

The Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association



2021 INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Dear Friends and Members of MABGA:

Welcome! Once again, we are gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association (MABGA). This year marks our 73rd anniversary since our founding fathers introduced the game of golf to all visually impaired and blind individuals. Since our inception in 1948, the MABGA has broadened our scope to include sponsorship to 14 junior golf events a year and the completion of our second golf course, The Kritz Links golf course on the grounds of the New York Institute for Special Education, located at 999 Pelham Parkway in the Bronx, New York. The course is proudly named after Norman Kritz, the driving force and architect of our Junior Blind Golf program.

Our adult program regularly hosts approximately thirty-five outings each year in addition to our annual fundraising tournament.

Essential to this celebration is a big thank you to our coaches. Without them, we could not play golf at all! Their gifts of time, talent and patience are sincerely appreciated by each and every member of MABGA.

Additionally, thank you to every golf club, which welcomes us to its facilities. We appreciate you greatly for the extra dimension you add to our lives.

On behalf of all of our members, I thank the many men and women who volunteer their time, effort and partnership, enabling our members to play and enjoy this great game of golf.

Sincerely,

Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association

Mario Tobia, President

THANK YOU FOR OUR HOST CLUBS

Over the past 73 years through today, many private clubs and public golf courses throughout the Middle Atlantic States have contributed to the success of MABGA. The Association would be hard-pressed to continue to remain in existence without the cooperation and generosity of the golf clubs that have sponsored outings for our blind golfers. The Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to our members, coaches, clubs and all those who have played a role in the success of MABGA throughout the years. The following are the Host Clubs that have made it possible for MABGA to enjoy its successful 2021 golf season:

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MABGA JUNIOR GOLF

by Paris Sterrett

The junior MABGA golf program ran the gamut from joy to sadness. The very positive news was the dedication of the Kritz Links for the Blind and Visually Impaired on the grounds of the New York Institute for Special Needs. Norman Kritz's incredible project was initiated in 2018 and the course was dedicated in his name on May 25, 2021. Norman is 92 years young and spent many hours planning and developing the seven hole course on what seemed like an eternity in its development. The COVID 19 also hindered its completion.

The layout is a pitch-and-chip course designed to accommodate its target players. Its longest hole is 45 yards and the course is similar to the one that Norman developed at the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia. The first and fourth holes have wheelchair access to accommodate those with additional disabilities at the school. Norman said that you not only have kids that have a problem with vision, but many of the children also have physical difficulties. Some of the children are in wheelchairs and some utilize crutches. Children in wheelchairs can roll right onto the greens.

Norman lives in Cherry Hill and getting to New York was a challenge, but he had support from building contractor Dominic Parisi, supervisor Ken Brouwer, Glen Oaks superintendent Craig Currier, Metropolitan PGA executive director Jeff Voorheis and New York Institute for Special Education director Bernadette Kappen.

Kritz is confident the course will bring plenty of joy to the students and describes his thirty year MABGA history working with kids as "amazing, fulfilling and gratifying. Your reward is the smiles you take home with you." Norman thinks the experience of working for the children of MABGA is its own reward.

Mike Molloy, director of our MABGA junior blind program, had to compromise this year's activities because of COVID restrictions, but energized parents to help out with the different programs for the 78 eligible players.

MABGA lost a close friend, Gil Kayson at age 89, and co-founder of the junior and adult program with Norman Kritz. Gil coped with his total blindness and was supported by Sandy, his incredible wife of 66 years, family members and close friends. I first met Gil twenty-five years ago when his sister, Marilyn, asked me to coach him. Gil loved to play and always completed all eighteen holes and seldom missed an outing. No course was too far for us to travel and his favorite question was: "Did I get something out of that shot?" I will always remember Gil for his dedication and love for the junior blind golfers.

One of the prized graduates of the junior golf program is Havertown resident David Abrahams. David is a junior mathematics major at Harvard and a Division 1 swimmer. He was on the USA Paralympics team where he qualified and competed in three events in Tokyo including the 100 meter breaststroke, 100 butterfly and 200 individual individual medley. David, blind since 13, contributes much of his success to the Overbrook School for the Blind. He came in second in the world to a German swimmer in the 100 breaststroke losing by only .03 seconds as the winner set a world record.

2021 MABGA INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The following are the blind golfers and volunteer coaches who comprise the 2021 Tournament Committee. These members have worked tirelessly and diligently for the tournament's success and to assure that everyone who participates in the tournament enjoys every aspect of this special event.

Committee members:

Marty Jensen

Cynthia Martin

Jim Olsen

Steve Rodos

Julie Sokoloff

Al Test

Mario Tobia

A special thanks to Sharon Freas for organizing and coordinating all the volunteers on the day of the golf tournament. These ladies make our golf tournament more enjoyable for everyone!



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Wishing you continued success throughout the years!



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Best of Luck MABGA!

AI Test

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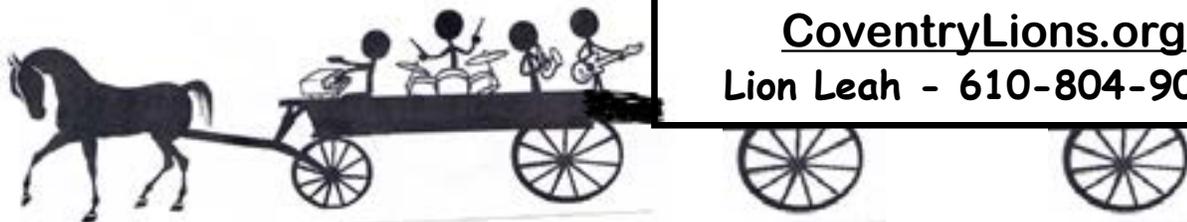
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Best of Luck to MABGA

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**Best Wishes to
the 2021 MABGA
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In loving memory of
Owen B. Schmidt, Jr.
(“Schmidty”)

a member of MABGA for several years

who taught us many of the most important lessons in life and who also taught us to love to play golf.

We would like to thank the entire MABGA organization and past and present members for all the wonderful memories you provided for our dad.

We would also like to pay tribute to our mom, Mildred, **“Mitzi” Schmidt** – who passed away in July – she was also an avid golfer (*at her insistence, a woman golfer was engraved on her tombstone 😊*).

Sincerely,

The other “Schmidty” -
John & Gary Schmidt, and our families

Dr. Scott Schaffer

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Tom & Sue Brozena



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**Your husband and my
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Norman

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**Wishing you continued good times.
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**Wishing the MABGA
Continued Success**

**Tom McGoldrick, MABGA
Jim Carr, Coach**

Great organization!

**Thanks for all you do and all
who help and participate.**

Helen & Bill McIntyre

Congratulations to
Julie Sokoloff for your dedication
and caring of your
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Nancy Lee

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and Best Wishes to MABGA**

Shelley Goldin

**Best wishes to MABGA
for continued success,
to a great organization!**

The Smeraski Family

Good luck MABGA

Tom Lane

Lane Hipple

**Congratulations on
another great year!**

**Good luck for
everyone in 2022!**

Steve and Dee Rodos

**Best Wishes to
MABGA**

Rob Levin

**Best wishes to
MABGA**

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