

The Section is excited to announce that construction is underway on a handicapped accessible short golf course at the Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center in Montgomery County. The Section and Variety – The Children’s Charity of Greater Philadelphia (Tent 13) have had a long illustrious history together, most notably because of their nationally recognized “Golf Buddy Program,” which pairs a special needs child with a PGA professional to help introduce them to the game of golf and the lasting friendships it can harbor. Yet, the initiative to build a course completely accessible to children and youth with disabilities will indelibly cement both the Section’s and Variety’s relationship for the future as well as their reputation as the leaders in golf advocacy for children and youth with disabilities from the Delaware Valley. The construction of a three-hole astro-turf golf course on the site of Variety’s Camp will allow all Variety children and youth with disabilities to access a golf course and all the joys associated with the game of golf, which many of them have never experienced. The course will be named the Vincent N. Mariniello Golf Course after the Variety Past President and Buddy Club founder of the same name. The course will be open to Variety’s Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and Weekend Retreats, and will serve as home to the Golf Buddy Program.

This past fall the Philadelphia Assistants Organization, PAO, presented Adrienne Hogan of Medford Village Country Club with the Arthur W. Brosius Award. This award is given to the candidate who shows progress in his/her personal life and career in the areas of integrity and overall character. Adrienne is a fine example of who this award represents. Congratulations to Adrienne.

The third annual Victory Golf Show will be held March 6 – 8, 2009 at the Valley Forge Convention Center. The show features celebrities, entertainment, live media broadcasts, kid friendly Junior Zone, Interactive Contests, Speakers, FREE PGA Professional Golf Lessons, and a wide variety of fabulous exhibitors who capitalize on Philadelphia's fourth largest golf market in the country. Over the last two year the Victory Golf Show has been able to contribute over \$40,000 to several local charities including The Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, the Variety Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The First Tee, LPGA Youth Programs and the Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour. For more information please visit, www.victorygolfshow.com.

-- Joe Monforto