

The Lions' Tales

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NEWSLETTER

Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.



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Seeing Our Way

By Dorothy Troyer,
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CAN YOU GUESS?

Can you guess what USABA stands for? Here's some clues: It is a Colorado-based 501(C)(3) organization. It was established in 1976 and provides life-enriching sports opportunities for individuals with vision loss. It is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. It provides athletic opportunities in ten sports for people of all ages and abilities, with blindness or vision loss. It is actively involved in changing society's negative stereotypes concerning the abilities of blind persons.

USABA is the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes.

Sixty percent of the 93,000 blind and visually impaired children in the U.S. do not participate in physical education classes. There are two reasons: 1) Few physical education teachers have received instruction regarding the skills and opportunities for participation available to students with vision loss. 2) Eye doctors seem to be unaware of the appropriate athletic opportunities they could encourage and recommend.

Research compiled by the U.S. Dept. of Education demonstrates that recreation and sports activities allow persons with disabilities the opportunity to increase mobility, independence and socialization. In addition, research has demonstrated that youth involvement in athletics results in higher grade point averages, better time management skills and improved performance on standardized test scores.

Employment is a major issue among the blind and visually impaired. The national unemployment average in this

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Golf Outing August 17 Big Success

Our annual golf outing this year was a great success. Revenue came from Golfers, Banner & Tee sponsors, underwriters, and gifts to use as raffle or auction items. This year's outing matched last year's golf outing, raising over \$14,000 for the club. This event has become even more important as one of our major fund raisers.

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LION Jim Ellingson wins Low Gross Trophy with an 81. Lion Gary Catalani was runner-up with an 82.

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Upcoming Events...

September 6 — No Meeting,

Labor Day week

October 14-15—Candy Days

November 15—Thanksgiving Lunch

November 22—No Meeting,

Thanksgiving

December 20—Christmas Auction

December 27—No Meeting,

Christmas Week

Birthdays:

September 02 ----- Ed Green

September 13 ----- Finny Rajchel

September 15 ----- Don Green

September 16 ----- Harold Gaede

September 18 ----- John Orr

September 22 ----- Bill Hannah

September 30 ----- Ed Lambke

October 02 ----- Chris Barton

October 15 ----- Pat McEvoy

October 17 ----- Chuck DiVito

October 22 ----- Neil Pollock

October 22 ----- Joe Skvara

October 25 ----- Rockney Howard

October 29 ----- Jim Herrmann

Thought for the Day . .

If you want happiness for an hour—take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day—go fishing.
If you want happiness for a month—get married.
If you want happiness for a year—inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime—help others.

- Chinese Proverb

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Speakers Calendar

September 06 No Meeting- Labor day

September 13

Sponsor: Bob Harris

Speaker: Robin Alam

Topic: Shape Up for Sports

September 20

Sponsor: Jim Herrmann

Speaker: Ms. Kris Fay

Topic: COD, Your Educational Resource

September 27

Sponsor: Gary Crocus

Speaker: Bob Miller

Topic: Baseball celebrity

October 04

Sponsor: Jim Ellingson

Speaker: Farah Amedi, Wheaton North student

Topic: My Life in Afghanistan

October 11

Sponsor: Tom Yule

Speaker: Jenna Eisenberg, DC

Topic: Stories for a healthy lifestyle

October 18

Sponsor: Walker Geyer

Speaker: Roy Finley

Topic: Rescue of an LST325

October 25 Conrad Stoll

November 01 Mike Gresk

November 08 Lucky Gosain

November 15 Thanksgiving Lunch

November 22 No Meeting-Thanksgiving

November 29 Ed Lambke

December 06 Don Green

December 13 Christopher Barton

December 20 Christmas Auction

December 27 No Meeting, Christmas week

January 03 No meeting, New Years week

January 10 Mike Williams

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area is about 70%. This is significantly higher than USABA's athletes' average of 35%.

Recently USABA participated in the 2005 International Blind Sports Association where 26 countries competed in swimming, track & field, judo and Goalball. Following the closing ceremonies, the delegations danced and laughed together for hours, as if there were no barriers of language, religion or culture separating their respective countries. It was a reflection of the true nature of sports; the development of pride and integrity and proof that all human beings are capable of overcoming obstacles.

Lion Tracy Williams was one of two eye doctors sent by the American Optometric Association to determine medical classifications for the various sports.



Jim Mathieson with Our President Joel Riley with Sponsor banner in background.



LION Cleve Carney, Low Gross Winner 2004 hands over trophy to Jim Ellingson

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Other winners:

*Low Gross-Guest: Doug Myslinki with a 74
John Cannata with a 75
Buddy Boudier with a 77*

*LowNet-All: Jeff Antanson with a 47
Patti McCarthy with a 51
Dan Damato with a 57*

Closet to Pin #3 Woodside: Scott Ilift

Closest to Pin #8 Lakeside:

Greg Mieczynski

Longest Drive #7 Woodside:

Buddy Brouder

Straightest Drive 34 Woodside:

George Triamarco

Longest Putt, #9 Lakeside:

George Triamarco



2005 Golf Outing Committee, l-r. LIONS Pat McEvoy, Chairman Mike Gustafson, Mike Nass, Jim Ellingson, Low Gross winner, Jim Mathieson, MC extraordinaire.



Lion Gary Catalani, Low Gross runner-up with Jim Mathieson

Our Wheaton LIONS Cup

Our very own. Available for \$9.00 each. See President Lion Joel Riley.

Dishwasher safe



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