

SNEWGA Supports First Tee

Dear SNEWGA Representatives and Presidents,

You know that I think you're terrific! I think that for many reasons, but at this moment, it's because of the enthusiasm and support you have shown for First Tee. Last year, by adding a donation to your SNEWGA dues we contributed over \$1800 in amounts which ranged from \$1 to \$100. We were so successful that our program may be used as a national model.

That is just fabulous! Are we surprised that others want to follow SNEWGA's lead?!? But FABULOUS though it is, it did present certain problems. Our Treasurer and Membership VP had literally hundreds of \$1 checks to process (Talk about a First World Problem . . . !) They would never complain, and we certainly don't want to lose those contributions, but we'd like to streamline the process this year.

To that end, I am requesting that your club provide one check to SNEWGA for its First Tee contributions. At Tallwood, we had women include their donation with their membership fee for TWC, sorted it out, and wrote a check to SNEWGA for the total amount. If you can think of a better way, or a way that better suits your situation and club, please use it. Or tweak last year's way.

Just remember: We don't want to dampen our success! The initial idea was to have every member donate a dollar or more. If last year's method is what works for you, use it! The main thing is to give those who want to support First Tee the opportunity. And it also helps our organization if those donations are channeled through SNEWGA.

And remember, like last year, each dollar donated buys one raffle ticket for a foursome at a fine CT course. Last year it was Wethersfield CC. This year, we have two foursomes to give away at our drawing on Team Day, so two lucky donors will win foursomes.

One final bit of information: We can provide a tax document for anyone who donates \$10 or more. Just provide me with a list of those donors, and I will see to it that an acknowledgement for each of those donations is made by First Tee.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at ljhaney@charter.net, or 860.429.6089.

It is my great privilege to serve Connecticut's kids through you,
Laurie Masciandro