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Joe Louis Barrow Jr

**Chief Executive Officer, The First Tee
Executive VP, World Golf Foundation**



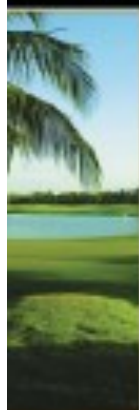
As chief executive officer, Barrow provides strategic direction for all activities of The First Tee, a positive youth development initiative of the World Golf Foundation.

Barrow joined The First Tee in 2000 and has since led the organization as it introduces the game of golf and its values to young people of diverse backgrounds. Since its inception in 1997, The First Tee has impacted more than 3.5 million participants in 50 states, 3,400 elementary schools and four international locations. The success of The First Tee under Barrow's tutelage has been substantiated through research that reveals its impact on the lives of young people. Through The First Tee's educational programs, young people learn life-enhancing values such as perseverance, integrity, judgment, and confidence using golf as the platform. Prior to joining The First Tee, Barrow served as president and chief operating officer of IZZO Systems, Inc., directing all company operations, domestically and internationally (1992-2000). IZZO Systems developed and introduced the IZZO Dual Strap and integrated carrying systems that allow golfers to carry their clubs over both shoulders, symmetrically distributing the weight.

From 1986 to 1988, Barrow researched and completed a biography on his father. "*Joe Louis: 50 Years an American Hero*", published 1988. Barrow's career in business, marketing and public service spans more than 40 years.

Barrow spent three years (1978-1981) as director, Office of Commercialization, Conservation and Solar Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, in Washington, D.C. His introduction to Washington, D.C., began in 1976 when he was one of 40 business executives selected nationally to participate in the Presidential Executive Exchange Program. At the time of his selection, Barrow had spent the previous eight years (1968-1976) with the United Bank of Denver as a trust officer and assistant vice president. Barrow holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Denver. He was named "Most Professional Marketing Director of 1983" by the Home Builders Association of Metro Denver. In May 2003, Georgetown College awarded Barrow an honorary Doctor of Law degree for his community service and involvement.

Barrow currently is a board member of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, American Junior Golf Association, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (chair), and Baptist Health Systems (vice chair) in Jacksonville. He also has served on the boards of the National Golf Foundation (chair), Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Mile High United Way, University of Denver Board of Fellows, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Health Facilities Finance Authority (chair), Urban League of Colorado (chair), Big Brothers of Metro Denver, Piton Foundation Community Development Project, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, IZZO (UK) Ltd., National Minority Golf Foundation (chair), the Colorado Golf Association, the Colorado Junior Golf Committee, the Jacksonville Urban League, and the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission.



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2011 Inductee

Rose Harper, SME
Entrepreneur & Philanthropist
Founder/CEO, The Grass Ceiling, Inc.



Rose Harper is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, lecturer, adjunct professor, author, global events planner, contributing writer to golf publications, subject matter expert (SME) in the business of the golf industry, and passionate golfer. The recipient of countless awards for her lifetime achievements in the field of sports development, and business, she has established herself as an internationally renowned consultant in sports and special events management to U.S. presidents, royalty, heads of state, ambassadors, celebrities and fortune 500 CEOs.

Her contributions to golf include the founding of the PGA Tour Wives Association, initiating the Golf Digest Minority Golf Summit, reformatting the PGA player credentials, establishing a minority joint venture golf course design team (Rose Harper, Gary Player & Arnold Palmer) to provide a golf feasibility study for the Nation's Capital, being the first person of color to operate and manage a full concession 18 hole golf complex for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, organizing the first multi-racial sporting event in the history of South Africa, being certified by the PGA of America as a Player Manager and being a U.S. Delegate to the Seoul Olympics. She was honored in 2006 by the PGA of America as a founding member of the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship, and 2009 she was inducted into the DC Hall of Fame receiving their Sports Legacy Award.

One of the most important visionary women in the world of golf, Rose Harper has parlayed 30 years of exposure and experience in the sports management and special events industry, and has provided leadership training to build a successful business that adds value to other professionals. Additionally, she served on the D.C. Baseball Commission and developed a documentary on the history of African Americans in Golf. She has served on many boards and commissions and has chaired the 2.5 billion dollars D.C. Retirement Board.

Ms. Harper founded The Grass Ceiling, Inc. in 1995, as a business empowerment firm that specializes in using the game of golf as a platform to help level the playing-field for women and minorities with their counterparts in the business and academic worlds. The game of golf provides a neutral zone to promote effective communication and positive bonding between professional.

She has received Executive certificates in the following areas; The Emerging Trustees Congress, New Orleans, Institute for Fiduciary Education, Yale University; Finance, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; National Conference on Banking; International Protocol Association and Business Administration, Howard University. She has served as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Business at Howard University.



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2011 Inductee

Dr. Calvin H. Sinnette

Author "*Forbidden Fairways*"

Retired Pediatrician



A native of New York City's Harlem, Sinnette graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 1949. He was introduced to golf in 1953 while serving as a United States Air Force medical officer in southern Germany. Since then he has been an avid golf enthusiast.

In 1998, after five years of research, Dr. Sinnette published *Forbidden Fairways*, a chronicle of the contributions of African Americans to the game of golf. That same year he petitioned the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) to award posthumous membership to William "Bill" Spiller who, fifty years earlier, had applied for but was denied membership. Joined by others, Sinnette's advocacy was instrumental in persuading the PGA to reverse the 1948 decision that stemmed from the organization's exclusionary racial policy. Belatedly, in November 2009 it awarded posthumous membership to Spiller, Theodore "Ted" Rhodes, and John Shippen. On that occasion it also awarded Honorary Membership to former world heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis.

In addition to his appearance in the television documentary, *Uneven Fairways*, that aired on Golf Channel in 2009, Sinnette has spoken to audiences across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and was recently interviewed on Irish national radio.

A board-certified pediatrician, Dr. Sinnette has served on four medical faculties in the United States and two medical faculties in Africa. In recognition of his contributions to medical education, patient care, clinical research, and health care administration, in 1978 he was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honorary medical society. He retired in 1991 and five years later Howard University College of Medicine bestowed on him the honorary emeritus title of "Magnificent Professor."

With Elinor, his beloved wife of 62 years, the retired physician and golf aficionado fills his leisure hours reading, listening to jazz and classical music, preparing gourmet dishes, relishing the progress of his children and grandchildren, and continuing the search for documents relating to African American golf history,

