

# PGA HOPE INSTRUCTION AT *White Hawk Country Club*



PGA HOPE (*Helping Our Patriots Everywhere*) is a rehabilitative program designed to introduce golf to Veterans with disabilities in order to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. **PGA HOPE's** goals are to:

- Create a safe environment for Veterans and their families and establish relationships of trust with PGA Professionals
- Have fun and encourage a culture of comradery
- Teach Veterans the basics of golf including etiquette and course management
- Empower Veterans to feel confident playing golf on their own after the program

PGA HOPE is the only golf program for Veterans taught by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competence. PGA HOPE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and is partnering with the Gary Area Vet Center Director, Imelda Ferreira, and her staff.

## CLASS INFORMATION SPRING 2023

A fun introduction to the great game of golf. If you have golf equipment great, if not, no worries, we have you covered. Each weekly class will have a different focus including topics like: "Can I Use a Bigger Ball", "I'm Talking but the Ball Isn't Listening", "Moving Around the Course", and "Different Levels, I've Got This". Class will meet and greet each week, break out into practice sessions, and have some play on the golf course.

Spring schedule will start on **Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Golfers will be greeted at the front of White Hawk Country Club and directed to a gathering area behind the clubhouse. Class is scheduled until 6:45 pm with options to leave early or stay late, your call. We will have Golf Professional staff working with breakout groups, and the class can accommodate one care provider per golfer as well. This six week session will continue every Tuesday until June 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 pm each night. After this scheduled class, we HOPE it is the beginning. Golf in the region is awesome, people in golf are great, the game is a challenge for a lifetime, and it's not always about what is on the scorecard.



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