

Going Postal

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First Tee follies

At the 2001 PGA Merchandise Show, I approached the North Florida representative for The First Tee and offered our facility to him and The First Tee program. I stated that with 36 holes, our facility was perfect for The First Tee. We could get the kids started and then provide for them a place to play. He stated that with the presence of the LPGA World Headquarters in Daytona Beach, he would love to have a First Tee facility there. He would give me a call and come check me out. I never heard from him.

Upon further research into the program, I found out that The First Tee is looking to build new facilities featuring three holes with a clubhouse. It is not interested in existing facilities. If its goal is to help inner-city youth, then The First Tee program is going about it the wrong way. If it wants to help kids that badly, The First Tee will seek the help of established facilities.

My golf course is in close proximity to the inner-city of Daytona Beach. I have plenty of room for kids to play golf. We are currently working on our own program to accomplish these objectives. It is a shame The First Tee could not be a part of this.

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Joe O'Brien, senior managing director of operations for The First Tee, responds:

The First Tee does work with existing facilities, and we not only have a three-hole prototype, but we have a six-hole and nine-hole prototypes as

well. We have also developed the affiliate program for for-profit facilities that can provide access and programming. If our staff overlooked this opportunity or any other that fits The First Tee concept, we apologize. We certainly intend on following up as we evolve our organization.

Watch the language

I have not been a faithful reader of *Golfdom*, although I have read some of the past few issues.

When you stoop to using language such as, and I quote, "big-ass printing press," (Flagstick, October), I'm not impressed with your lack of professionalism and your lack of respect for those whom you would like to read your publication. Maybe you don't consider it foul language, but as you can see, others do. You certainly didn't earn any points with me.

If you don't consider the use of such language a problem, perhaps that indicates the infiltration of the poor values of today's society into your publication. I also wonder if your supporting advertisers and associations condone such language.

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