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Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association

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Non-Profit Organization

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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) and invite you to participate in our annual tournament. This year marks our 74th 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 last year, we proudly announced the completion of the Kritz Golf Course on the grounds of the New York Institute for Special Education.

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**



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**MABGA THANKS THE
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the ads!



Our yearly MABGA Tournament is always a lovely memorable day full of wonderful moments, whimsically wacky moments (did you see what that ball did - I did not hit it that way), all around fabulousness!

We muchly appreciate your support! Stay safe & groovy in this crazy world!

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

by Paris Sterrett

Mike Molloy put together another busy year for the junior golf program even though they were snowed out for their first event in March. April brought the youngsters to Makefield Highlands for an outstanding clinic. Three new members joined the program including two from the Poconos. Dave Smith, head professional at Makefield Highlands, got the season going in fine fashion.

In May, we traveled to Valley View Golf Course in Newtown Square. Players utilized the range and then played a few holes including some miniature golf. Another player joined from the Poconos & one from Chester County.

We played the Pennsauken Country Club in New Jersey for the first time. Norman Kritz arranged the event and it was highlighted by a video specialist from Cornell University.

July took us to Indian Springs NJ and August to Overbrook Country Club under the direction of long-time friend & advocate, Dave Zimmaro. The players enjoyed their time playing a number of holes at their beautiful venue.

In August, the Episcopal Academy golf team had a dual fundraiser for our Junior Blind Program and Cradle to Crayons at the Philadelphia Cricket Club-St. Martin's. Seniors Louie Beardell and Henry Macrides and their parents were instrumental in the philanthropic event where the EA players sought pledges and also played. We are very proud of the EA students.

We are looking forward to 2023. If any person would like to host these wonderful children, please contact Mike Molloy at 215-499-0599 or junior-golf@mabga.org.

In **GREAT TRIBUTE** to
Steve Rodos



&
Paris Sterrett

For all their continuing years of hard work in securing and organizing our wonderful golf outings over many, many years.

We would like to express our heart-felt gratitude and appreciation for all they have done in the past – and still continue to do!

Sincerely,

All the golfers and coaches of MABGA

Thank You for Our Host Clubs & Supporters!

Over the past 74 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 in to enjoy its successful 2022 golf season:

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STEVE RODOS &
OUR COACHES
FOR YOUR HARD
WORK & DEDICATION!**



BEST TO MABGA ALWAYS!

Deborah Groeber

2022 MABGA Invitational Golf Tournament **Committee**

Deborah Groeber
Leah Kinzinger
Jim Olsen
Steve Rodos
Julie Sokoloff
Alan Test
Mario Tobia

This committee comprised of MABGA Members (Blind Golfers) & Volunteer Coaches happily worked tirelessly and diligently for the tournament's success & to assure that everyone who participates in the tournament enjoys every aspect of this special event!

And a special thanks to MABGA Member Brian Mackey, our Secretary, for creating, continuously updating our website and keeping the website tournament forms functioning!

Be a Coach

A "Coach" is one who assists a Blind Golfer in addressing the ball and with alignment prior to the stroke. You have a day playing golf too! Join us for a Wonderful Day!

Contact **Al Test: 215-745-2323** **Alan@MABGA.org**

MABGA.org has our History, Newsletter Articles, Videos, Coaches Corner, Outing dates, next year's Tournament and more.

Many Smiles!
May the course be with you!





Hello Members & Coaches,

Wishing you all the very best today and every other day!

Thank You to all the coaches, sponsors and participants!

**Looking forward to having dinner with you all at the
Tournament & looking forward to joining in with MABGA again
soon for our special wonderful golf outings!**

Enjoy!

And I would enjoy giving any one of you a piano lesson!

Carol Sexton

Good luck MABGA!

Tom & Sue Brozena



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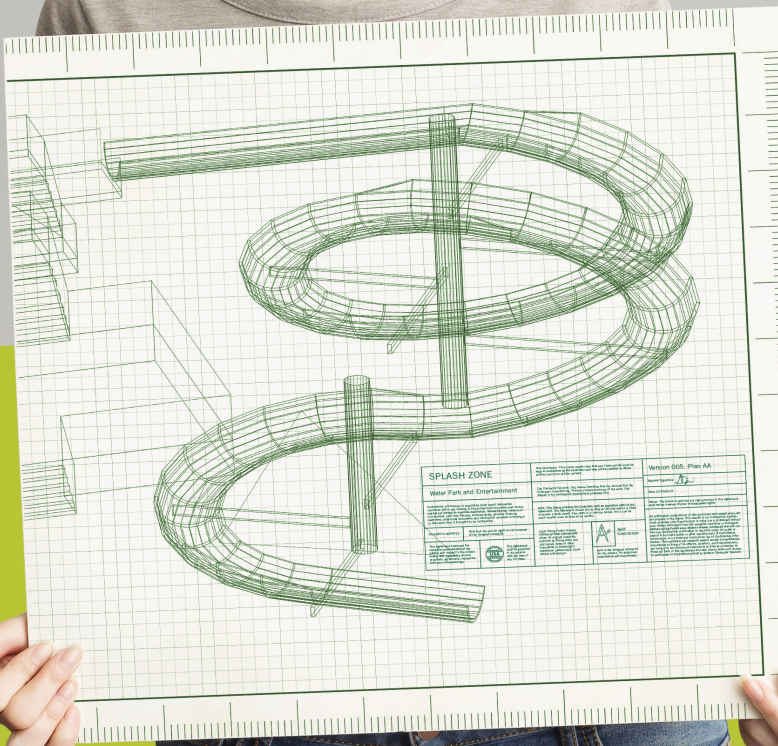
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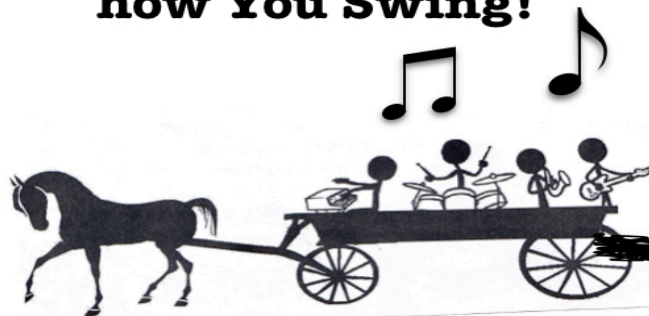
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~MABGA'r Lion Leah Kinzinger ~



I could be a Caddie!

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.

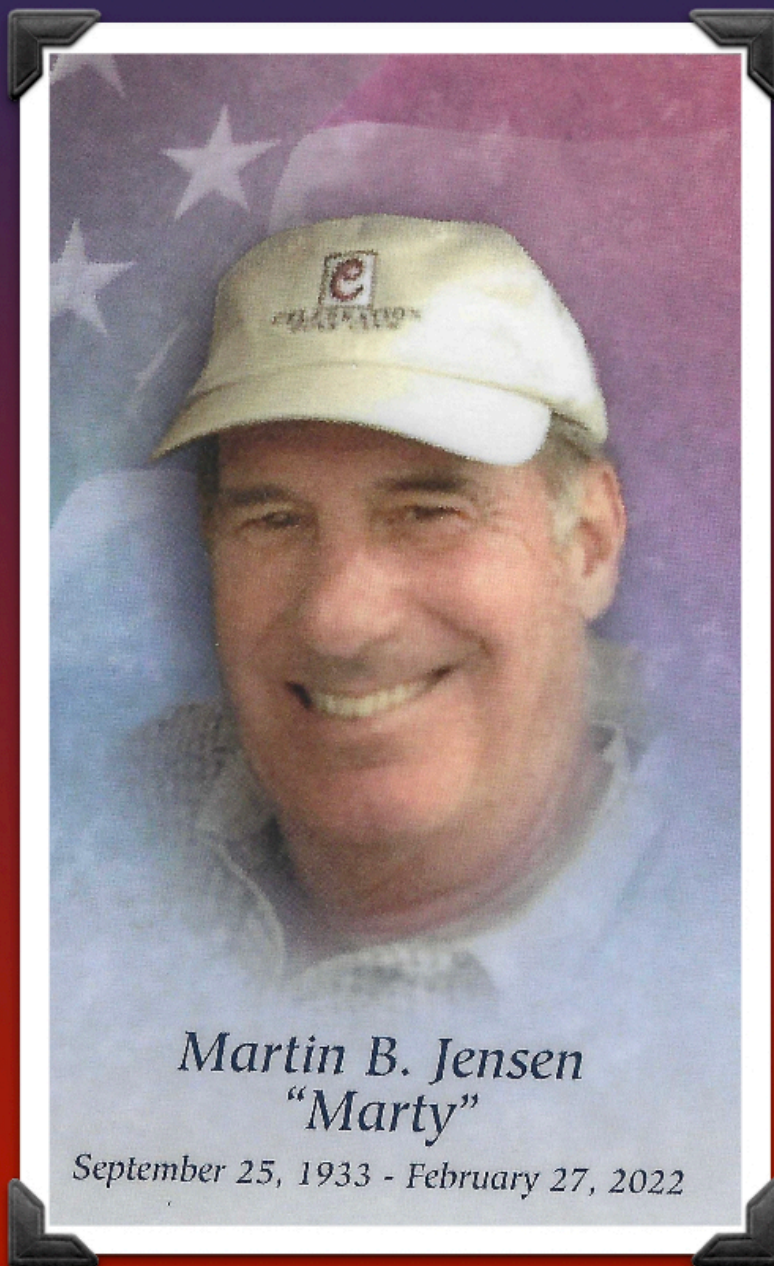
We would like to thank the entire MABGA organization and past and present members for all the wonderful memories you provided for our dad.

We would also like to pay tribute to our mom, Mildred, “**Mitzi**” **Schmidt** – who passed away in July, 2021 – she was also an avid golfer (*at her insistence, a woman golfer was engraved on her tombstone 😊*).

Sincerely,

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

In memory of Martin Jensen





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**Daydreaming; smiling while
reminiscing through the years.
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& great spirit to MABGA. We give
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Shelley Goldin**

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