

A Report from Your First Tee Liaison

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As a member of the Midwest Association, I have gladly accepted the responsibility of being the liaison between the MAGCS and the First Tee organization. The First Tee is a program that will create golf facilities that are accessible to America's youth. The local chapters are set up to provide juniors with a golf practice facility, at minimal cost, and provide guidance for the kids who need it. I sent a detailed packet of information concerning the First Tee to all MAGCS board members.

I contacted Mike Nass, representing the Wheaton chapter, and from what I gathered, his site is well-established and on its way. The other gentleman I have spoken with is Don Wegrzyn, who is the former golf professional at Old Elm C.C. Don is now the president of the North Chicago First Tee site, which is also referred to as the Northeastern Illinois Junior Golf Alliance (N.I.J.G.A.).


After speaking primarily with Don, I gathered a considerable amount of information concerning the First Tee and its future site in Foss Park. I attended the chapter's second board meeting, and was invited to participate in an outing with Don and some of the other board members. Following the outing, they took a trip to Foss Park to show everyone their preliminary plans for the layout.



The superintendent of Foss Park, Bob Winter, is handling most of the construction work on the site. A double tee made of an artificial surface will be established, along with three holes measuring out from 75 to 125 yards, and a practice green.

At this point, equipment and money donations are of top priority, and I believe the Midwest has established a betting hole at the monthly meetings to raise money for junior golf.

I realize several organizations have been established to support junior golf, such as the Illinois Junior Golf Association, the First Tee, and so on. All I ask is that the members of the Midwest please give consideration for the donation of funds or

equipment to the N.I.J.G.A. and the First Tee. I have enjoyed being the liaison for the MAGCS, and hope to be of help to anyone interested. 

To find out more information regarding the First Tee, contact Brock Burton, assistant superintendent at Bryn Mawr C.C., at 847-677-4112.