

When asked to describe how the USBGA Hall of Fame trophy ended up in the MGA Golf House and Museum, Hall of fame Chair, Bill McMahon describes the following scenario: "On our way home from the National Championship, that was held at the beautiful Middle bay Country Club in Oceanside, NY, Kevin and I were discussing what we should do with the Hall of Fame trophy, that was now in our possession. Kevin suggested that I place a call to our friends down in Norton, MA. Along with the help of PGA Professional Bob Beach, the head pro at Braintree Municipal golf Course, Kevin and I have held many clinics at this first tee facility for both the Carroll Center for the Blind and the Perkins School for the Blind.

I called Joe McCabe, the Executive Director of the First Tee and ran our idea by him. Joe liked the idea and told me to contact Joe Sprague, the Executive Director of the MGA. After a few discussions the USBGA HOF trophy had a new temporary home." McMahon stated, "The clincher was when I told them that Waltham, MA also happened to be the longtime home of Joe Lazaro, the oldest living member of the USBGA HOF. Lazaro was installed in 2007 at the Initial Induction ceremony, which was held in Edgemont, PA after the conclusion of our 2007 National championship held at the Edgemont Country Club."

For your information, the USBGA HOF trophy is now displayed in the Francis Ouimet room in the William F. Connell Golf House & Museum located on the grounds at TPC Boston. The building houses 12 of the allied golf associations in Massachusetts, including the Massachusetts Golf Association, the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts, the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, and the Deutsche Bank Championship. The Museum is a tribute to the game of golf in Massachusetts from its beginnings in the early 1900's all the way to current day golf happenings. Also included in the Museum is the Francis Ouimet Room which pays tribute to one of the game's greatest amateur players and now also contains the USBGA Hall of Fame trophy.