

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

On a sunny Tuesday that stretched into the mid-80s, players and caddies took their shots at The Umbrella at 15 ½ Challenge, the 85-yard “hole” at TPC River Highlands that features a 40-foot-long floating green in the shape of the Travelers red umbrella logo in the middle of a lake.

Players competed for \$10,000, donated by Travelers, to go to a charity of the winner’s choice for either the first hole-in-one or closest to the pin.

The Eversource PGA TOUR Player Experience for Junior Golfers also took place in the afternoon. Participants had the opportunity to play three holes with a professional in this week’s tournament field after a private golf clinic.

Off the golf course, Operation Shower presented by ConnectiCare®, a baby shower for 40 new or expectant military wives, took place in The First Tee building. Guests were showered with gifts, dined on Bear’s Smokehouse BBQ and listened to speakers including PGA TOUR player Jim Furyk and Joan Woodward, Travelers Executive Vice President.

Wednesday’s schedule will be highlighted by the Travelers Celebrity Pro-Am. Celebrities scheduled to participate include television journalist Norah O’Donnell, Tony-nominated actor Christopher Jackson from the original Broadway cast of “Hamilton,” comedian George Lopez, ESPN broadcaster Chris Berman, two-time Stanley Cup champion Nick Bonino, two-time NBA champion Ray Allen and former NFL MVP Boomer Esiason, among others. Active duty military members will have an opportunity to serve as caddies for a PGA TOUR professional on the 17th hole during the pro-am, as part of the Birdies for the Brave Military Caddie Program presented by Trinity Health Of New England.

The Farmington Bank Celebrity Mini Golf Tournament, hosted by actresses Melissa Joan Hart and Bridget Moynahan and actor Dane DeHaan, will be held Wednesday morning in the Farmington Bank Kids Zone. Two waves of teams will compete at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., with each wave playing for a donation of \$2,500 to the charity of the winning team’s choice.