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The Dennis Walters Show to Perform for the Fourth and Fifth Grade Class of Edward J. Briscoe Elementary

World Golf Hall of Famer, Dennis Walters, brings his famed show of perseverance and inspiration to First Tee - Fort Worth participants.

FORT WORTH, Texas (April 27, 2022) – First Tee – Fort Worth and The Dennis Walters Show will team up to put on a spectacular performance for the 4th and 5th graders of Edward J. Briscoe Elementary School on April 28, 2022.

The Dennis Walters Golf Show is a one hour combination of golf mastery and human inspiration. It is great golf, great fun, and a great message. The show is also about dreams and as Dennis says in every show, "I'm not talking about a dream you have at night. To me a real dream is having a positive thought in your head and in your heart and doing whatever it takes to make that come true. Also, if you have a dream and it doesn't work out, never stop dreaming; get a new dream!" Dennis' dream was always to play successfully on THE PGA TOUR. He had an accident in 1974 that left him paralyzed from the waist down. After his accident it was looking pretty bleak for that dream. Dennis found there were a lot of things he couldn't do, but there was no way he was giving up playing golf and thus with this never say die attitude a new career was born.

The first thing Dennis had to figure was a way to play golf again. Since he could not stand, he started by hitting golf shots from his wheelchair. He then progressed to a swivel seat mounted on the passenger side of a golf cart and since 1977 he has traveled the country telling his story and encouraging others to reach for their dreams, strive for excellence and do something they didn't think they could. Dennis uses his own personal experience as an example to challenge each person in the audience to do something in their life that perhaps they thought was impossible, for with hard work, dedication, perseverance you can achieve success at anything.

The Dennis Walters Golf Show lasts about an hour and is a demonstration of precision golf from start to finish. The show begins with a question and answer session where Dennis gets to know the audience and they get to know him. Background information and golf tips are always included. Next we have the opening act – Super Dog, Gussie, who was rescued by Canine Castaways. Dennis believes if you are looking for a dog or cat, an animal shelter or a rescue group is a great place to begin your search. Bucky is Dennis' best friend and does a variety of tricks, but is best known for his uncanny ability to correctly answer questions by barking out the answers. He is very good in math, general information, and golf trivia. Dennis asks him a few questions, just to get him warmed up and then Dennis encourages the audience to try and stump him. The crowd also plays a major role in the show, as there is much audience participation. Items such as Jelly Bellies are given out during the show.

The trick shots, or as Dennis likes to call them, shots from unusual lies, come next. They are done with a wide variety of items. Dennis' theory is that if you have a good swing you can hit good shots with almost anything and he proves this by hitting precise shots with clubs made from a fishing rod, a crutch, a radiator hose and a cell phone. He also has a club with 3 universal joints on the shaft and a club with 3 heads (his 3 iron). Dennis hits shots blindfolded, through fire and let's not forget the 200 yard putt. Other highlights you will see in the show are shots hit off 3 foot high tees, off a watch and with an egg balanced on the ball. Dennis also hits a shot with Gussie's favorite club, which is shaped like a dog biscuit. Woven throughout the show is Dennis's powerful motivating message that dreams can come true for with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible. The show then concludes with his famous rapid fire machine gun shot where he hits 5 consecutive shots while they roll down a ramp, the last one being a special exploding ball.

First Tee - Fort Worth's Briscoe Program Location sits in the heart of the Morningside Community; one of Fort Worth's most under-served communities. A long time supporter of First Tee, First Tee - Fort Worth is honored to have Dennis Walters on site to provide an esteemed example of the values they hope to instill in their youth through their Life Skills education programs through the game of golf.

Event Start Time: 1:30PM, Thursday, April 28, 2022 Event Location: Briscoe Program Location, 1513 E Morningside Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76104

For more information about The Dennis Walters show, visit <u>www.denniswalters.com</u>. To learn more about First Tee - Fort Worth, visit <u>www.firstteeftworth.org</u>.

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