



We make golfers.



2009 – 2022

Changing lives.



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Who we are
Golf For All is dedicated to transforming the lives of all people facing emotional, physical, and developmental challenges or who are experiencing traumatic and stressful hardships including our veterans and their families by providing free accessibility to the game of golf.

We believe all individuals should experience the camaraderie, healing, hope, and fun that only the world's greatest sport can offer.

Our dream is a world where everyone, regardless of ability, race, creed, age, gender, socio-economic status, or experience, has unlimited and free access to the game and experiences the joy that golf provides.



Inspiration

We are committed to bringing hope and positive change to all of our participants. We believe golf enlightens minds, opens hearts, transforms lives, and eases pain and isolation. Our goal is to help all of our golfers find and create healthy perceptions of themselves and feel at peace, complete, confident, and safe.

Through the game of golf, individuals with disabilities become actively engaged in the social fabric of a community and derive health benefits that improve their quality of life. Too many potential golfers are languishing and inactive in the mistaken belief that golf is beyond their physical limitations.

CORE VALUES

These core values are the spirit and virtues that guide GFA staff, board, volunteers, and generous donors and partners every day.

Compassion: Driven by a heartfelt desire to care for all people facing significant challenges in life or who are experiencing hardships.

Dignity: Treat every person with the value and respect they deserve by attending to their unique needs and all interactions with an open heart and mind.

Community: Generate positive change by building a sense of belonging for each individual and a shared faith that each individual's needs will be met through a commitment to be together.

Love: Ability to praise another's talents, blessings, and achievements and to encourage and assist another's spiritual growth.

Service: Show our gratitude for having the chance to help and grow ourselves by giving back to those who have earned our support and need our help.

Bringing hope.



More than ever, the response to our Golf For All free clinics and programs has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming what a critical role the programs play in the lives of our golfing family and of the therapeutic and rehabilitative benefits of golf.

Golf For All's free, weekly clinics for veterans have been a staple in GFA programming since its inception. These veterans served in Vietnam, Korea, and World War II. Director of Golf, Bob Beach, says "It's a privilege and honor to keep these golfing heroes active and enjoying our wonderful game."



I am a golfer.

Making a difference.

"This truly is one of the best gifts we can give our fellow warriors. Getting them out of the house, engaged in a fun sport, and participating with others who have endured the same difficulties in life was therapeutic! And to find something they can be good and excel at again! I know many others felt the same way I did. Your organization is truly a fantastic one as I was telling several people yesterday. I would love to help in any way that I can and love to tell more people about Golf For All. Let me know how I can help."

Brent South

Military Order of the Purple Heart



I'm humbled and honored to spend time with this incredible group of veterans who have selflessly dedicated their lives to serving our country. As a golfer, it's especially gratifying to see how the game of golf has such a positive impact in their lives. I'm so thrilled to be a part of this special GOLF FOR ALL/ CVS-Caremark clinic." —Annika Sorenstam, World Golf Hall of Fame





GFA scorecard

2009

The year that Golf For All was founded by Fred Corcoran, Jerry Donovan, and Bill McMahon

1,457

Number of Golf For All clinics, programs, and events since its inception

5,000

Numbers of golfers that have participated in Golf For All clinics, programs, and events since its inception

49

Number of clinic since 2022 for veterans and their families at the Brockton, Mass VA

7

Number of paramobile golfers taking part in Golf For All clinics in 2022



A grateful and deserving Fred Corcoran and the CRC team.

WINNER: GFA was honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Maria McTernan Leadership Award from the Charles River Center. The Charles River Center serves people with developmental disabilities in the Boston Metrowest area. The center staffs 28 group homes, helps individuals find jobs in their communities, cares for the most medically complex, and provides a host of diverse programs and activities for all ages, offering services and programs to over 950 children and adults.



BEACH NAMED DIRECTOR OF GOLF: For Bob, life will always be about giving back. His charitable, lifelong work and free clinics with veterans and special needs golfers is legendary. “The benefit to me has been it has made me a much better teacher. It allows you to take a complex game and make it very simple. Every day at GFA is a great day of golf and fun for us and those with special needs. Our hope is to reach as many new golfers as possible.”

Golf For All enjoyed an active and busy summer in 2022, holding dozens of clinics and bringing the joy of golf to hundreds of people of all backgrounds and abilities.



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Golf For All's countless success stories and powerful testimonials tell us we are making a big impact. GFA cofounder and board member, Jerry Donovan, himself paralyzed from the chest down, says, "When I was badly injured 20 years ago, I made a deal with the Lord. Keep me above ground and I would help others like myself with their disabilities." Jerry is a frequent visitor to clinics inspiring and encouraging his fellow players with his beautiful short and long golf game.



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GFA INSPIRATION: Longtime friend and inspiration of Golf for All, Dennis Walters, was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in Pebble Beach, CA. Executive Director Fred Corcoran took in the ceremonies as a personal guest of Dennis and ambassador of GFA. Dennis Walters is an elite golfer who was paralyzed from

the waist-down at the age of 24 following a golf cart accident. He has since dedicated his career to sharing life lessons and inspiring fans and disabled golfers of all ages through golf clinics and special performances at more than 3,000 worldwide appearances. Former spokesperson and national ambassador for The First Tee, his message is to always continue hoping and dreaming.



Veteran Walter Randolph loves GFA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: For the past several years, Golf For All has conducted golf clinics for Helping Hands of Massachusetts at their annual sports Field Day. Helping Hands inspires people who are missing limbs above the waist to adapt to fully functional lives. GFA golfer Hudson celebrated his 7th birthday with us for the third consecutive year.



A GAME FOR ALL SEASONS: Our veterans and their families work on their games all year long; indoors during the winter. As instructor, clinic regular, and Korean War veteran Vinnie Del Zoppo (below, blue sweater) says, "Handicaps are lowered in the offseason!" The free, weekly programs at Ponkapoag Golf Club and the Brockton, Mass VA always draw a great and enthusiastic crowd year-round.



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Going beyond.



Plenty of smiles and great shots from Ben at the clinic for adults with autism at one of Golf For All's longtime venues, Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course in Weston, Mass.



Beach's brilliant career has earned well-deserved praise. He's a member of the NEPGA Hall of Fame. In 2013, he won the PGA of America's Patriot Award, given to a person who personifies patriotism through golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have served America.

"I love volunteering and helping people. It's my happy place."

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He is that person the golf world needs more of – a massive persona with fortitude, patience, and compassion.

Simply put, Bob Beach "is the best dude ever," said Eddie Carbone, former Executive Director of the New England PGA.

Beach's legacy has been carved out of 42 years of service to the golf industry, nearly 30 of them as the head professional at Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Since retiring in 2018, however, his passion to help has intensified.

"I knew I wasn't done," said Beach. "I had a plan."

The plan basically is this: Answer the phone and say yes to anyone who wants him to teach, help, or volunteer. "He's busier than he was when he worked," laughed Matt Ruxton, vice-president of sports for the Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

Beach is a Statue of Liberty in the local golf world, a man whose tablet – if he carried one – would read: "Give me your distinctive, your trusting, your loving masses yearning to swing freely and smile radiantly."

The golfers who reached out to Beach and told of the gentleman in their foursome whose dementia was preventing him from playing regularly? That man now plays nine holes once a week with Beach.

The pandemic caused havoc for Special Olympians? No worries. Beach set up a camera in his backyard, hit golf balls, and offered lessons via Zoom.

Military veterans who won't let loss of limbs stop them from playing golf? Beach is there for them.

Assisting blind golfers? Ah, that is something Beach did years ago and with utter delight he is doing it again.

The stroke victim whose wife reached out to see if Beach would help re-teach the game to her husband? Beach had two questions: When? Where?

"The guy is a living saint in a golf shirt," said Kevin

Carroll, an advisor and fundraiser for SMGA.

"It's just something that's grown out of what I always wanted to specialize in, junior golf," said Beach, who was blessed to work for two NEPGA legends – his father-in-law, Kenny Campbell, at Newton Commonwealth, and Dick Hanscom at Braintree.

"Working for Kenny, who loved junior golf, was great for me and through him I met Billy Peduto, a really good blind golfer. I started to coach him and that opened so many doors for me."

At Braintree, Beach and his wife, Cathleen (Kenny Campbell's daughter), started a summer clinic one night a week to children with Down syndrome.

"My favorite thing about these clinics," he said, "is that the children know you're into it and that makes an impact on you."

One of his first students was Kevin Riordan and all these years later, they are still a team. "Kevin is 41 now and he goes with me to a lot of these programs that are always moving around," said Beach.

"I love what I do," he said. "I love volunteering and helping people. It's my happy place."

BY JIM McCABE

the best



Everyone is welcome

My name is Fred Corcoran, the Executive Director of Golf For All. After yet another great day on the golf course some 13 years ago, my friends and I discussed how we could give back to the game that had meant and provided us so much in life. We thought everyone – *especially those in need and regardless of age, race, gender, and wealth* – should be able to experience that same joy and benefits.

Golf For All was born.

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All of our players will tell you they look forward to a morning or afternoon with Bob, our volunteers, and Golf For All more than any other and our clinics are their favorite and most fun day each week. Please consider giving back to the game we all love by giving to our GFA golfers.

Your support is critical. We need your help. Only with your generosity will these invaluable, beneficial, and free programs continue and reach new, special golfers in the future.



Having fun.

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Feeling strong.

“Life is better when you’re golfing.” –Arnold Palmer



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Big impact.



GET INVOLVED

Our volunteers play a vital role in the work of GFA. They will tell you the experience is their reward. Our goal is to expand our reach and increase — even double — the number of participants we serve in the next year or two. In order to reach this goal and make this vision a reality, we are continually working to expand our staff and network of committed volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to join our:

- Clinics
- Advisory Board
- Executive Board
- Expansion Board
- Marketing and Communications Team
- Development Team
- Finance and Fundraising Committee
- Strategy Committee
- Intern Search Committee

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact us at golfforall.org, 857-231-6992 or 617-462-9899.

They need our help. We need your help.

Consider joining the GFA team! You'll be happy you did. Exciting corporate and individual sponsorship, gifting, and volunteer opportunities are available. Please visit our website at www.golfforall.org to find out how you can get involved and make a tax-deductible contribution.

Ways to Give:

Annual Appeal (individual, corporate)

Tribute Gift (in honor of)

Friends Network (Join a special group of donors who are committed to generously supporting the mission and future of GFA)

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Golf For All is always running programming even in the winter months. Handicaps are lowered in the offseason. Our free clinics at the Brockton, Mass VA always draw a great crowd!



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GFA is introducing the game of golf to young campers at Camp Harbor View in Boston.

JOIN THE GOLF FOR ALL TEAM TODAY!

WHO WE SERVE

Golf For All seeks to reach the full spectrum of men, women, and children who contend with chronic limitations including but not limited to:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Amputation and traumatic paralysis
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Autism (ASD)
- Blindness
- Cerebral palsy (and similarly debilitating disorders)
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Spinal cord and brain injuries
- Survivors of stroke, cancer, and Special Olympians

PROGRAMS

Joy of Golf

- Autistic adults over 16+ years of age

Veterans Programs

- Brockton VA Hospital Program
- Veterans & Families Clinics
- Friday Veterans clinics
- PGA Tour (Special Clinic; Military Outpost, Dell-MCI championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass)

GFA Special Needs Program

- Clinics

Camp Harbor View

- At-risk inner city Boston teens

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- ARC South Shore
- Autism Association of Wellesley
- Autism Services
- Beth Israel Deaconess (Parkinsons)
- Button Hole Golf of RI
- Camp Harbor View
- Cardinal Cushing School
- Carroll Center for the Blind
- Charles River Center
- First Tee of Massachusetts
- Jimmy Fund
- Perkins School for the Blind
- Special Olympics of Massachusetts
- Till, Inc.
- Yachad of Massachusetts

SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Access Sport America
- Dennis Walters Golf Show
- Disabled American Veterans
- Helping Hands of Massachusetts
- MassGolf Association
- National Alliance for Accessible Golf
- Professional Golfer's Association, New England Section
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Network
- Special Olympics of Massachusetts
- Spinal Cord Injury Association
- The Veterans Administration Hospitals of Massachusetts
- United States Adaptive Golf Alliance
- United States Blind Golf Association
- VA Hospital of Roxbury Massachusetts

Yachad of Massachusetts

RECENT PARTNERSHIPS

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
- Disabled American Veterans
- New England ABA

GOLF COURSES

- Braintree Municipal Golf Course
- Brockton Massachusetts VA Hospital
- Brookline Golf Club
- Button Hole Golf Course
- D.W. Fields
- Cedar Hill Golf Course
- George Wright Golf Course

- Granite Links Golf Course
- Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course
- MGA 1st Tee Course
- Ponkapoag Golf Club
- TPC Boston
- West Roxbury Elks Club

CORCORAN '62 RECEIVES THE ORDER OF THE DAY AWARD

Fred Corcoran '62 was honored at the Golden Arrow Luncheon as the first recipient of the Order of the Day Award at St. Sebastian's. The award is given to a member of the Golden Arrow Society who has exhibited a lifetime of dedication to the service of his fellow man. Corcoran's selfless commitment to others is the fulfillment of the St. Sebastian's Order of the Day: "Love God, work hard, and take good care of one another." As Executive Director and cofounder of Golf For All, he has played an instrumental role in transforming the lives of people with disabilities or who are experiencing hardships by providing free accessibility to the game of golf.





GOLF FOR ALL

Changing lives through the game of golf