

March 2016

Dear SNEWGA Club Representatives and Club Presidents,

Each of the last five years we have asked your club to participate in SNEWGA's initiative benefiting The First Tee of Connecticut. Our goal is to have each member who is willing add a donation to her SNEWGA dues. For every dollar donated by members of your club, you will create a raffle ticket, which in turn will be entered into drawing, occurring on Team Day (June 22<sup>nd</sup>), for a chance to win one of two foursomes, donated to SNEWGA by The First Tee. Your members do not have to be present at Team Day to win.

We have found it very effective to put a donation line right on your club membership form. Leslie Harrison has a sample membership form if you need one and you may find that works for you or you may have a better idea. Whatever works best for you and your club is great.

For 2016, now that The First Tee of CT is an officially recognized LPGA-Girls Golf site, we will be designating all of our donations to be directed to this part of The First Tee of CT program, as we want to ensure that we more directly impact young women and their exposure and enjoyment of this wonderful sport. LPGA-Girls Golf goals are similar to those of The First Tee, but with a special emphasis on developing the confidence and self esteem of the young women in the program. Every member of the program is encouraged to lead a healthy, active life by incorporating The Five E's – Empower, Enrich, Engage, Exercise, and Energize. Additionally, it should be noted, that this program is led by an all female coaching staff, further reinforcing that this great game is for everyone at every stage of their life.

In the end what we need from each SNEWGA Club Representative is:

1. For every dollar donated by your members, please put their first and last names on the back of a raffle ticket – one ticket for every dollar they contribute.

You may use any type/color of raffle ticket you desire. You may give them to Leslie Harrison, preferably in a zip lock bag/envelope, with your Club Name on the bag, at the SNEWGA Spring Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> @ Richter Park in Danbury or mail the tickets to Leslie at some point prior to Team Day (41 Early Dawn Circle, Windsor, CT 06095).

2. Check(s) equaling the amount of your member's donations.

As far as the actual donation, your member's individual check can be made payable either to **SNEWGA** or to **The First Tee of CT** (if they would like a record for tax purposes)

**OR**

You can have your members make their donations payable to your club's treasury and then in turn your club can write a single check made payable to **SNEWGA** (preferred method) or to **The First Tee of CT**.

3. If you are sending a single donation check from your club, please include a list of donor names and the amounts they donated. First Tee will acknowledge any donation of \$10.00 or more with a thank you letter that can be used for tax purposes.
4. All monies should be given or mailed to Leslie Harrison for recording.

We would like to surpass the membership's very generous 2015 donation total of \$2,061.00.

Remember: All donations stay right here in Connecticut and help Connecticut girls. If you have already held your winter meeting or sent out your membership forms, please ask your members to donate at your spring meetings or on your opening day, or at some other event at your club.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact; Leslie Harrison, Membership VP ([lharrison13@comcast.net](mailto:lharrison13@comcast.net)) or Carole Oat, President ([coat17@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coat17@sbcglobal.net)).

Thank you for helping The First Tee, help young CT golfers gain exposure to and derive a multitude of benefits from this great game.

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