lifetime while making memories. Currently over 200 schools in WV have incorporated the First Tee School Program in their curriculum and 55,000 students are impacted annually. First Tee also has golf course programs that are taught at 8 locations statewide. The First Tee's goal is to establish a First Tee school program in every elementary and middle school in WV and grow the golf course program to provide more locations for the youth in West Virginia.

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