

***“Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc.
(ICYG) Donates***



***Golf
Equipment
to Build Golf Driving
Range in the Iraq Green Zone”***



Riviera Beach, FL (USA) July 1, 2008: “PGA Golf Professional, *Joe DeMino*, Boca Country Club had a *vision* and has now turned it into an international initiative called *Operation: Iraqi Range*, an initiative aimed at

helping soldiers swing away at their stress with golf equipment supplied to the “Green Zone” in Iraq, where soldiers, when they have down time, play a sandy course with real bunkers.”

Joe is quoted as follows: “This whole thing got started when one of my members came to me and said that his son has been sent to Iraq, and one of his duties is to be in charge of a small driving range in what is referred to as the “Green Zone.” There are about 20,000 soldiers at a time that come into the area for a short reprieve, and the range does not have much in the way of equipment such as balls, clubs, shag bags, etc. I had told the member that I would reach out to my fellow Golf Professionals for some help, so I spoke publicly at a couple of events about the situation in the “Green Zone” and so many Golfers stepped to the plate donating golf balls and golf clubs. Many of the members have been great, too!”



He further stated that, “I have received golf balls and many sets of clubs - I feel great about doing this and my staff has also taken ownership of this whole project. They are just as excited as I

am when someone drops something off for our soldiers. Recently we found an old set of clubs at the front door with a note saying ‘I hope these will help our troops’ – what a feeling as I read the note!!!” He received a call from ICYG Founder Malachi Knowles who told him that he wanted to help.

YES, ICYG responded to the call with more than 100 sets of golf clubs, bags, balls and even twelve red, white and blue golf bag racks so that they won’t have to lay their bags in the dirt. We were very pleased to be able to assist DeMino and the Boca Country Club Family with their vision.”

Lt. Col. Allen West, former Battalion Commander, 4th Army Infantry Division, Taji, Iraq stated after hearing about the donation: “the inspirational leadership of Malachi Knowles and ICYG is clearly apparent. Their generous donation of golf equipment for our men and women in the Iraq theater of operations is a testimony to their patriotism and support of our warriors. Malachi and ICYG represent the values for which we defend and protect.”

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