



What's New at Chi Chi's

May & June 2008

Congratulations Frank Chivas: Tom James, Chairman of the Board, presented Frank Chivas with the Chi Chi Rodriguez Humanitarian of the Year Award for his outstanding work not only here at our Academy, but throughout the Tampa Bay area. Frank is a board member of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Morton Plant Hospital, the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, the Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation. He is also the owner of Island Way Grill, Rumba, Marlin Darlin and Salt Rock Grill. His vision, guidance and help over the past year led to the successful expansion and renovations at the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy campus and major renovations at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Frank's generosity and constant hard work is legendary in our community and we were pleased to recognize him with this prestigious award.



Frank Chivas receiving his award at Art in the Park 2008



Winner Greg Kraft with Chi Chi

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"Chi Chi represents the best of our people and the game of golf": This past March, the first PGA Tour event in Puerto Rico was dedicated as a tribute to Chi Chi Rodriguez. Sidney Wolf, General Chairman of the Puerto Rico Open said "Chi Chi represents the best of our people and the game of golf, his professional and personal achievements are outstanding and we sincerely hope this recognition serves to promote the excellent career of our most respected golf player." University of Tampa Graduate and Belleair Country Club Member Greg Kraft beat out the field to win his first PGA event.

The First Tee of Clearwater is proud to be a USGA supported program. Our chapter was one of four in the country to receive a \$50,000 grant to help fund and support all programs of The First Tee.



5th graders Michael and Hailey

Congratulations Chi Chi: At the March 6, 2008 House of Representative session, a House Resolution honoring Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez was referred to the House Committee by Representative C.W. Bill Young and sponsored by Representative Luis V. Gutierrez. The Resolution congratulates and recognizes "Mr. Juan Antonio "Chi Chi" Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country."

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1304



6th grader Sean Fromme

Apprentice Golf Team Member Reaches Top 5: 6th grade Apprentice team member Sean Fromme placed in the top 5 in the putting contest at Mangrove Bay this April for the Mutual of Omaha event. This free event filmed by the Golf Channel, had over 150 children competing in a Drive, Chip and Putt contest. The participants received a t-shirt, food, goodie bags and medals if they placed. Congratulations Sean for an outstanding performance!

Apprentice Team Members: O'dell Auguste (4th), Francisco Dosal (4th), Sean Fromme (6th), Cody Hall (4th), Brian Khules (7th), Connor O'Fallon (4th), and Thomas Zagursky (6th)



Students showing Chi Chi their butterfly project



4th grader Libra shaking hands with Chi Chi

Chi Chi's Surprise Visit: Students had a special day April 15 when their founder visited the campus to see all the new activities going on at his Academy. Chi Chi saw the 5th grade classroom project housing caterpillars through their period of becoming a butterfly and they proudly showed him other school work. He shook hands and spoke with every Academy student during his visit.

PODS Championship Birdies for Charities: Thank you to those who contributed to the PODS Birdies for Charities. Special thanks to Tom Jewell and Frank Casella for getting the word out to supporters and helping with this project. Over the past five years of involvement over \$22,000 has been raised to help fund Academy programming. For information on how you can get involved in next year's efforts, contact Mallory Hubbard at (727) 726-8829 x 209 or e-mail mallory@chichi.org.

Thank You to Outback Pro-Am volunteers who helped successfully operate our Walkabout Village Expo area. The three day expo was visited by hundreds of people who collected information, received great giveaways and participated in the putting contest. Forty four Chi Chi volunteers worked 346 hours in different areas of the Champions Tour event including TV Spotters for NBC, Exodus, Parking, Walkabout Village and Volunteer check in. The total of funds that raised will be announced in our next issue.



Amateur Winner Derrick Brooks, Pro Winner Tom Watson, Board Member Fred Whaley, Academy Students Brian and Brianna, with 3 other young fans.

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Board Members Elliott Ross and Fred Whaley with 7th grader Brian and 4th grader Brianna at the Outback Pro-Am.

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Advisory Group Members Cortez Love and Albert Rosati volunteering in the Walkabout Village

Special Olympics Golf holds practices at Chi Chi's:

Beginning June 4th and through the beginning of September, Special Olympic athletes will be using Chi Chi's Golf Club as their home course for practice. Practice takes place every Wednesday evening starting at 5pm (Skills practice is at 4pm for athletes not currently at the course playing level). These individuals are practicing for the September State competition. One athlete from this group recently competed in the Special Olympic Summer Games in Beijing, China. For information on how to get involved with these amazing athletes contact Dawn Lewellyn with the City of Clearwater at (727) 793-2339 x 238.



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