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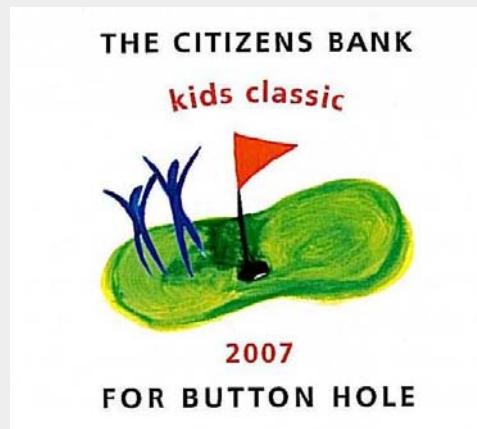
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Welcome to the Second Edition of the Button Hole E-News!

Citizens Bank Kids Classic

Come Play- Meet Some Amazing Kids



It's not every day you have the opportunity to play golf with a city kid who has embraced the sport and is learning not only about golf but about life lessons through golf. At the 6th annual Citizens Bank Kids Classic sponsors have the chance to pair their threesome with some of our best Button Hole Kids. Sponsors have the enjoyment of playing golf, meeting some pretty amazing young players, and the chance to make a contribution to a program that is really making a difference in kids' lives.

The Citizens Bank Kids Classic is one of Button Hole's most important fundraisers. The all day tournament will take place on August 7th as teams play the nine-hole course. Following a fun day of golf, an awards ceremony will be held for all of the participants. Corporate sponsorships are still available. For more information please contact Judith Cuccorelli at **(401) 282-4336**.

Button Hole Kids



Angelo Casey

"I like to come and see how far I can hit the ball. I also like to practice putting on the green."

12 year old Angelo attends Perry Middle School in Providence. He started learning the

Button Hole Kids to be Honored at CVS Volunteer Rally

On August 9th CVS will host a volunteer appreciation afternoon for

game of golf through one of Button Hole's after school programs last year. Since the program, Angelo has continued to come to Button Hole two or three times a week to hit balls.

Angelo is quickly becoming a role model for other kids, and is now showing his twin brother how to stand and grip the club.

Angelo enjoyed serving as a Standard Bearer at the CVS Classic and would like to do it again next year. He had fun driving the cart at the event and having golf balls signed by professional golfers.

Special Thanks

The first annual Carnegie Abbey Button Hole Charity Tournament raised \$15,000 for Button Hole in 2007.

We appreciate the wonderful support of our mission from Brian O'Neill and the entire management team at Carnegie Abbey.

Button Hole Summer Golf Camp

Our summer camp offers young golfers an opportunity to learn the game and hone their golfing skills at a "state of the art" short course and teaching facility.

The second session is full. However, there is still space available for the third session which runs July 23, 24, 25. To learn more or to sign up to attend [click here](#).

all of the volunteers who participated in the CVS Caremark Charity Classic Tournament, including 9 Button Hole Kids. Angelo Casey, Khadijah Aigoro, Omali Castillo, Dennis Prior, Jerson Marcia, Anthony Swadis, Micheal Rodriguez, Anastassya Saldana and Nitza Sanchez all had the important job of Standard Bearers. They were each assigned a foursome who they followed with signs listing their scores. [Read the Bob Kerr article](#) from the Providence Journal that highlights some of our Button Hole volunteers.



Bob Kerr of the Providence Journal talks with Button Hole Kid O'Mali Castillo

Brad Faxon Shares His Golf Skills with Button Hole Kids!

Brad Faxon Day will take place on August 13th. Brad serves as honorary co-chair of Button Hole along with fellow PGA player Billy Andrade. Brad has been a part of the organization since the beginning.

The day begins with Brad addressing the entire group of approximately 100 kids, which is then broken up into small groups. The smaller groups receive instruction from 20 local PGA professionals.

The clinic is the highlight of the Button Hole summer season. Brad has been recognized as the best putter on the PGA tour and one of the best wedge players. His willingness to take time out of his busy schedule and share his talent means so much to our kids. Thank you Brad!

Top Pro Joins Button Hole This Season

Fred Bruno- Master at His Craft

Announcing a great addition for the Button Hole Short Course and Teaching Center in Providence! One of the most respected golf pros in the state, Fred Bruno, is working with the Button Hole kids this season. Bruno will be serving as Director of Golf at Button Hole.

"Fred Bruno is a master at his trade. Button Hole kids will have the opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business," said David Hanna, Button Hole Executive Director. "The kids are going to learn from a man who has worked with, and taught, several of the top Rhode Island PGA professionals."

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Bruno who served as the longtime pro at Rhode Island Country Club says he took the job at Button Hole because he admires the inner city teaching facility's mission of using golf to teach life lessons.

Bruno grew up one street over from where Button Hole is now located and says he believes Button Hole's convenient location provides local kids with a great opportunity to learn the game.

"I love the game of golf. Certainly it instills core values of courtesy, integrity, self discipline and fairness," Bruno said. "Beyond that, there is a wealth of talent at Button Hole. Many of the kids who learn the game here have the potential to play on a much larger scale and I am very excited to be part of developing that talent."

Button Hole Alum New State Golf Champion

Congratulations to long standing Button Hole Kid **Samantha Morrell** who won the R.I. Interscholastic League Girls Individual State Championship in June, making her the new State champion. Samantha was also awarded second place in the Challenge Cup Co-ed High School Championship and first alternate for the U.S. Girls Jr. Championship. Samantha first learned how to play at Button Hole. We're proud to have her as a part of our community! [Click here](#) to see a story about Samantha in the Providence Journal.



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