

**The United States Blind Golf Association
is proud to recognize and induct
Sid Scruggs
into its 2009 class of the Hall of Fame.**



In 2001 at a pre-national tournament press and promotion day Sid Scruggs learned about blind golf. He was in attendance that day because of his interest and concern for people with sight disabilities and the fact that a local Lions Club was sponsoring the event. Sid jumped right into the action and before the day was over was coaching me, Bob Andrews, for a few holes. In addition he was blindfolded and tried to play blind golf with Joe McCourt as the instructor / coach.

The USBGA gained a real friend of blind golf on that summer day in Greensboro, North Carolina. Sid asked how he and Lions could help the organization and proceeded to go to work campaigning for our request for funds. Later in November of the same year, following the National Championship at the Sedgefield Country Club, Sid announced to the Board that the Lions International Foundation was ready to meet and consider the USBGA request.

In January of 2002 the USBGA met with LCIF representatives and a 3 year \$300,000.00 grant was forged. Sid Scruggs's belief in our organization, his status as an International Director and his continuous work and efforts are the only reason the USBGA was rewarded with such a generous grant. For the next 3 years Sid helped with coordinating, locating and the participation

of Lions at our national tournament through the USA-Canada Lions Forum. From golf clinics for blind children to Lions Club participation in regional events Sid was an ally of blind golf.

The USBGA again benefitted from Sid's assistance in 2005 by gaining another \$100,000 two year matching grant. With the worldwide turn down in foundation funds this was no easy task. His dedication and involvement with our members was his reason for going to bat for us. The USBGA still benefits from these funds, which provide for flexibility in planning and in the hosting of our national tournament.

Because of Sid Scruggs the USBGA grew in numbers, regional tournaments were added, junior clinics also grew and benefitted. Lions and Lions Clubs around the country learned about blind golf from their magazine, The Lion, and the possibility of a future partnership holds promise. For over 5 years Lion Sid made a big difference in the lives of USBGA blind and vision impaired golfers. He deserves to hold the position of 2nd Vice President of Lions International and to be elected to the Hall of Fame as a "Friend of the USBGA"