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**SHELIA DRUMMOND MAY NOT BE THE ONLY BLIND INDIVIDUAL
TO GET A HOLE-IN-ONE THIS SEASON!
BLIND CHILDREN TO PLAY GOLF AT
OREGON LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION'S
"SCRAMBLE FOR SIGHT" EVENT.**

Portland, Ore. – August 23, 2007 – It's every golfer's dream to hit a hole-in-one. Shelia Drummond heard her hole-in-one on Sunday August 19th at Mahoning Valley Country Club in Lehigh, PA. Last year, at Stone Creek Golf Course in Oregon City, Charlie Anderson of Texas, who was paired with defending USBGA champion Ron Plath of Portland, also heard an incredible hole-in-one on the 14th hole. They heard it! They couldn't see it!

Both Drummond and Anderson are blind golfers in the U.S. Blind Golfers Association. Both have been blind for many years. Drummond was blinded by diabetes 26 years ago. Both were in Portland last fall for the USBGA Open Championship, and both participated in the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's Scramble for Sight and Junior Golf Clinic for Blind and Visually Impaired Youth.

Ron Plath, the reigning US Open Champion of the US Blind Golfers Association in his division, a Portland resident, is involved with the children's event. Plath, the founder of the NW Blind Golf Foundation, teaches low vision and blind children at the Children's Golf Course in Gladstone. Plath works with the OLSHF to conduct the Jr. Golf Clinic and bring attention to special needs of visually impaired children. He's hoping that with proper training, that one of these children may advance to membership in the USBGA and attain their own hole-in-one.

"The whole point of the USBGA is not look at what we can do, but look at what we

represent. We may be blind, but that challenge does not hold us back from continuing on with a sport we love,” says Plath. “And it shouldn’t hold back that opportunity for these kids. We all take away something special from participating in this event.” From macular degeneration to diabetes to numerous other causes of blindness, the USBGA is comprised of golfers who, for a number, of reasons are blind or visually impaired. Their love of golf has kept them active in the sport.

On Monday September 24, 2007 at The Reserve's North Course in Aloha, low vision and blind children will receive guidance and reassurance as they approach the tee on the green, to attempt their first hole in one, or for most kids – their first swing at a tiny white ball placed somewhere on the ground in front of them.

The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation’s 5th Annual Scramble for Sight and Junior Golf Clinic takes place at 10:00 am Monday, Sept 24th, 2007. The event raises funds to support sight and hearing assistance programs provided to people in need throughout Oregon. This event draws golfers from all facets of the community, including local Lions.

“Many organizations have golf tournaments these days,” says Amber Kern, Executive Director of OLSHF. “But I believe our tournament is unique and special. A major part of our charity event is the junior golf clinic which provides blind and visually impaired students the opportunity to spend the morning learning the thrills and challenges of the game from blind and sighted professionals who are volunteering their time to work closely with these children.”

The Scramble For Sight is one of the OLSHF’s largest annual fund raising events. Since 1959, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation has supported the 188 Lions Clubs throughout Oregon and operates the Lions Eye Bank at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. The Foundation also provides financial assistance for eye and ear surgeries, recycles used eyeglasses and hearing aids and operates a children’s statewide low-vision clinic.

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