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## Multicultural Golf Association of America Tenth Anniversary Kids Day

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### KIDS TEE UP FOR US OPEN

#### *YOUTH EXHIBITION EXPANDS GOLF TO NEW PLAYERS*

**Westhampton Beach, New York, June 3, 2004** – 70 kids from the East End of Long Island will gather at **Calverton Links on Monday, June 14**, starting date of the practice rounds for the **US Open**, for the Tenth Anniversary Kids Day sponsored by the **Multicultural Golf Association of America (MGAA)**.

“This special golf Exhibition celebrates a tradition we started in 1995, when we presented the first youth program ever undertaken with the USGA,” explains **John David, President of the MGAA**. “We ran these Kids Days during the US Open for six consecutive years. This event is part of our ongoing national effort to expand the sport of Golf to include youth who might otherwise never hold a club.”

Kids Day invitations have been extended to youth from the **Shinnecock Indian Reservation, the Little Flower Children’s School, the Riverhead Baptist Church, the Riverhead 4H Group, the Calverton Kids Program, the Southampton Park and Recreation and WRCN Radio Station**.

**Judy Bell**, the “First Lady of Golf” and past President of the USGA, will join **John David** in the introduction to the Exhibition, which will run from **5:00 PM to shortly after 6:00 PM**. Some of the participating kids will receive a free ticket to the US Open itself.

The Exhibition will begin with shot-making by a **Touring Golf Professional**, one of the US Open players, definitely a celebrity to the watching kids. Next **Dennis Walters** will put on his unique show, always a thriller for the junior set, featuring precision golf strokes and trick shots. Dennis Walters has overcome special physical challenges, and his message to the future golfers is that “with hard work and perseverance, you can achieve success at almost anything.” Four youthful students of John David, ages 11 to 16, will assist in the presentation.

After closing remarks, the kids will be served snacks, and gifts will be distributed, including a US Open visor and an autographed book from Rudy Duran, Tiger Woods’ childhood coach.

The mission of the MGAA, headquartered in Westhampton Beach, NY, is to make golf available and accessible to all people, with the belief that learning the game of golf leads to positive character development, self-discipline, academic achievement, self-reliance, creativity, imagination and a balanced approach to life for the youth of America. More information about MGAA programs is available on their Web site at [www.mgaa.com](http://www.mgaa.com). The Calverton Links is located at 149 Edwards Avenue, Calverton, NY.

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