



TWIG and TWIG Kidz Members prepare for the 22nd Annual TWIG Invitational Golf Tournament at Lochmere Golf Course in Cary, NC

22nd TWIG Foundation Invitational Recap

By Rose Foster

The 22nd Annual TWIG Foundation Invitational on September 20th was a tremendous success! We welcomed **106 golfers** to the course for a great day of camaraderie and community spirit. Thanks to the incredible support of our sponsors and participants, we raised **\$29,000**—just shy of our \$30,000 goal.

More than **45 sponsors** were proudly recognized through event signage and promotions, reflecting the strong community partnerships that make this event possible.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their time, talent, and generosity to this year's invitational. We're already looking forward to making next year's event even better!

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Congratulations to the winners:

Men's Flight, Low Gross Scramble — Bryan Apple, Derrick Brown, Charles Harleston, Joe Simmons

Men's Flight, Low Net Scramble — Anthony Wade, Clinton Collins, Phillip Wade, George Cooper

Mixed Flight, Low Gross Scramble — Elton Pace, Gabrielle Pace, Nelton Pace, Herbert Higgs

Mixed Flight, Low Net Scramble — Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman, Michell Keaton Barrow, Marilyn Hays, James Graham

Women's Flight, Low Gross Scramble — Rosa Sherk, Jeanne Tedrow, Kimani Frazier, Ava Funchess

Women's Flight, Low Net Scramble — Danyel Wimberly, Tisha Jefferson, Maria Walden

Spotlight On New Members



Danyel Wimberly

- **Hometown:** Clinton, NC
- **Current City:** Raleigh, NC
- **Occupation:** Operations Exec, Engineer
- **College alma mater(s):** North Carolina State University
- **How long you've been a golfer:** 20+ years
- **Where you play golf most often:** Anywhere they will let me tee it up
- **What you most enjoy about golf:** The challenge; course variety
- **What you most want to get out of the TWIG Sisterhood:** Develop friendship(s); establish golf partners to play anytime

Doug Boyd Invitational

On Monday, July 28, TWIG Kidz made a big impact at the 17th Annual Doug Boyd Foundation Tournament at River Ridge Golf Course.

In the Mixed Team Category, Sabrina Shands (age 10, TWIG Kidz) teamed up with Michelle Keaton Barrow, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman (TWIG), and James Graham to claim first place, topping four other mixed teams in the competition.

Sabrina also had a standout personal achievement — capturing the Longest Drive in the Women's Division, an incredible accomplishment at just 10 years old! This win not only highlights Sabrina's growing talent, but also showcases the strength of teamwork and the impact TWIG is making in the game of golf.

Congratulations to Sabrina and the entire team for representing TWIG with excellence!



Sabrina Shands (TWIG Kidz) receives her trophy for first place at the Doug Boyd



(left to right) Michelle Keaton-Barrow, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman, James Graham, and Sabrina Shands finish 18 holes at 12 under par at the Doug Boyd Tournament

News from Handicap Chair — Pace of Play

By Andrea Hardy, Handicap Chair



Golf is more enjoyable for everyone when rounds move at a steady pace. According to **GHIN Rule 5.6**, players must avoid unreasonable delays and play at a prompt pace.

Key Takeaways:

- **Be ready to play:** If you're farthest from the green, it's your turn.
- **Limit distractions:** Keep phone use to a minimum. If you must take a call, use earbuds and keep moving.
- **Hustle between shots:** Walk with purpose, but don't rush your swing — rushed shots just add strokes.
- **Play "ready golf"** when needed, as long as it's safe and agreed upon by your group.
- **Respect others' time:** Allow faster groups to play through.

Penalties for delay:

- **1st breach:** one penalty stroke
- **2nd breach:** general penalty (two strokes)
- **3rd breach:** disqualification

At the end of the day, golf should be fun!

One great shot can erase the memory of a few bad ones — let's make sure everyone enjoys the game by keeping things moving and respecting each other's time.

Upcoming TWIG Events

Member-Member
tournament

November 8,
2025

Last Day to enter
Handicaps in GHIN
for TWIG Biggest
Loser Contest

November 30,
2025

TWIG Holiday Party

December 13,
2025

TWIG Winter Trip
to Jamaica

February
19-21, 2026

Newcomers Corner — Golf Practicalities

Golf is as much about etiquette as it is about skill.

To ensure everyone enjoys their round, it's important to follow a few simple guidelines that keep the game moving and respectful for all players on the course.

ARRIVE EARLY

Give yourself time to check in, warm up, and be ready when your group is called. A timely start sets the tone for the entire round.

ORDER OF PLAY

Traditionally, the player farthest from the hole plays first. However, **Ready Golf** encourages players to hit when they're ready (and it's safe) to keep the game moving — just don't use it as an excuse to slow down.

ON THE GREEN

- Always **mark your ball** to avoid interfering with others.
- Never walk in another player's putting line.
- Be mindful of speed — limit practice strokes and be prepared when it's your turn.

KEEP THE PACE

- You should always be able to see the group in front of you. If not, you're falling behind.
- Avoid unnecessary or "extra" shots.
- Don't hit until the group ahead is safely out of range.

COURSE CARE

- Follow cart rules, including the 90-degree rule and cart path-only holes.
- Rake bunkers after use and repair your divots. Leaving the course in good condition helps everyone.

GENERAL COURTESY

- Keep phones on silent so they don't interrupt play.
- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings to avoid delays or unsafe play.

By following these simple rules, you'll not only speed up the game but also show courtesy to your playing partners and fellow golfers on the course. A smooth round makes the day more enjoyable for everyone.

Foundation News and TWIG KIDz

TWIG Kidz ESPN Episode

TWIG Kidz recently stepped into the spotlight with an interview on *The Sports Shop* with **Reese and K-Mac**, one of the Triangle's most popular sports radio shows. The conversation gave TWIG the perfect platform to share the heart and mission of the **TWIG Kidz program**, which has mentored and inspired young girls through golf for nearly 25 years. The feature on *The Sports Shop* not only brought TWIG Kidz to a wider audience but also celebrated the dedication of our coaches, volunteers, and sponsors who make the program possible.

Click [here](#) to watch the episode!



Reese and K-mac



TWIG Kidz girls head out to the course. (Spectrum News 1/Sydney McCoy)

TWIG Kidz Spectrum News Interview

We're proud to share that TWIG Kidz was featured on Spectrum News during the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro! The story spotlighted 10-year-old **August Yates**, who shared how TWIG Kidz builds friendship and confidence, her father **Efrem Yates**, who spoke about the strength and self-belief golf provides, and rising star **Aubrey Jackson**, who was recognized for her standout play. This feature is a huge win for visibility and inclusion. Seeing TWIG Kidz on the news shows young girls they belong on the green — with confidence, skills, and community to back them up.

We are so proud to see our girls shine!