

## IBGA Vision Cup 2022 Recap

The 2022 Vision Cup tournament matching the top players from North America team versus the top players from the Rest of the World team was hosted by the United States Blind Golf Association with sponsorship from Ground Zero 360 and the IBGA. Ground Zero 360 is dedicated to the New York Police Department officers who lost their lives or suffered serious harm from the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11 resulting in the largest loss of life by a foreign attack on American soil.

This biennial event was held at the famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. This is the same location where the top professional golfers hold their annual PGA Championship and is highlighted by the infamous seventeenth island green, par three hole.

The format includes the top four players in each sight classification from North America versus the top four players from the Rest of the World. This year, we added two additional spots for the two top women along with the other twelve players bringing the total number of competitors to fourteen players per team.

The dates of this event began on Monday, September 19 and ran through Thursday, September 22.

The event included:

Sunday: formal welcome dinner at the famous TPC Sawgrass restaurant.

Monday: Practice round and sponsor event. All the players were matched up with three players paying to enjoy golf at the famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium course.

Below is a summary of the three days of competition. For detailed scoring, see the 2022 IBGA Vision Cup TPC Sawgrass Results document.

Tuesday: First day of team competition held at the Dyes Valley course. This is the second course on the same grounds as TPC Sawgrass.

Day 1 Total      North America 4      Rest of the World 3

Wednesday: Second day of team competition. Played at the Dyes Valley course.

Day 2 Total      North America 5 ½      Rest of the World 1 ½

Thursday: Singles match played at the TPC Sawgrass Stadium course.

Day 3 Total      North America 9      Rest of the World 5

Tournament Results:

North America 18 ½      Rest of the World 9 ½

This is the fifth Vision Cup tournament and the first win by a North American team. Special acknowledgement goes to Greg Hooper and Jeremy Poincenot, the North American Team Captain, and Vice-Captain for a terrific job with their leadership in the NA Team first win. The other special acknowledgement goes to Paul McCormack with his tireless commitment in organizing this event and the funding required to host this tournament at such a prestigious venue.

Congratulations to all players for showing their talents and showing great sportsmanship.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony and dinner held at the TPC Sawgrass restaurant on the property.