

Hello once again USBGA Members,

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When asked to describe how the USBGA Hall of Fame trophy ended up in the MGA Golf House and Museum, Hall of fame Chair, Bill McMahon describes the following scenario: "On our way home from the National Championship, that was held at the beautiful Middle bay Country Club in Oceanside, NY, Kevin and I were discussing what we should do with the Hall of Fame trophy, that was now in our possession. Kevin suggested that I place a call to our friends down in Norton, MA. Along with the help of PGA Professional bob Beach, the head pro at Braintree Municipal golf Course, Kevin and I have held many clinics at this first tee facility for both the Carroll Center for the Blind and the Perkins School for the Blind.

I called Joe McCabe, the Executive Director of the First Tee and ran our idea by him. Joe liked the idea and told me to contact Joe Sprague, the Executive Director of the MGA. After a few discussions the USBGA HOF trophy had a new temporary home." McMahon stated, "the clincher was when I told them that Waltham, MA also happened to be the longtime home of Joe Lazaro, the oldest living member of the USBGA HOF. Lazaro was installed in 2007 at the Initial Induction ceremony, which was held in Edgemont, PA after the conclusion of our 2007 National championship held at the Edgmont Country Club."

For your information, the USBGA HOF trophy is now displayed in the Francis Ouimet room in the William F. Connell Golf House & Museum located on the grounds at TPC Boston. The building houses 12 of the allied golf associations in Massachusetts, including the Massachusetts Golf Association, the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts, the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, and the Deutsche Bank Championship. The Museum is a tribute to the game of golf in Massachusetts from its beginnings in the early 1900's all the way to current day golf happenings. Also included in the Museum is the Francis Ouimet Room which pays tribute to one of the game's greatest amateur players and now also contains the USBGA Hall of Fame trophy.

The following recently appeared on the web site of the MGA (Massachusetts Golf Association):

Headline: The United States Blind Golf Association Delivers a Very Special Gift to the William F. Connell Golf House & Museum in Norton

Norton, MA — On a very special Monday afternoon, the William F. Connell Golf House & Museum received a new addition.

For the near future the Museum - which is located at 300 Arnold Palmer Boulevard in Norton - will be hosting the United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame trophy and will sit alongside many of today's MGA Championship trophies and trophies from past historic events.

The trophy made its journey to Golf House under the watchful care of two men – **Bill McMahon** and **Kevin Sullivan** – who have both been instrumental in working with the MGA and The First Tee of Massachusetts in creating golfing opportunities for the disabled.

McMahon, a Framingham resident and a blind golfer himself, each year coordinates several golf clinics for students from the Perkins School for the Blind and the Carroll Center for the Blind.

Sullivan, a teaching pro based out of Southborough, has served as McMahon's golf coach for many years and was also inducted into the USBGA Hall of Fame in 2009 for his dedication and service to blind golfers all over the country.

In being able to provide golfing opportunities to students from these two schools, The First Tee of Massachusetts is furthering its commitment to bring the game of golf to people of all abilities.

"We are thrilled to be able to have the trophy on display at the Museum," said McMahon. "The MGA and The First Tee have been so supportive of our efforts that we know the trophy will have a great home here."

For more information about the USBGA, please [click here](#).

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The newsletter is short and sweet this time, but thanks to Bill and Kevin the beautiful HOF trophy is now prominently displayed where it can be seen, admired and educate people about our group and our mission.

Until next time.

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