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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 75th 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**

- Snapshots of always smiling Norman and Junior Blind Golfers.



Junior Blind Golf

In Honor of Norm Kritz

by Mike Molly, Continuing Norman's Legacy.

The year was 1993. The World Wide Web was just invented. Two friends, Gil Kayson and Norman Kritz started the Mid Atlantic Junior Blind Golf Program. Both the web and the Junior Blind Golf Program have grown in the ensuing years.

The program was started to provide blind and visually impaired youngsters the opportunity to learn the sport of golf. All of the equipment and lessons by Philadelphia PGA instructors at courses near the youngsters homes were provided free of charge. In addition, twice a year all the families were invited to an outing held on the grounds of the Overbrook School for the Blind where Norman and his family had built a nine hole pitch and putt course.

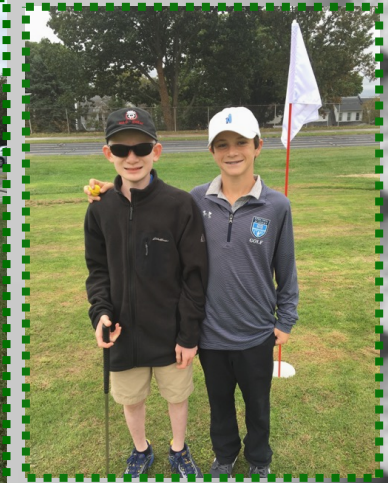
Thirty years has seen over 600 youngsters participate in the program as well as a second golf course being built at the NY Institute for Special Education. Instead of cut down used adult golf clubs the kids now get brand new sets of youth golf clubs. Instead of two outings a year they now occur every month at both public and private golf courses in the Philadelphia area from March through October. The Philadelphia PGA is still an amazing partner giving both lessons and financial support. There is still no cost to the families.





We lost Gil a few years ago and sadly Norman passed away this summer. Norman had a real love for life. He was grateful for even the smallest things. A cup of Manhattan clam chowder could light up his smile! He took great pleasure from doing his part to make people happy. He was thoughtful and kind and he will be missed. Norman shared his passion and love of golf with hundreds of children and their families. His was a life well lived.

That web thing is doing ok too!



Norman Kritz was an amazing, very unique, caring, wonderful person and did so much for the blind children...
Paris Sterrett



Thank You for Our Host Clubs

Over the past 75 years through today, many private clubs & 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 & 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 & 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 2023 golf season:

- **Bala Golf Club**
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Paris Sterrett with Team.

In **GREAT TRIBUTE** to

Steve Rodos



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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

2023 MABGA Invitational Golf Tournament **Committee**

Deborah Groeber
Leah Kinzinger
Julie Sokoloff
Jim Olsen
Steve Rodos
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!





Wishing you all the very best today and every day!

Thank You to all of our Supporters!

Looking forward to our Tournament Day!

And I would enjoy giving you a piano lesson!

I have CDs this year for sale! "Sounds of Southern Gospel". You can also download it on AmazonUSA.com

Carol Sexton



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Tom & Sue Brozena



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Helen & Bill McIntyre

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**Tom McGoldrick, MABGA
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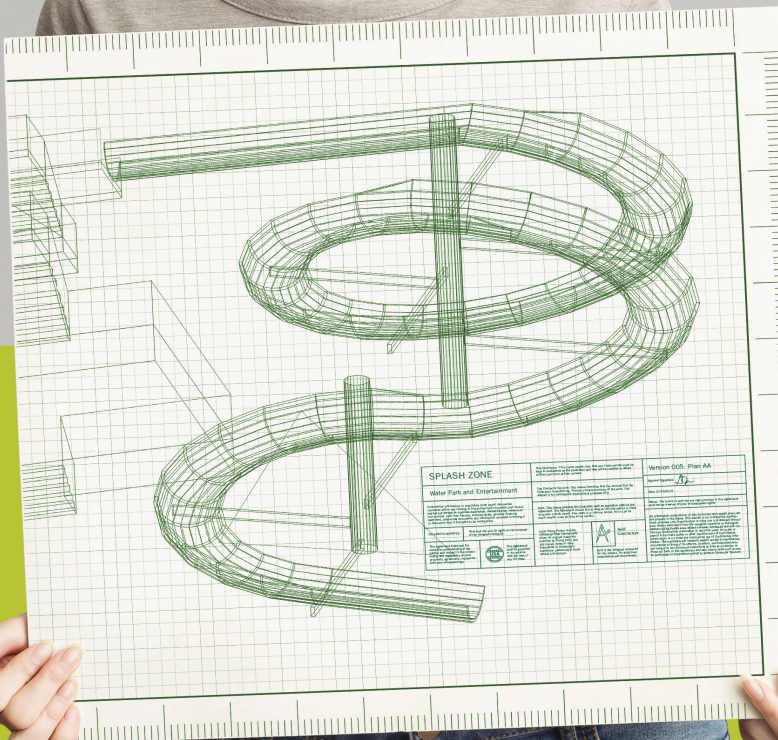
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~MABGA'r Lion Leah Kinzinger ~



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Is that your ball in our water?

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

Daydreaming; smiling while reminiscing through the years. So many have left lasting imprints & great spirit to MABGA. We give colorful fond cheers to those driving MABGA grandly! An awesome Circle of Friends! 😊


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Sandy Kayson & Family



**In Memory of Member Myung Hong
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