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UW Students Host First Swing Learn to Golf

June 14, 2018 – Seattle, WA – The MSOP students of the University of Washington hosted a day long First Swing Learn to Golf Training and Clinic on the UW campus at the school’s driving range facility. Morning session was led by National Amputee Golf Association First Swing instructor, Bob Tipton, PT and gave student information in teaching golf to the physically challenged population with an emphasis on safety and adaptive equipment. Students were able to try out the equipment on their own and then had the opportunity to work with over 18 participants in the afternoon clinic session of the day. This was the second time that the UW students have hosted a First Swing event, under the direction of OPAF & The First Clinics and we saw several repeat attendees. The afternoon clinic saw a large variety of participants, from stroke survivors, individuals with lower and upper limb amputations and multiple trauma survivors.

“They helped me find a grip and a swing that worked for my arm situation”. Matthew Malcham
“The timing of this event with the UW mock evaluation class for OT/PT was perfect! Loved the Diversity of the participants” Laurie Dennis
“We were hoping to use a Paragolfer but it was also good to experience how to do without it” Patrick McCarthy

“The UW students are responsible for coordinating First Clinics and secure venue, sponsors, handle marketing and learn about event planning and giving back to the community that we serve. Tess Braun, Paco Galvan and their classmates did a wonderful job” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director. Local sponsors included FabTech, Cascade DAFO and the University of Washington.



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About OPAF: Serving as the philanthropic arm of the US orthotic and prosthetic community, the Orthotic & Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), develops, implements, partners and hosts adaptive recreational clinics for those with physical challenges. The First Clinics are recognized as leaders in adaptive recreation. Whether this is the first time a participant is trying an activity after illness, injury or episode or the first time they are ever trying, First Clinics offer top notch adaptive instruction specifically for them. Founded in 1995 to support the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, OPAF & The First Clinics have moved forward to offer introductory level adaptive recreation opportunities to everyone, not just the elite athlete. For more information on OPAF and The First Clinics, visit www.opafonline.org.