

# Swing For Vets - Everyone is a winner

Atkinson, NH - One day after the 10th memorial of the 9/11 tragedies more than 70 people donated their time, some money, and their love of golf to benefit the Residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

Kristina Hayford, the force behind the Swing For Vets golf tournament once again put on a terrific event held this year at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club in Atkinson, NH.

Registration prior to the event was handled smoothly, thanks to several volunteers (picture below). These volunteers were very helpful and pretty handy in selling the little extras that add to the fun - Mulligans, a ten foot piece of string (to shorten putts), and a chance for the Men to drive from the ladies tee on a par five (a true lifesaver!).



Left to Right - Diane Hallahan, Marilyn Bookman, Wes and Judi Lundquist, Marie Greene, and Cindi Rice - Conley

This year's Swing For Vets Tournament was held to benefit the Resident Benefit Fund of the New Hampshire Veterans Home. The Benefit Fund is used to provide for the Resident's entertainment and for those things that elevate life at the Home. Benefit Fund monies are used for things such as computers for the Library and trips to Fenway Park or the Fisher Cats among many other events



Kristina Hayford (left) with her father Wes and mother Judi.

The Staff and Residents of the Veterans Home greatly appreciate the Marine Corps color guard that presented at the event and provided a solemn reminder of those who have served and those who are still in harms way.



Marine Corps Color Guard (left to Right) - Lance Corporal Rowe, Staff Sergeant Donahue, Sergeant Tierney, and Private First Class Marcouillier





The Atkinson Resort and Country Club facility in Atkinson , NH

The Day was capped off with a wonderful banquet served by the Atkinson Resort and Country Club in one of it's banquet/ conference rooms and was followed by further fund raising efforts in the form of a not so silent auction run by Wes Lundquist.

Items up for auction included, but were not limited to, a signed Boston Red Sox baseball, a signed Boston Bruins puck, and a special football signed by several New England Patriots players. Congratulations to the high bidders, you have helped our Veterans and gotten some pretty nice sports memorabilia!

While everyone who played, and especially the Residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home were winners, there were those who played well enough to actually receive a trophy by shooting great....



Second Place - Rick Duggan, Denis Keaveny, Art Williams, and Bob Gavin.



Third Place - Dave Becher, Jill LaRosa, Justin Sharaf, and Haven Sharaf.

The staff and Residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home would also like to send a special thank you to the staff of the Atkinson Resort and Country Club, the many wonderful sponsor businesses, all of the players who donated in order to play, and especially to individual families in memory of their service members.

Donations to the NHVH Resident Benefit Fund can be mailed or delivered in person to New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276. Donations to NHVH are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one will be acknowledged to whomever the donor wishes. The Veterans Home was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans.

The NHVH campus is home to 200 men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans, the NHVH mission is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans.



First Place - 23 - (left to right) Gene Conner, Roy Lavender, Todd Trask, and Dave Miville.