

Hall of Fame Inductee

Lynne L. Lazaro

Friend of the USBGA and Blind Golf



Lynne's journey with the USBGA began as a heartfelt tribute to her father, Joe Lazaro, a founding USBGA member and champion blind golfer who served as the association's president for an impressive 20 years from 1956 to 1976.

Since then, she has become an integral part of the USBGA family, serving in numerous capacities with enthusiasm and purpose. Lynne embodies the spirit of the USBGA and has made significant contributions to the community since 2016.

From 2018 through 2023, Lynne served on the Board of Directors as the Sighted Board Member, providing support to all facets of the association. Her diligence and foresight in identifying and addressing key areas for improvement have made her vital to the association.

The Board of Directors appointed her USBGA Secretary, a role in which she publishes monthly meeting minutes, assists in monitoring action items, and helps to keep our organization running smoothly. Lynne took on the responsibility of updating and maintaining the USBGA GuideStar nonprofit profile. In 2021, the USBGA achieved a GuideStar Gold Transparency rating.

She was appointed to serve as the IBGA National Secretary and liaison to the International Blind Golf Association. As IBGA National Secretary, she was asked

to work with Blind Golf Canada to coordinate USBGA members selected to participate in the 2025 World's Championship.

In partnership with the Membership Chair and Webmaster, Lynne helped streamline the application process for new members by updating and moving the sight and membership forms online, improving accessibility for visually impaired applicants. She also assists in screening potential members and maintains the Membership Roster.

Additionally, Lynne worked closely with the Webmaster to redesign the USBGA website and continues to provide valuable content across all social media platforms. She continues to assume additional responsibilities in this role.

She was appointed to the Handicap Committee, where she tracks, reports, and reviews tournament scores submitted to the IBGA, USGA, and GHIN handicap tracking systems. The Handicap Committee performed the first USGA-required Handicap Peer Review of our members, allowing the USBGA to use the WHS/GHIN as their official handicap for competitions.

Lynne has served as Curator of the Hall of Fame Committee since 2016.

Lynne's professional background in Total Quality Management equips her with the ability to approach organizational processes with an analytical perspective. She has streamlined Board approved updates to the Bylaws and P & P documents, ensuring they align with the Board's objectives, mission, and charter to foster and support blind golf nationally. Lynne lobbied the Board to approve and establish the "Team Spirit" award, celebrating players and their coaches who embody the essence of blind golf as a team sport.

Lynne's advocacy extends beyond administrative excellence. She successfully lobbied the Waltham, Massachusetts City Council, (her Dad's hometown) to construct a 20,000-square-foot putting and chipping facility, dedicated to his

legacy. In collaboration with the Perkins and Carroll Schools for the Blind and Waltham Recreation, Lynne hosts 24 vision-impaired and inclusive golf clinics annually. She began coaching a blind USBGA member demonstrating her deep understanding of the unique dynamics between blind and vision impaired golfers and their coaches.

Lynne Lazaro's contributions to the USBGA reflect her passion for advancing opportunities for blind and vision impaired golfers. Her leadership and dedication honor her father's legacy while paving the way for future generations.

The United States Blind Golf Association is proud to recognize and induct Lynne Lazaro into its 2025 class of the Hall of Fame.