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PGA Tour Wives host mini-golf tournament for Make-a-Wish

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The day was magical. Pirates and princesses from Make-a-Wish Connecticut took over the miniature golf course at the Travelers Championship...

“These kids, they struggle everyday. And, if we can come here and just bring them a little enjoyment here today,” said tour player, Scott McCarron. “You can just see their faces, they’re having so much fun-smiling. This is what really the PGA Tour is all about- giving back.”

The tournament was put together by the PGA Tour Wives Association and GreatBlue Research...to help bring joy into the lives of these real-life superheroes.

“This was forget about the illness for an afternoon and get them playing golf with some really cool people, some tour players, some wives and just having a really good time,” said Michael Vigeant, President and CEO of GreatBlue Research and a former Make-a-Wish recipient.



PGA Wives with Make-A-Wish princesses.

“It makes being on the road more meaningful,” said Amy Wilson, President of the PGA Wives Association. “You know, you’re traveling the country and your husband either makes the cut, or misses the cut, plays well or doesn’t play well. But, when you get to walk away from the week with an event like this, then, that really makes all the difference.”

And it’s made an even bigger difference to the kids.

“It was really cool because they are so used to like, really good golfers,” said Kylie “And if they think your good, then you must be okay at least.”

The players agreed.

“Yeah, there are some pretty good ones. I’ve got Dominic here who has made 2 or 3 on just about every hole. So he’s beaten me already a couple of times on a few of the holes,” said McCarron, who was one of the four golfers who attended the event.



PGA Player Bobby Gates offering some tips.



Jim Herman, Robert Streb, and Bobby Gates were also there for the cause, and it looks like they've got some competition with these future PGA stars in the making.

So what's the secret to playing well?

"My secret is...I can't tell you my secret because then it wouldn't be a secret anymore," said Christian.

And while Christian wouldn't tell the secret to making putts... he did share one simple tip of advice:

"Never give up, and even if you do suck...just never give up."

Together, GreatBlue Research and the PGA Tour Wives Association donated \$5,000 to Make-a-Wish Connecticut on Wednesday. But the success of their first annual mini-golf tournament was priceless.

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