

# **EASTERN AMPUTEE GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **23rd Annual EAGA Eastern Regional Amputee Golf Championship**

**DATE:** July 24th, 25th & 26th, 2009

**SITE:** Downingtown Golf Club, Downingtown, PA

### **SPECIFICS:**

1. The **Eastern Regional Championship** will be a 36-hole event played over a two-day period. Play begins on Saturday, July 25th with a shotgun start at 7:45 AM and finishes on Sunday, July 26th with the final round shotgun starting at 7:45 AM.
2. The **Sponsor/Guest/Amputee Scramble** will be held on Friday, July 24th with tee times starting at 11:00 PM. All Sponsors, Guests and Amputees are encouraged to participate. Proceeds will go to the EAGA Scholarship Fund. An Awards Barbecue will be held following the Scramble at Downingtown Golf Club.
3. Amputee golfers will compete in flights by amputation. Non-Amputee golfers will compete in Associate flights.
4. Flights will be established within amputation divisions after the 1st Round.
5. USGA Rules of Golf will apply. Golf handicaps will not be used.

### **PUBLICITY:**

1. Our 23rd EAGA Eastern Regional Amputee Golf Championship is expected to draw participants from all over the United States and Canada.
2. The Eastern Amputee Golf Association will actively seek coverage by local and regional newspapers and television media.

### **APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS:**

1. EAGA College Scholarship Fund – Currently awarding 17 Scholarships to deserving amputee students and/or children of our amputee members.
2. Free “Learn to Golf” clinics conducted for people with disabilities and their families.
3. 100% Coverage of Tournament entry fees for all junior amputees participants (under 18 yrs old) and college age amputees participants (under 22 yrs old) playing in an EAGA event.
4. Seminars designed to bring “State of the Art” prosthetic information to our members.
5. Reduce cost to all amputee participants in EAGA events.

### **EAGA FACTS:**

1. EAGA was incorporated in Bethlehem, PA in February 1987 as an affiliate of the National Amputee Golf Association. It covers 13 eastern states (MA, RI, ME, NH, VT, CT, NJ, NY, PA, DE, MD, VA, WV & DC) in the USA.
2. Membership is open to any individual who has suffered the loss of one or more extremities at a major joint. Those with other types of amputations are considered for membership on an individual basis. Associate and Life Memberships are available to non-amputees. Members are welcomed from all over the United States and the World.
3. EAGA is a not for profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization formed to encourage the medium of golf as a rehabilitational and recreational activity for amputees and other individuals with disabilities and their families.
4. EAGA’s mailing list currently stands at just over 3,000 with excellent growth potential. Based on statistics compiled by NAGA, there are over 2,000,000 amputees in the United States. More than a quarter of those amputees live in the region served by the EAGA. A substantial portion of these amputees are not aware of the EAGA and a successful Tournament at the Downingtown Golf Club in July will enable an increasing percentage of this targeted population to be reached.