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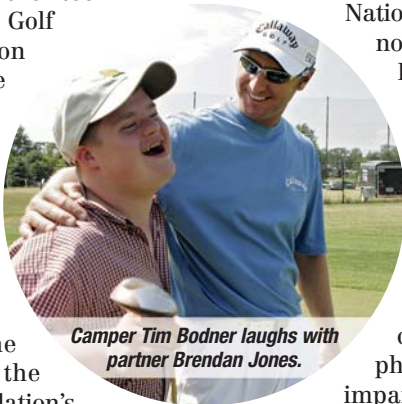
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Play with a Pro

PGA Tour Pros Golf with Campers

PGA Tour players took the tee with Sunshine Through Golf Foundation campers on June 28 at the Three-Hole Sunshine Course at Midwest Golf House in Lemont, Ill.

Pros Joe Affrunti, Chris Couch, Matt Davidson, Mark Hensby, Brendan Jones, Craig Perks and Mike Small played the Sunshine Course with the participants in the Foundation's Sunshine Through Golf camp program.



Camper Tim Bodner laughs with partner Brendan Jones.

Players gave of their time during the week of the Cialis Western Open.

Small has been a member of the Nationwide and PGA Tours and now coaches the University of Illinois men's team. Still, during the Western Open, he had time for the "Play with a Pro" event on the Sunshine Course.

Small played three holes with Tony Balcarcel of Orland Park. Foundation campers, like Tony, are either physically or developmentally impaired children and adults

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TENDING THE FLAGSTICK

Sunshine Tournament

Going for the Gold

The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation conducted the first annual Sunshine Tournament on June 30 as Sunshine Through Golf campers prepared for the Special Olympics state and national games in September.

Steve McVoy, of Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), won the 2005 Sunshine Tournament. During the tournament, campers from the Special Recreation Associations (SRA) that participate in the Sunshine Through Golf camps played the Sunshine Course and competed in a putting contest.

The SRAs have been looking for opportunities to take their athletes to tournaments and other golf-related competitions. Instruction provided by golf professionals at Sunshine Through Golf camps help prepare the athletes for competitive events.

The Sunshine Course at Midwest Golf House in Lemont provides the ideal venue for the athletes. The par-3 course and its handicap-accessible facility was built with the Sunshine Through Golf campers in mind.



Sunshine Through Golf participants enjoy themselves at the Sunshine Tournament.

Sandy Olson, who facilitates campers from the Tri-County SRA, said her group has been involved in the Sunshine Through Golf program from the start. She said its impact hasn't been a one-day thing.

"We were one of the first at Cog Hill, with Jeff Rimsnider (as the instructor)," recounts Olson. "We got a lot out of it. It's a nice training program for the Special Olympics."

Campers in the Tri-Country SRA practiced every week this summer for the Special Olympics. They range in age from 19 to 41.

The event provided an opportunity for advanced golfers to compete and meet new people. It also introduced them to what a

professional golf tournament is like as they were able to see the 2005 Cialis Western Open in action.

After playing, everyone went across Archer Avenue to see the first-round of play in the Cialis Western Open at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Sunshine Tournament prizes included Cialis Western Open memorabilia.

While at Cog Hill, the campers had their Sunshine Through Golf Foundation hats monogrammed courtesy of AHEAD Headgear® and enjoyed lunch at the clubhouse.

A total of 48 athletes competed in the Special Olympics state games at Nelson Golf Course in Decatur, Ill. The athletes participated in Unified Competition (one Special Olympic golfer paired with one non-Special Olympic golfer) or individual skills competitions.

Two Sunshine Through Golf Foundation athletes and their Unified partners returned from the Special Olympics National Invitational Golf Tournament in Ames, Iowa with medals. In Level 2, Unified 9-hole alternate shot, Tony Lewaniak and partner Ann Roytek tied for gold. Susie Doyens and her partner Tom Reasoner received bronze medals.

Community, the Name of the Game



(Left to right) CDGA official Lorraine Scodro and Breck Hanson of LaSalle Bank with campers Susie Doyens and Joey Cook at the LaSalle Bank Open.

The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation and its participants appreciate the dedication to the community demonstrated by LaSalle Bank and Fortune Brands. The Foundation's partnerships with these organizations are essential in meeting the growing demands of the Foundation's programs.

Partnership with LaSalle Bank continues to provide exciting golf experiences for participants, especially those in the Chicagoland area who have been able to attend the LaSalle Bank Open. Fortune Brands sponsors camps in the Foundation's Sunshine Through Golf camp



program and group access to the Three-Hole Sunshine Course in Midwest Golf House's backyard.

The relationship between LaSalle Bank and the Foundation dates back to 1998. The Foundation is proud to be a charitable beneficiary of the LaSalle Bank Open.

This year, Foundation campers in the Chicago-area were inside the ropes and up-close-and-personal with Nationwide Tour pros during the LaSalle Bank Open. Foundation participants assisted starters in welcoming the pros and pro-am participants to the gallery and helping marshals track balls off the tee. All campers were provided tickets to attend the Open courtesy of LaSalle Bank.

Fortune Brands, the consumer products company behind Titleist, FootJoy and Cobra, supports the Foundation by providing golf equipment at the Sunshine Course and at camps throughout the District. Tee markers, benches and signage for the Sunshine Course, which opened in June 2004, will soon be available through the Foundation's course programming.

Many Sunshine Through Golf campers do not have their own clubs let alone access to golf courses. Participation in camps and playing a golf course would not have been possible for some without the generosity of Fortune Brands.



Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation athletes in the Golf Center of Des Plaines camp test Fortune Brands equipment.

Community involvement defines the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation. Sunshine Through Golf camps are conducted through collaborated efforts of the Foundation's partners, Special Recreation Associations and golf courses throughout Chicago and the entire District. The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation's affiliation with two high-class Chicago companies means a lot to the Foundation and those who benefit from the Foundation's programs.

MEMBER CLUB ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

The following CDGA member clubs support the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation through the Member Club Annual Giving Program. Members at these clubs contribute \$25 each. The Program's funds create opportunities for the Foundation to bring golf into the lives of its participants.

Aurora Country Club
 Beverly Country Club
 Biltmore Country Club
 Boulder Ridge Country Club
 Bryn Mawr Country Club
 Butler National Golf Club
 Butterfield Country Club
 Calumet Country Club
 Chicago Golf Club
 Conway Farms Golf Club
 Cress Creek Country Club
 Crystal Lake Country Club
 Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club
 Dunes Club
 Edgewood Valley Country Club
 Elgin Country Club
 Evanston Golf Club
 Geneva Golf Club
 Glen Flora Country Club
 Glen Oak Country Club
 Glen View Club
 Hinsdale Golf Club



Glen Oak Country Club camp

Inverness Golf Club
 Ivanhoe Club
 Knollwood Club
 Lake Geneva Country Club
 Midlothian Country Club
 Naperville Country Club
 North Shore Country Club
 Old Elm Club
 Olympia Fields Country Club
 Ouilmette Golf Club
 Park Ridge Country Club
 Ridge Country Club
 Ridgemoor Country Club
 Riverside Golf Club
 Rockford Country Club
 Ruth Lake Country Club
 St. Charles Country Club
 Stonebridge Country Club
 Turnberry Country Club
 Westmoreland Country Club
 White Eagle Golf Club
 Woodstock Country Club

For more information about the Annual Giving Program, contact the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation at 630-685-2313 or bottolini@cdga.org.

who have become involved with golf through the Foundation's programs.

Once they finished their three-hole round, Small suggested they play again—before next year's Western.

Tony and all the campers were thrilled to have this opportunity to play with PGA Tour pros. Each pro played with one or two Foundation participants. The pros gave putting tips and other pointers to the campers as they played the Sunshine Course.

LaSalle Bank Open champions Couch (2005) and Jones (2004) each played with two campers. As a charitable beneficiary of the LaSalle Bank Open, the Foundation was proud to have the Open's recent champions on-site for the event.

“This meant a lot to me. To see the smile on those kids’ faces, it was wonderful.”
— Chris Couch



Camper Liam Heraty with 2005 LaSalle Bank Open champion Chris Couch.

The pros went beyond the call of duty. Jones played with two campers, then asked them to wait while he took a cart ride across Archer Avenue to the Cog Hill complex. He returned with two hats, obtained from the Callaway trailer, autographed both of them and presented them as mementos for his partners.

“All of us had a great time,” said Couch, “but mainly we just had fun. I love kids. I have two of my own, but I don’t get a chance to give much back to golf. Anytime I can do that, it’s great. This meant a lot to me. To see the smile on those kids’ faces, it was wonderful.”

The campers also were excited to watch the pro they played with as he competed in the Western Open. The Foundation provided tickets for the campers who wanted to see the Cialis Western Open.

One camper who came back for the tournament was Susie Doyens of St. Charles. She has Down syndrome, but that didn’t keep her from playing the three holes with Perks, then returning the next day to watch him compete in the first round of the Western. She may have been Perks’ good luck charm, because he recorded one of his best tournaments of the year, finishing in a tie for 13th place with Couch.

Basically, though, the PGA Tour players and the campers just enjoyed each other’s company. The Foundation organized the informal rounds to spotlight its unique course and the worthwhile things that have gone on there since its opening last year.

Through the Sunshine Through Golf camp program, the participants have attained positive experiences and discipline while learning the game of golf.

“It’s always exciting to see kids having that kind of fun.”
— Frank Jemsek

The campers who played with the pros demonstrated how far they’ve come with their games since participating in the Sunshine Through Golf program. The camps include stroke survivors, amputee

golfers, individuals with Down syndrome and many others.

Cog Hill owner Frank Jemsek considered the outing a rousing success and a good opportunity to spotlight the Sunshine Course. Jemsek donated the land for the Sunshine Course and the entire Midwest Golf House property.

“It’s a beautiful little golf course,” comments Jemsek. “(Since just after it opened last year) kids would finish playing three holes, then go back to the first hole and play it again. It’s always exciting to see kids having that kind of fun. I was impressed that the pros took time from their busy schedules.”

The Sunshine Course features three par-3 holes, a chipping and putting green and the I*Mag*Jen Clubhouse. It provides play to the Foundation’s camp program and allied golf associations including Physically Limited Golf Association, Marianjoy, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Hook a Kid on Golf of Illinois and many others. The United States Golf Association named the Foundation’s camps the largest grass-roots golf program for individuals with disabilities in the country.



Craig Perks poses with Sunshine Through Golf camper, Susie Doyens.



Matt Davidson (center) and campers Gary Anderson and Jim Gottlick (left to right) play the Sunshine Course.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to the Sunshine Through Golf camp hosts in 2005. The following organizations, golf clubs and golf professionals conducted camps for Sunshine Through Golf Foundation participants. More than 750 golfers benefited from the 52 camps in 2005.

SUNSHINE THROUGH GOLF 2005 CAMPS



North East DuPage SRA

Aspire
Oak Brook Golf Club
Trey Van Dyke

Champaign-Urbana SRA
Stone Creek Golf Club
Mickey Finn

Chicago Special Olympics
Marquette Park Learning Center
The First Tee of Chicago

Chicago Special Olympics
South Shore Learning Center
The First Tee of Chicago

Clearbrook
Mt. Prospect Golf Club
Brett Barcel

Dolton-New Hope Center
Burnham Woods Golf Course
Chuck Young

Fox Valley SRA
Phillips Park Golf Course
Jeff Schmidt and staff

Gateway SRA
Flagg Creek Golf Course
Bill Rosinia

Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association
Lake Bluff Golf Club
Darryl Stackhouse

Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep. Special Ed.
Gwendolyn Brooks High School
Louise Davis, Cog Hill Golf & Country Club

Heart of Illinois SRA
Kellogg Golf Course
Kyle Meger

Hope D. Wall School
The First Tee of Aurora Learning Center
Jim David

Indiana Special Olympics
Creekside Golf Course
Nancy Bender

Lincoln Way SRA and Joliet SRA
Sanctuary Golf Course
Bob Schulz and Kyle Morris

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Golf Center Des Plaines
Andy Brent, GolfTEC

Northern Illinois SRA
Makray Memorial Golf Club
Don Habjan and staff

North East DuPage SRA
Medinah Country Club
Mike Scully and staff

North Suburban SRA
Winnetka Golf Club
Cortney Miller, Jeremy Olds and staff

North West Suburban SRA
Palantine Hills Golf Course
Dan Hotchkin

North West Suburban SRA
Twin Lakes Golf Course
Cary Cavitt

Oak Lawn SRA and Elim School
Stony Creek Golf Course
Margie Muzik and staff

Orland Park SRA
Silver Lake Country Club
Gregg Tengerstrom and staff

River Valley SRA
Kankakee Elks Country Club
Dieter Jaehn, Jr.

Rockford Park District
Ingersoll Golf Club
Lloyd McWilliams

Southeast Association for
Special Parks & Recreation
Village Greens of Woodridge
Brandon Evans and staff

South Suburban SRA-Flossmoor
Hidden Meadows Golf Course
Carrie Black

South West SRA-Alsip/Oak Lawn SRA
Midlothian Country Club
Michael Knights and staff

SRA of Central Lake County
Libertyville Golf Complex
Jeff Mory, Conway Farms

Tri-County SRA
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
Jeff Rimsnider

Upstate Special Recreation Association
The Highlands of Elgin Golf Club
Mike Lehman

Warren SRA
Libertyville Golf Complex
Ron Klein, CORE Golf

Western DuPage SRA
Cantigny Golf
Mike Jones

Western DuPage SRA
Glen Oak Country Club
Danny Mulhearn and staff

Western DuPage SRA
White Eagle Golf Club
Glenn Sowizrol and staff

Western Suburban SRA
White Pines Golf Club
Chuck Lynch

Zion SRA
**Thunderhawk Golf Club/
Shepherd's Crook Golf Course**
Jana Brinton

