



RAYS OF HOPE

News, Recognition and Inspiration from the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation

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Love of the Game

By Jim Owczarski

Hallie Naberhaus loves to tell a story about her son, Randy, and it is one that perfectly sums up Randy's love for golf as well as his ability to make friends and lasting impressions on anyone he meets.

She and Randy were out and about in their hometown of Woodridge when they ran into a man who instantly recognized Randy and asked him when he would be out playing golf again.



Randy Naberhaus is excited about the game.

Hallie did not know the person, who explained that he knew Randy through Village Greens of Woodridge golf course. He also added that at Village Greens, "Everyone knows Randy."

Village Greens, where Randy has participated in a Sunshine Through Golf camp for South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (Seaspar) athletes, has been home to Randy and his game for the past seven years.

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TENDING THE FLAGSTICK

Hometown Heros

Who is your hero?

"My mother," answered Trey Van Dyke, head golf professional at Oak Brook Golf Club and 7-year Sunshine Through Golf camp instructor. "She wasn't really a golfer, but she thought golf should be something her son should be involved in. I appreciate her vision."

Van Dyke now has his own vision. He and other Illinois PGA Section golf professionals are giving their instructional services through "Hometown Heroes" – an effort to develop golf programs for individuals in their local community that need support.

PGA members are helping children in their communities strive to advance to a higher level on and off the golf course. Character development, life-enhancing values, summer job placement and college scholarships are a few of the experiences available to young golfers.

Previously, the pros went out to programs in their area, but the new plan is to bring

the young people to the pros at their golf courses. This way, the athletes get to experience what golf is truly about.

"We want to get people to a golf course," said Van Dyke. To do so, Hometown Heroes is marrying programs with pros at their facilities where they are most capable of instructing. In reaching out to the community, Van Dyke wants young golfers to think, "Wow, this is a different deal. This is something special."

Professional golf instruction highlights the Sunshine Through Golf camp program. Van Dyke is one of 42 pros teaching Sunshine Through Golf camps throughout the CDGA. He teaches athletes from ASPIRE whose motto is creating choices for individuals with disabilities.

"I think (the athletes) enjoy having a professional teaching them the game,"



Trey Van Dyke teaches youth throughout his area.

notes Ann Roytek of Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association. "Without Sunshine Through Golf, we wouldn't have been able to afford having a professional golfer come out to adhere to our program."

Sunshine Through Golf camps are conducted for the young and young at heart. Though Hometown Heroes focuses on the character development of youth through golf, the Sunshine Through Golf camp program provides

professional golf instruction to individuals with mental and physical challenges in all age groups.

Each Sunshine Through Golf camp is conducted by a PGA professional instructor. The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation shares the dream of Hometown Heroes and is proud to partner professional golf instructors at each of the 67 camps.



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Keith Frankland, the treasurer for the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation and the Chicago District Golf Association's Board of Directors, is a founder of Seaspar, which was created in 1984. Frankland plays golf with Randy on numerous occasions.

"He's fun to play with," Frankland said. "He knows the game well enough to be happily competitive (because) win or lose, it doesn't matter as long as he's having fun."

Professional golfer Mark Hensby also has teed it up with Randy. The two played together during the 2006 Play With A Pro Day on the Three-Hole Sunshine Course at the Midwest Golf House prior to last year's Western Open at Cog Hill.

"I got a hole-in-one," Randy laughs while recalling Play With A Pro Day. "Almost."

"We thought it was going in," said Randy's father, Bob. "Everybody thought it was going in. It rolled just past."

Experiences like that are what make golf special for Randy.

"It's an individual sport, so they have to rely on their skills and abilities plus follow the rules," Hallie said. "It's playing golf and having fun. That's the whole thing. Winning is nice, but it's not everything."

Even though golf is an individual sport, at Village Greens, Randy helps make it a team game. Randy suffers from a form of cerebral palsy that impairs his speech, but it hasn't slowed him down in helping other golfers with special needs enjoy the game like he does.



Randy receives an award during the 2006 Sunshine Tournament.

"Randy doesn't let any special needs get in his way," Frankland said. "He doesn't. He goes charging right straight through."

The effort and passion for the game has also helped Brandon Evans, the general manager and head golf professional at Village Greens, and his staff get the most out of their time with the Sunshine Through Golf participants.



Mark Hensby (center) poses with Randy and Joann Adamski (left to right).

"That's what makes Randy truly special," Evans said. "He's a great human being, first of all. He's a great teammate and when he's out there, he's a great leader for some of our other participants in a very individualized sport."

"Sunshine Through Golf has helped him to learn the game," Hallie said, noting that Randy will continue to participate in the camp this summer.

Not only has Randy learned how to play the game, but he has become a part of the golf culture at Village Greens.

"He's very skilled at the game," says Evans. "He's even able to help us with some of the other participants and kind of teach them and show them the ropes. He gets a lot of enjoyment from the game, as do all the participants, but Randy especially has a passion for learning and playing the game."

Randy, 49, also is enthusiastic about sports in general, not just golf. He won a Special Olympics bronze medal in tennis during a trip to Ireland at the World Games in 2003 and regularly competes in basketball, bowling, softball and track and field as well as snowshoeing.

But when talking about all the sports he plays, or even about his golf game, he never mentions his individual accomplishments unless asked directly. Athletics are just an outlet—a way to do the best he can. While he is a "poster child" for Seaspar athletics, according to Evans, there is a special place for golf in Randy's hectic schedule.

Asked what he enjoys most about golf, Randy responds enthusiastically, "Nine holes (and) playing with friends." And, as his mother now knows, he has a lot of friends.

SUNSHINE CLUB

The following Chicago District Golf Association member clubs support the Association's charitable arm, the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation, through the Sunshine Club program. Club members contribute \$30 each toward the Sunshine Club, an annual giving program.

Aurora Country Club
Beverly Country Club
Biltmore Country Club
Bryn Mawr Country Club
Butler National Golf Club
Butterfield Country Club
Calumet Country Club
Chicago Golf Club
Cress Creek Country Club
Crystal Lake Country Club
Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club
Edgewood Valley Country Club
Geneva Golf Club
Glen Flora Country Club
Glen Oak Country Club
Glen View Club
Hillcrest Country Club
Hinsdale Golf Club
Inverness Golf Club
Ivanhoe Club
Kankakee Country Club
Knollwood Club
Lake Geneva Country Club
Medinah Country Club
Midlothian Country Club
Naperville Country Club
North Shore Country Club
Old Elm Club
Olympia Fields Country Club
Ouillette Golf Club
Park Ridge Country Club
Ridge Country Club
Ridgemoor Country Club
Riverside Golf Club
Rockford Country Club
Rolling Green Country Club
Ruth Lake Country Club
St. Charles Country Club
Stonebridge Country Club
Westmoreland Country Club
White Eagle Golf Club
Woodstock Country Club

For more information about the Sunshine Club, contact the Foundation at 630-685-2313 or bottolini@cdga.org.

News & Notes

2007 SUNSHINE EVENTS

LaSalle Bank Open The Glen Club Thursday, May 28 – Sunday, June 3, 2007

The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation is an alumni charity of the 2007 LaSalle Bank Open.

Sunshine Through Golf Outing Shoreacres, Lake Bluff, Ill. Tuesday, June 26, 2007

For more information about the outing, please contact Brittany Ottolini at 630-685-2313 or bottolini@cdga.org.



The Sunshine Course is fully accessible.

SUNSHINE COURSE TEE-TIMES:

Book a tee-time on the Three-Hole Sunshine Course this summer. The Sunshine Course welcomes organizations dedicated and committed to utilizing golf in an educational, therapeutic, recreational or rehabilitative manner. The course and it's I*Mag*Jen Clubhouse are fully handicap accessible. To play the course, contact Alex Nolly at 630-685-2351 or anolly@cdga.org.

REVELATION GOLF: Now in their second year, Revelation Golf is providing golf to children and adults with cancer, people with a physical disability and at risk youth-girls is the mission of Revelation Golf. Learn more about this new organization and their first-ever golf outing at www.revelationgolf.org.



To make tee time
reservations on the
Sunshine Course, contact
Alex Nolly at 630-685-2351
or anolly@cdga.org.

2007 SUNSHINE THROUGH GOLF CAMP CALENDAR

Sunshine Through Golf camps provide professional golf instruction to individuals with special needs through partnerships between golf clubs, Special Recreation Associations (SRAs), private agencies, park districts and the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation. Camps are conducted once a week for five to six weeks.

Start Date	Location	Organization
Monday, January 15	Golf Center Des Plaines (GolfTec)	Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Monday, March 26	Golf Center Des Plaines (GolfTec)	Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Tuesday, April 3	Stony Creek Golf Course	Oak Lawn Park District/Special Recreation Cooperative
Tuesday, April 10	Midlothian Country Club	South West SRA
Monday, April 16	Medinah Country Club	North East DuPage SRA
Monday, April 16	Coyote Run Golf Club	South Suburban SRA
Wednesday, April 18	Libertyville Golf Complex (CORE Golf)	Warren SRA
Wednesday, April 18	The First Tee of Aurora - Phillips Park Golf Course	Hope D. Wall School
Monday, April 30	Gwendolyn Brooks Campus	Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep. Special Education Program
Tuesday, May 1	Inverness Golf Club	Little City Foundation
Thursday, May 3	The Highlands of Elgin	Northern Illinois SRA
Tuesday, May 8	Thunderhawk Golf Club/Shepherd's Crook Golf Course	Special Recreation Service of Northern Lake Country, Zion
Wednesday, May 9	Oak Brook Golf Club	Aspire
Wednesday, May 9	White Eagle Golf Club	Western DuPage SRA
Wednesday, May 9	Glen Oak Country Club	Western DuPage SRA
Wednesday, May 9	Cantigny Golf	Western DuPage SRA
Thursday, May 10	Village Greens of Woodridge/Three-Hole Sunshine Course	Southeast Association for Special Parks & Recreation
Tuesday, May 22	North Shore Country Club	Misericordia
Wednesday, May 23	Kellogg Golf Course	Heart of Illinois SRA
Wednesday, June 6	Flagg Creek Golf Course	Gateway SRA
Wednesday, June 6	Mistwood Golf Club	Joliet-Bolingbrook SRA
Thursday, June 7	Kankakee Elks Golf Club	River Valley SRA
Tuesday, June 12	Twin Lakes Golf Course	North West Suburban SRA (Beginner)
Tuesday, June 12	Coyote Run Golf Club	South Suburban SRA
Wednesday, June 13	Libertyville Golf Complex (CORE Golf)	Warren SRA
Wednesday, June 13	Palatine Hills Golf Course	North West Suburban SRA
Wednesday, June 13	Creekside Golf & Training Center	Indiana Special Olympics
Thursday, June 14	Phillips Park Golf Course	Fox Valley SRA
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Friday, June 15	Twin Lakes Golf Course	North West Suburban SRA (Beginner)
Tuesday, June 19	Ingersoll Golf Club	Rockford Park District
Tuesday, June 19	Stone Creek Golf Club	Champaign-Urbana SRA
Tuesday, June 19	Fox Run Golf Links - Driving Range	School District 54 - Special Olympics
Wednesday, June 20	Three-Hole Sunshine Course	School Association for Special Education in DuPage (Beginner)
Wednesday, June 20	Three-Hole Sunshine Course	West Suburban SRA
Thursday, June 21	Maryville Golf Center	Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Thursday, June 21	White Pines Golf Club	West Suburban SRA
Saturday, June 23	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club/Three-Hole Sunshine Course	Tri-County SRA (Beginner)
Saturday, June 23	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club/Three-Hole Sunshine Course	Tri-County SRA (Advanced)
Monday, June 25	Randall Oaks Golf Course	Northern Illinois SRA (Beginner)
Monday, June 25	Marquette Park Golf Course	Chicago Special Olympics (Elite)
Tuesday, June 26	Diversey Driving Range	Chicago Special Olympics (Beginner)
Tuesday, June 26	Robert A. Black Golf Course	Chicago Special Olympics (Beginner)
Tuesday, June 26	South Shore Learning Center	Chicago Special Olympics (Beginner)
Tuesday, June 26	Randall Oaks Golf Course	Northern Illinois SRA (Advanced)
Friday, June 29	Randall Oaks Golf Course	Northern Illinois SRA (Beginner)
Thursday, July 5	Libertyville Golf Complex	SRA of Central Lake County
Sunday, July 8	Sanctuary Golf Course	Joliet Lincolnway SRA
Tuesday, July 10	Bryn Mawr Country Club	Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation/North Suburban SRA
Wednesday, July 18	Kellogg Golf Course	Heart of Illinois SRA
Wednesday, July 25	Makray Memorial Golf Club	Northern Illinois SRA (Beginner)
Wednesday, July 25	Makray Memorial Golf Club	Northern Illinois SRA (Advanced)
Wednesday, July 25	Creekside Golf & Training Center	Indiana Special Olympics
Tuesday, July 31	Stony Creek Golf Course	Oak Lawn Park District/Special Recreation Cooperative
Thursday, August 9	Winnetka Golf Club	North Suburban SRA (Beginner)
Thursday, August 9	Winnetka Golf Club	North Suburban SRA (Advanced)
Wednesday, August 15	The Links at Ireland Grove	SOAR Special Opportunities Available in Recreation
Thursday, August 16	Village Greens of Woodridge/Three-Hole Sunshine Course	Southeast Association for Special Parks & Recreation
Thursday, August 23	Silver Lake Country Club	Orland Park SRA (Beginner)
Thursday, August 23	Silver Lake Country Club	Orland Park SRA (Advanced)
Tuesday, August 28	Mt. Prospect Golf Club	Clearbrook
Thursday, August 30	Mt. Prospect Golf Club	Clearbrook
Thursday, August 30	Prestwick Country Club	Lincolnway SRA & South Suburban SRA
Wednesday, September 12	The First Tee of Aurora - Phillips Park Golf Course	Hope D. Wall School
To Be Determined		
Dates TBD	Buena Vista Golf Course	DeKalb/Sycamore Association of Special Recreation
Dates TBD	Deerpath Golf Course	Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association