

'LIVE GREEN!' EVENT AT RANCHO DEL PUEBLO TEACHES KIDS ABOUT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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RANCHO DEL PUEBLO GOLF COURSE

THE FIRST TEE TEACHING LIFE SKILLS TO KIDS

Rancho del Pueblo is proud to be the home of the First Tee of Silicon Valley. The First Tee of Silicon Valley is a public charity 501(c)(3) that provides life skills education to youth at low cost through the game of golf. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. The First Tee of Silicon Valley serves boys and girls from kindergarten to 12th grade at locations in San Jose, South County and Palo Alto. Its programs have reached over 25,000 young people since 2005.

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HELPING THE HABITAT

The First Tee of Silicon Valley participants learn to 'Live Green!' at Rancho del Pueblo event

Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, along with The First Tee of Silicon Valley, participated in an environmental education and course improvement program called "Live Green!" This event was developed by The First Tee in partnership with The Toro Company, Audubon International and OSH.

On Saturday, August 23, 100 young people had the opportunity to learn about sustainable golf practices while making environmental enhancements to Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course in San Jose.

Rancho del Pueblo is a municipal course, owned by the City of San Jose and operated by CourseCo, Inc. The President of CourseCo, Tom Isaak



says, "We at CourseCo are delighted that The First Tee, Toro and Audubon International selected Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, home of The First Tee of Silicon Valley, to host one of this year's LiveGreen! programs for youth. Excellent environmental stewardship at

Rancho and all other CourseCo-operated golf facilities is an important part of our management philosophy. In fact, Rancho is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, making it an ideal location for The First Tee of Silicon Valley's youth to learn more about respect and

< Participants share a laugh during "Live Green!" festivities.

how it applies to the environment."

Toro taught the participating youth about the science of caring for a golf course to both protect the environment and create healthy turf conditions. Audubon International worked closely with The First Tee of Silicon Valley to identify and recommend improvements at the course and provided environmental education activities for the participants involved.

"Live Green!" brings attention to the importance of caring for the environment. Health and wellness topics are shared with participants to use in golf and their personal lives.



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A KICK OUT OF GOLF!

Inaugural FootGolf Classic held at Rancho del Pueblo GC

The First Tee of Silicon Valley hosted the 1st Annual FootGolf Classic on Saturday, May 31, at Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course.

This community-based FootGolf event (which is a unique combination of two sports — soccer and golf) commenced with registration and contests, followed by announcements and the official FootGolf kickoff at 2 p.m.

A tasty tamale dinner followed with an evening program.

The 2014 FootGolf Classic, which sold out, was presented by The First Tee of Silicon



A FootGolf participant prepares to tee off.

Valley with supporting partners VIBE Soccer and the Tamale Festival.

Cost for participating in the FootGolf Classic was \$50 per person, which included snacks, dinner, green fee and tee prize.

Event rules are similar to golf as the lowest score wins, but instead of a golf club you use your foot to kick a soccer ball into a hole that is 21 inches in diameter. The event was open to players 6th grade and up.

“We were extremely excited about this fun-based community event at Rancho del Pueblo,” said LPGA Operations Manager Colleen Henry with CourseCo, Inc., who is also The First Tee Master Coach. “FootGolf is becoming quite popular among youth.”

Since the event, hundreds of FootGolfers have played at Rancho del Pueblo, making it a premier destination for fans of the growing sport.

TRAINING GROUND

LOS LAGOS HOME TO HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

San Jose has become one of the fastest-growing cities in the country and with that comes a wave of young, new golfers.

Los Lagos Golf Course has become home to many high schools in the area and serves over 350 students a year. A few of the participating leagues include the Blossom Athletic League, Mount Hamilton, and the West Catholic Athletic League.

These groups play more than 600 rounds during their season at Los Lagos. One of the many great aspects of these leagues is they pull students from all over the city bringing together different communities, ethnicities, and skill levels.

For a lot of players, they would never have the opportunity to experience the game of golf without this avenue.

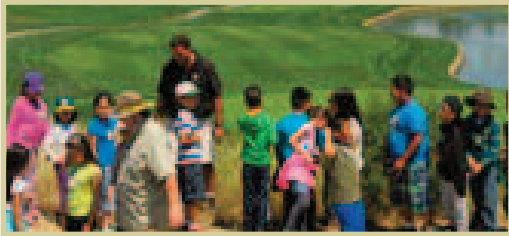
KICKIN' IT!

FOOTGOLF CRAZE

FootGolf is played just like golf except with a soccer ball.

CLICK HERE for all the details of the game.

> **CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE FOOTGOLF EVENT AT RANCHO DEL PUEBLO**



STONEGATE STUDENTS GET A TASTE OF GOLF

Los Lagos Golf Course was given a huge honor this past May by introducing dozens of young kids to the game of golf. The bus from Stonegate Elementary School pulled up with four classes of eager third-grade students, many of whom had never been to a golf course before.

Thanks to The First Tee of Silicon Valley, and Los Lagos Golf Course, these children were treated to a day they will not soon forget. It started with an outdoor education presentation that went over topics about local wildlife, and what to do if they encounter a wounded animal.

From there the kids were taken on a nature walk where they were able to see local wildlife. While grabbing a peek at turtles, turkeys, and hummingbirds, they were taught about erosion, runoff, and other environmental factors that affect a golf course.

The fun did not stop there as the kids finished the day on the putting green with a variety of different golf activities.



Ladies from the group Savvy Women In Need of Golf enjoy an event at Los Lagos that included mimosas and mulligans. The group holds monthly events where they also receive basic instruction.

IN THE SWING

Ladies group has developed a big following at Los Lagos

Los Lagos is happy to be home to one of Northern California's largest women's golf clubs, SWING. Savvy Women In Need of Golf (SWING) was started in 2010 and since its inception has never looked back.

This fun and friendly club's mission is to provide an easy, non-threatening avenue for women to learn and enjoy the game of golf.

Their most recent event, Mimosas and Mulligans, had the highest turnout of the year and it is only ex-

pected to increase.

These ladies have monthly events where they are treated to a free lesson learning the basics of the swing, chipping, pitching, and putting.

What started out as a small idea, has blossomed into one of the premier community groups and Los Lagos is proud to be the largest host to the group.

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