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New Tampa Teen to Play at Pebble Beach Next Week

Terese Romeo from The First Tee of Tampa Bay to Play in 2013 Nature Valley First Tee Open, Official Champions Tour Event

Tampa, Florida (September 19, 2013) – [The First Tee of Tampa Bay](#), a program of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, is sending Terese Romeo to compete in the [2013 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach](#), an official [Champions Tour](#) event. It will be held next week, September 27-29, and televised internationally on the [GOLF CHANNEL](#). For broadcast times, click [here](#).

"This is such an honor to be selected to play in the Nature Valley First Tee Open with Senior PGA professionals and other The First Tee Juniors from around the world," says Romeo.

16-year-old Romeo will join 80 other participants from The First Tee chapters for the event, which is in its 10th year. Romeo will be teamed a Champions Tour player and an amateur on Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course on Friday and Saturday. The final round will be played on Pebble Beach on Sunday, where the Champions Tour winner will be crowned and the top 23 pro-junior teams will compete for their own championship.

Champions Tour players committed to play include World Golf Hall of Fame members Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Larry Nelson and Hale Irwin, who has the all-time winning record on the Champions Tour with 45 victories. Also several Champions Tour players in the hunt for the Charles Schwab Cup have committed, including David Frost and Duffy Waldorf. Kenny Perry, who is leading in Charles Schwab Cup points, will not play due to his daughter's wedding.

Romeo has been a participant of The First Tee of Tampa Bay for seven years. The teen is a junior at Freedom High School, where she helped her golf team win regionals, despite a serious gymnastics injury that forced her to play with just one hand. Romeo was selected to appear on the GOLF CHANNEL to represent The First Tee after persevering through two wrist surgeries in the past year. Romeo has also been named "[Girl Golfer of the Year](#)" by the *Tampa Bay Times*. Off the course, Romeo likes to run and served as co-captain for a Relay for Life of New Tampa team and led a fundraising team for the Hydrocephalus Walk.

The First Tee of Tampa Bay is one of 188 chapters around the country and in select international locations. Serving the Tampa Bay area since 1999, The First Tee of Tampa Bay provides more than 40,000 children and teens each year with hands-on, interactive golf experiences. To learn more about The First Tee of Tampa Bay visit www.thefirstteetampabay.org. For more information on the 2013 Nature Valley First Tee Open, visit www.thefirstteeopen.com. For pairings and scores during the tournament, visit www.pgatour.com. To request an interview or more photos, please contact Lalita Llerena at Lalita.Llerena@tampaymca.org or 813-224-9622 ext. 1240.

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About The First Tee of Tampa Bay

The First Tee of Tampa Bay, an official program of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, provides more than 40,000 children each year with hands-on, interactive golf experiences. Through the game of golf, The First Tee of Tampa Bay provides young people educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices. Whether through introductory programs in 75+ Hillsborough County public schools, afterschool programs at several local courses, or week-long summer camp experiences, The First Tee of Tampa Bay shows children golf is more than a game-it's an opportunity to become the very best they can be. www.thefirstteetampabay.org

About the Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 160,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org