

## Hope for the Blind Golf Tournament

Forty years ago, Edgmont Country Club hosted an international blind golf tournament sponsored by Bob Hope. The tournament was called "Hope for the Blind". Bob Hope and other celebrities came to Edgmont and helped raise money for blind charities in the Philadelphia area. With the help of the Wills Eye Health System, the USBGA will return to Edgmont in September to conduct their 62nd National Blind Golf Championship.

### Event Schedule

All golfing activities will take place at the Edgmont Country Club.

- September 24 – Junior Golf Clinic  
*Morning, (volunteers are welcome)*
- September 24 – Wills Eye Golf Event  
11 AM.– Registration and Lunch  
12:30 PM – Shotgun Start  
Reception and Dinner to follow
- September 25 – USBGA Championship, Round 1  
8:30 AM – First Tee Time  
*(SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME)*
- September 26 – USBGA Championship, Finals  
8:30 AM – First Tee Time  
*(SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME)*
- September 26 – USBGA Awards Banquet  
*(Following the Final Round)*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Volunteers are needed for the two USBGA Championship rounds. We are in need of Score Keepers, Caddies, Rules Officials, and General Support. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the USBGA event director:

**Sheila Drummond**  
**(570) 386-5414**  
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### Venue



**Edgmont Country Club**  
**Edgemont, Pennsylvania**  
**Phone (610) 353-1800**

### Sponsors



**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Wills Eye Health System  
840 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (215) 928-3000

Wills Eye Surgical Network Management Company



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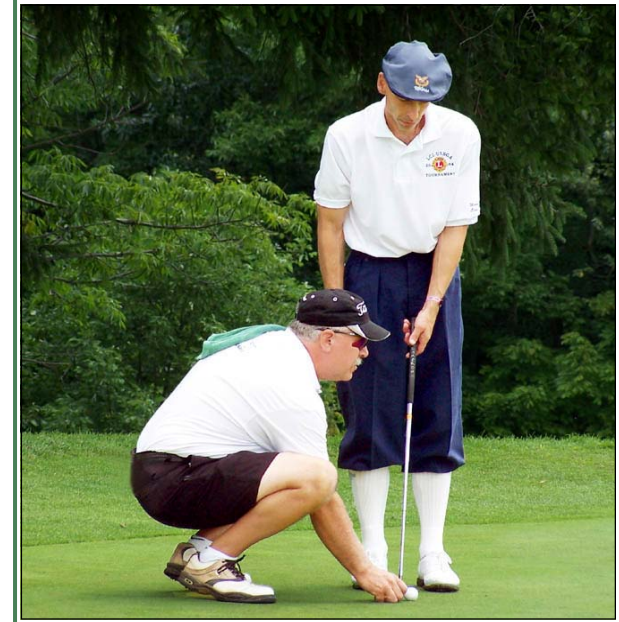
**Holiday Inn**  
West Chester, PA

# USBGA

United States Blind Golf Association  
62nd NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**September 23-27, 2007**

**Edgmont Country Club**  
**Edgemont, Pennsylvania**



*Presented by*



*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

## Golf Event

Contact Robert Wombwell at (215) 928-4710 if you wish to play in the Wills Eye Golf Event on Monday, September 24, 2007, at Edgmont Country Club in Edgemont, Pennsylvania.

# USBGA

United States Blind Golf Association  
**Junior Golf Program**

The USBGA Junior Golf Program is the only one of its kind in the country. The USBGA Junior Golf Program experienced tremendous growth in the last few years. Last year we hosted over 16 one-day clinics and three multiple-session programs which introduced and instructed over 500 blind and vision-impaired golfers. We now include two multiple-session programs in our schedule, the first in San Antonio, Texas and the second in Portland, Oregon. In 2007, the USBGA will begin to include adults in their golf instructional programs.



FUTURE GOLFERS

If you are aware of an organization, association, or center interested in having a blind golf clinic, please contact Ron Plath, USBGA Director of Golf Development Programs, at (503) 635-3715.

Please visit our website at  
**www.blindgolf.com**  
for more information.

*"You don't have to see it to tee it"*

## USBGA Mission Statement

*United States Blind Golf Association is organized and operated for the purposes of benefiting blind and vision-impaired persons and promoting the public good through programs that advance, and increase public awareness of, golf among the blind and vision-impaired throughout the United States.*

## Eye Sight Classifications

These categories are accepted and recognized by the International Blind Golf Association (IBGA) and the United States Blind Golf Association (USBGA).

### Totally Blind Division

B-1 No light perception, or light perception which is not functional, central or peripheral, with or without light projection.

### Vision Impaired Division

B-2 From the ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600.

B-3 From the visual acuity above 20/600 up to visual acuity of less than 20/200.

*All classifications are in best eye with best correction*

For more information about the sight classifications, please visit [www.blindgolf.com](http://www.blindgolf.com)



**Volunteers , Promotional Items, & Donations are always welcomed**

Contact Phil Blackwell  
at (864) 987-9688  
to see how you can help

## USBGA History

Toward the close of World War II, Clint Russell from Minnesota contacted the Veterans Administration and suggested that golf be started as therapy for those who had lost their sight. In 1946, the first group of blind golfers held a national championship in Inglewood, California. Clint Russell won the first championship, and the legendary Charley Boswell came in second.

In 1953 Bob Allman, a blind golfer and lawyer from Philadelphia, formed the United States Blind Golf Association. Bob became the first president of the USBGA.

Books have been written about blind golfers Charley Boswell, Joe Lazaro, 7-time National Blind Champion, Pat Browne, Jr., 23-time National Blind Champion, and most recently, Bob Andrews, whose story is included in the best-selling book, *Who's Your Caddy*, by Rick Riley.

The USBGA holds a national championship and several regional tournaments each year. It conducts clinics for blind and vision-impaired individuals, and helps in raising money for blind and vision-impaired charities all over the United States. The USBGA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

For more information, visit [www.blindgolf.com](http://www.blindgolf.com)

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Coaching DVD



Junior Program DVD

Our Coaching DVD and Junior Program DVD is now available. When ordering your copy, please make a small contribution of \$5 or more to cover the shipping and handling cost.

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