



BOSTON

“EMPOWERING WOUNDED WARRIORS, ONE FAIRWAY AT A TIME”

2013 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

CLINICS & GOLF DAYS

January-March

- ***Prior to our SMGA Boston Chapter existence our all volunteer group collected and sent 200+ used demo golf clubs to our military in Afghanistan through Care Packs.***
- ***Cedar Hill Golf Club Winter Indoor Saturday Clinics***
 - ***3 Virtual golf simulators were donated by one of our volunteers and the club house facilities were donated by the management company. Approximately two dozen veterans were served. Bob Beach PGA & Rick Johnson PGA provided instructions.***

March

SMGA Boston became an authorized chapter of The Salute Military Golf Association

- ***South Shore Country Club indoor clinic for 25 Post 911 wounded warriors and potential sponsors. 3 Virtual Golf Simulator Bays were donated by SSCC. Three wounded veterans received experienced sets of golf clubs donated by area private golf club pro shops. Five NEPGA instructors provided the lessons for our soldiers and guests on a volunteer basis.***

April

- ***North Hill CC- 15 Post 911 Wounded Warriors attended our clinic and free golf day.***
- ***Three Para Golfer clinics with Stand Up & Play founder Anthony Netto were held at***
 - ***Golfsmith Watertown***
 - ***Southborough Driving Range***
 - ***Sterling National Country Club***

May-July

- ***Bedford VA Hospital, Patriot Golf Course, 3 volunteer NEPGA instructors provided weekly clinics and one golf day. Range and golf balls were donated by The Patriot Golf Course which is owned by Hanscom AFB. 12 total veterans from all wars attended.***

June-October:

- ***Braintree Golf Club. Bob Beach PGA provided free clinics each Saturday for all veterans. Range and golf balls were donated by BGC.***

August- October:

- ***Granite Links Golf Club clinics and Taylor Made club fitting for 6 Post 911 Wounded Warriors. Three NEPGA instructors. Range & Golf Balls were donated by GLGC.***

September:

- ***SMGA Boston "Our Nations Heroes" Golf tournament- Bob Beach PGA & Jim Tobin PGA provided instructions prior to the tournament. 25 Post 911 and 10 other veterans played and attended the clinic. 135 golfers and one US Army (Ret) Brigadier General from R.I. played.***
- ***Bob Beach PGA NEPGA Patriot Award Winner***

October:

- ***North Hill CC clinic and golf day. Bob Beach PGA instructor and U.S. Army (Ret) Brigadier General from Mass. played along with our Post 911 veterans.***
- ***SMGA Weekend with Warriors in Virginia; Sent two Post 911 Wounded Warriors from Massachusetts.***
- ***SMGA Boston members played and helped to promote "A Military Appreciation Golf Day" at Marlborough Country Club which benefitted the Mass. Soldiers Legacy Fund. An estimated 150 Veterans from all wars played.***

November:

- ***Braintree Golf Club & Pembroke Country Club Veterans Day Free Golf for all veterans. Bob Beach PGA provided instruction and SMGA Boston helped to promote both events and we had 6 Post 911 Veterans playing.***
- ***Putting & Chipping green installed @ Brockton VA Hospital, Brockton, MA. Funding provided by SMGA Boston and Norfolk Agricultural Alumni under the Crocket Foundation. Design & installation labor donated by the students of Norfolk Agricultural High under the direction of landscape instructor, Josh Kennedy over two weekends in November.***

December:

- ***Bob Beach PGA National PGA Patriot Award Winner San Diego Calif.***

FUND RAISING

- ***Two Para Golfer purchased from Stand Up & Play Foundation***
 - ***\$10,000 SMGA Boston personal contributions***
 - ***\$10,000 Grant from the U.S. Seniors Golf Association***

Fund raising cont'd

- ***\$10,000 Grant from American Realty Corp***
- ***\$10,000 Grant from the Mass. Veterans Affairs Department committed for 2013-2014***
- ***Crocket Foundation***
 - ***\$3,000 for Brockton VA Hospital for an 1,800 Sq Ft. Putting & Chipping Green***
- ***Cathay Chinese Restaurant***
 - ***\$2,600 raised during three restaurant Meat Raffle promotions***
- ***“Our Nation’s Heroes” Golf Tournament***
 - ***\$10,000 raised for 2014 Wounded Warrior Programs***
- ***Golf & Ski Warehouse NH donated 6 golf club sets and 60 demo clubs for our Bedford VA clinics.***
- ***AT&T donated 12 Taylor Made \$250 gift cards for Post 911 Wounded Warrior use***

MEDIA

- ***Patriot Ledger Newspaper 2 articles***
 - ***SMGA Boston Para Golfer delivery & double amputee Wounded Warrior Mike Downing clinic***
 - ***“Our Nation’s Heroes” Golf Tournament***
- ***Worcester Telegram Newspaper 2 articles***
 - ***Southborough Driving Range Para Golfer Clinic***
 - ***Sterling National CC Para Golfer Clinic and Golf Day***
- ***NECN Video of Mike Downing and SMGA Boston Para Golfer at “Our Nation’s Heroes” Golf tournament.***
- ***SMGA Boston website www.smgaboston.org , SMGA Boston email addresses and Face Book designed and implemented.***

Private and Municipal Golf Courses Contributing Free Clinics or Veteran Golf days

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| • <i>Pembroke Country Club</i> | <i>Granite Links GC</i> |
| • <i>Dedham Polo & Country Club</i> | <i>Sterling National CC</i> |
| • <i>Hatherly Country Club</i> | <i>Indian Pond Country Club</i> |
| • <i>Allendale Country Club</i> | <i>Marlboro Country Club</i> |
| • <i>Braintree Golf Club</i> | <i>South Marsh CC</i> |

Veterans Group Networking Connections made in 2013

- ***Disabled American Veterans of Mass.***
- ***Bedford VA Hospital Out Patient Department***
- ***Jamaica Plains VA Hospital Prosthetics Dept***
- ***Brockton VA Hospital Adaptive Sports Dept.***
- ***Veterans Amputee Golf Association NH***
- ***Boston Red Sox and Mass General Hospital Home Base Project***

