

TWIG Kidz 2022 NEWSLETTER



TWIG Kidz 2022 kicked off in March, 2022 at Drive Shack where the kids met their new teammates and played a few rounds of golf on the simulation systems. There was a total of seventeen kids who were accepted into the program; a majority returned from 2021 and a few new ones from First Tee and word of mouth. Coach Will Bennet from Lonnie Poole joined us to give highlights of what to expect for the youth golf clinics for Spring and Fall 2022 season.



Viewing from left to right in the above photos are Tyler Spriggs, Kimani Frazier & Arianna Beverly in photo #1 setting up for their next simulated golf match, Sabrina Shands in photo #2 with her focused back swing and Ms. Pamela Bright and Allie Lee in photo #3 receiving her kick-off 2022 gift golf package.

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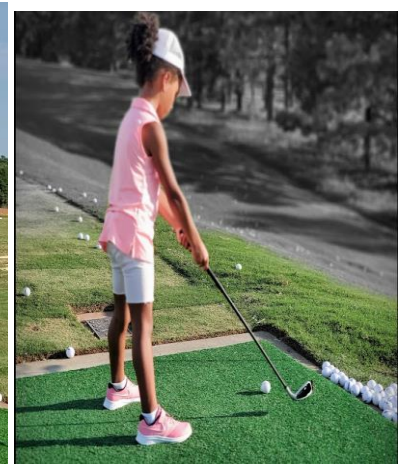
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Rachel Barnes and Coach Madison Corly



Co-Coach Rachel and Penelope



Six-year-old Penelope Franklin



Rachel, Penelope & Olivia Heggie /



Makalya Bizzell & Ms. Shawna McKinnon /



Allie Lee and Zoe Crichlow



Morghhan and twin sister Madison Knight @ Drive Chip & Putt and the SAS Championship

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TWIG Kidz supporting the TWIG 19th Invitational



Karina Beverly, Rachel and her big sister Isabel Barnes



Reading left to right photo; TWIG Kidz Zoe, Kimani, Allie and Sabrina

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2022 US WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN

Attended by Olivia Heggie (top photos) and Tyler Spriggs (Lower photos)

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Allie Lee competed in the UA Junior Tour Powered by Under Armour six-week tournament this fall that ran from Oct. 15th to Nov. 19th. Allie placed first in her age division 9–11-year-old group. Allie’s average score over the entire tournament series was To Par Gross +19 and Total Gross 54. Allie played exceptionally well in this tournament, and she continues to work on perfecting her skills to meet the goals set for herself.

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TWIG KIDZ **Justine Pennycooke** and **Tyler Spriggs** have been “golf buddies” since the tender age of 6, bonding during Donna Learner Golf Academy practice sessions and supporting each other during Drive, Chip, and Putt competitions and U.S. Kids Golf Association tournaments. In their teens, Justine and Tyler refined their golf games and became leaderboard contenders (and winners) during regional/national competitive tournaments – including Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf and Carolina Golf Association tourneys – and are among the best junior girls’ golfers in North Carolina. Justine joined TWIG KIDZ in 2018, and Tyler has been a member since 2016.

Now, as Green Hope High School (GHHS) seniors and TWIG KIDZ advanced players, Justine and Tyler are turning the page on high school golf, reflecting on their TWIG Kidz experience, and imagining the next chapter in their lives.

Since freshman year, Justine and Tyler have helped lead the Cary-based GHHS Girls Varsity Golf Team to impressive NCHSAA Triangle-8 Conference championships and regional and state recognition. As co-captains this year, they placed among the top 10 girls’ golfers during regional and state championships and earned First-Team All-Conference nods all four years. Justine was selected SWAC Conference champion, player of the year, and GHHS team MVP. Tyler took top honors in the SAS Junior Open at Prestonwood and is the 2022 First Tee of the Triangle Junior Volunteer of the Year.

“We really appreciate every opportunity the TWIG ladies have provided us and their genuine interest in our goals,” says Justine. Tyler adds, “TWIG’s influence goes beyond golf. We’ve benefited from their support both on- and off-the-course and appreciate their active involvement in our success.” Both girls’ mentor younger TWIG golfers, are involved in community activities, and play during the TWIG Foundation Annual Invitational Golf Tournament and the Doug Boyd Foundation Tournament fundraisers.

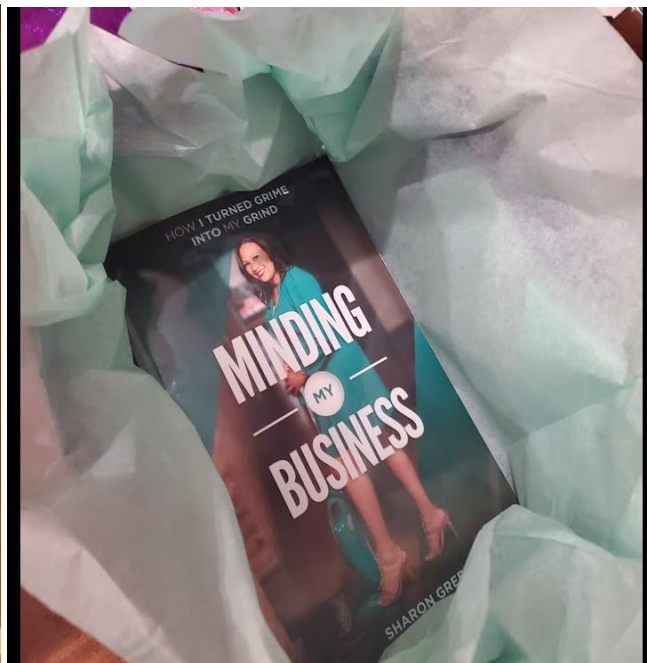
Justine and Tyler also excel off-the-course, maintaining honor roll status throughout high school. Justine co-founded GHHS’s Falcon Frenzy club that helps boost school spirit at sporting events. Tyler co-founded the GHHS Black Student Association that gives students a voice on campus.

What’s next for these two exceptional young ladies who stay true to their authentic selves? College, of course, with Justine pursuing sports marketing and management, and Tyler focused on biomedical cancer research.

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TWIG Kidz Closing Ceremony where each one received a unique trophy emphasizing their unique characteristic trait, (provided by Coach Tyler Nelson from Lonnie Poole's Youth golf program) a reading lamp to go with their book; Minding My Business, to continue journalizing their thoughts from their summer initiative; WHAT, WHY & HOW they will achieve their life goals!

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