

Brian Buckelew Winner of First Gorilla Golf



Photo courtesy of Gene Todd
Brian Buckelew shows his first place gorilla-painted plaque

Brian Buckelew became the first winner of the first ACE Gorilla Golf Tournament, held on October 10, 2011, at Brookfield Country Club in Roswell, Georgia.

Many thanks go to the golfers, their supporters and our sponsors for making this event a great success. Andy Pachman was the golfer who raised the most donations, totaling over \$3,000. The tournament raised over \$10,000, which will be distributed to two projects of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI).

The two projects are the Tayna-Maiko-Kahuzi-Biega landscape in Congo and the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) Center. Both projects are working towards protecting the ecosystem where the endangered Grauer's gorilla lives as well as many other animal species, providing a safe corridor for animals to travel between two national parks, and supporting the first permanent sanctuary ever built for gorilla rescue and rehabilitation of the Grauer's gorilla.



The weather did not treat our golfers well by being cold and rainy, but when the event was over, none of the golfers were complaining. They all spoke fondly of the good

time they had and how they were proud to support ACE.



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Other awards went to Second place – Ryan Carrigan; Third place – Andy Pachman; Longest Drive – Brad Ferguson; and Closest to the Gorilla – Brian Buckelew.



Photo courtesy of Gene Todd
Lisa Westin shows the "closest to the gorilla" placement.

The Gorilla Golf Tournament would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers assisting the day of the tournament, the members who sponsored golfers, and our Gorilla Golf Committee. The committee members are

Jodi Carrigan (chair), Lissette Herrera (co-chair), Janelle Nord, Susan Smith, Donna Todd, Gene Todd, Debbie Wright, Scott Wright, Vivienne Ferguson, Tara Stoinski, Gail Ledford, Ryan Carrigan, Ann Herrmann and Jane Barron.



Photo courtesy of Gene Todd
Volunteers enjoy lunch while the golfers are still playing.

Our thanks to Brookfield Country Club. The course was beautiful, the food was delicious and the staff was friendly and helpful.



We are excited about our new fun and financially successful golf tournament. We look forward to Gorilla Golf 2012!



Photo courtesy of Lisa Dempsey.
This Golf Buddy was one of the many items in each golfer's souvenir bag.

Holiday Sale Items Going Well

ACE set up a sales table at the Zoo Atlanta Volunteer Holiday Party on December 3, 2011. By far the hottest selling item was the always-popular ornaments painted by the gorillas and orangutans at Zoo Atlanta, with the assistance from their keepers.



Photo courtesy of Tammy Hoffman.

Other items included note cards, bookmarks, gorilla coozies, 'orangutan friendly' lotions, and ACE tote bags.



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Donna Artz donated cross-stitched ornaments with the ACE logo and stitched ribbon ornaments, all having a fob of a gorilla or an orangutan. Thanks to

Donna for her contribution.



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A silent auction was a special feature for a one-of-a-kind hand-painted ornament by Cindy Horton. She picked Ivan, a Zoo Atlanta gorilla, as her subject, and she donated the portrait ornament to ACE for the holiday sale table. When the bell rang, the winner was Rebecca Brown, who was elated to have the winning bid. Thanks so much to Cindy for her talent and for her unique and generous donation.



Photo courtesy of Jane Barron

While we still have some items available, we are delighted that the holiday sales have totaled over \$750. What a nice way for people to show that they support our mission

to help great apes in the wild.

Support Conservation. Promote Nation's First Wildlife Stamp



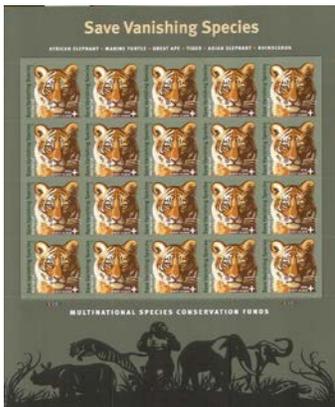
On September 20, 2011, the U.S. Postal Service began issuing a *Save Vanishing Species* Semipostal Stamp (priced at 55 cents), in the tiger design in a pane of 20 stamps. With the issuance of the *Save Vanishing Species* semipostal stamp, the U.S. Postal Service supports conservation funds that are helping to create hope for the future for African and Asian elephants, rhinos, tigers, and all species of great apes and sea turtles. This is only the fourth stamp of this kind and will be remain on sale for at least two years.

President Obama signed the Multinational Species Conservation Funds (MSCF) Semipostal Stamp Act into law in 2010, providing an opportunity for the public to support U.S. Fish &

Wildlife Services' (USFWS) mission to save imperiled species globally, targeting endangered species worldwide that are of great importance to the American public.

The U.S. Postal Service will transfer the net proceeds from the sale of this stamp to the USFWS to support the Multinational Species Conservation Funds. For every stamp sold, 11 cents will go directly to this program. (*Concept is similar to the breast cancer research postal stamp which has generated \$70 million in the past decade.*)

As of 2011, these funds include the African Elephant Conservation Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund, the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, and the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund.



While MSCF is currently funded by Congress, the current fiscal climate in Washington indicates that cuts will be made across the board, including conservation programs

like the MSCF. The wildlife stamp has the potential to close the gap or even increase the program's overall funding, at no expense to American taxpayers.

This program benefits over 250 grant recipients in over 75 countries worldwide. Seventeen percent of AZA member institutions receive these federal grant dollars.

For more information – www.fws.gov/international/semipostal. This site tells what the Great Ape Conservation Fund supports, and you can read a success story: "Health Care to Communities in Need Incentivizes Orangutan Conservation."

Work Begins on 2012 Fundraising Events

Patti Frazier and Michele Dave have taken the lead in organizing the first fundraisers for 2012. They are meeting with their committees to cover the many details needed to put on these large events.

Tentative schedules have the first ACE Fun Run slated for spring and Apes In the Arts returning in a new summer timeframe.

Patti is chairing the Fun Run, and Michele is chair of 2012 Apes In the Arts. Anyone wanting to join

their committees should contact them.

Jodi Carrigan will chair the second Gorilla Golf in the fall. More information for all of these events will be forthcoming. Looks like a busy and fun new year!

Plan to attend General Meeting on January 8

ACE General Meeting will be held on January 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM in TechLab at Zoo Atlanta. This will be a potluck dinner and meeting. Please RSVP to info@apeconservationeffort.org if you will be attending and the dish you will bring.

Voting members are especially encouraged to attend, because several votes will be taken.

Are You Looking for Unique Gifts

Gift ideas for the person who has everything....

Want to adopt an orangutan for Christmas? Check out Orangutan Outreach at www.redapes.org.



Want to adopt a gorilla for Hanukkah? Check out www.gorillafund.org.



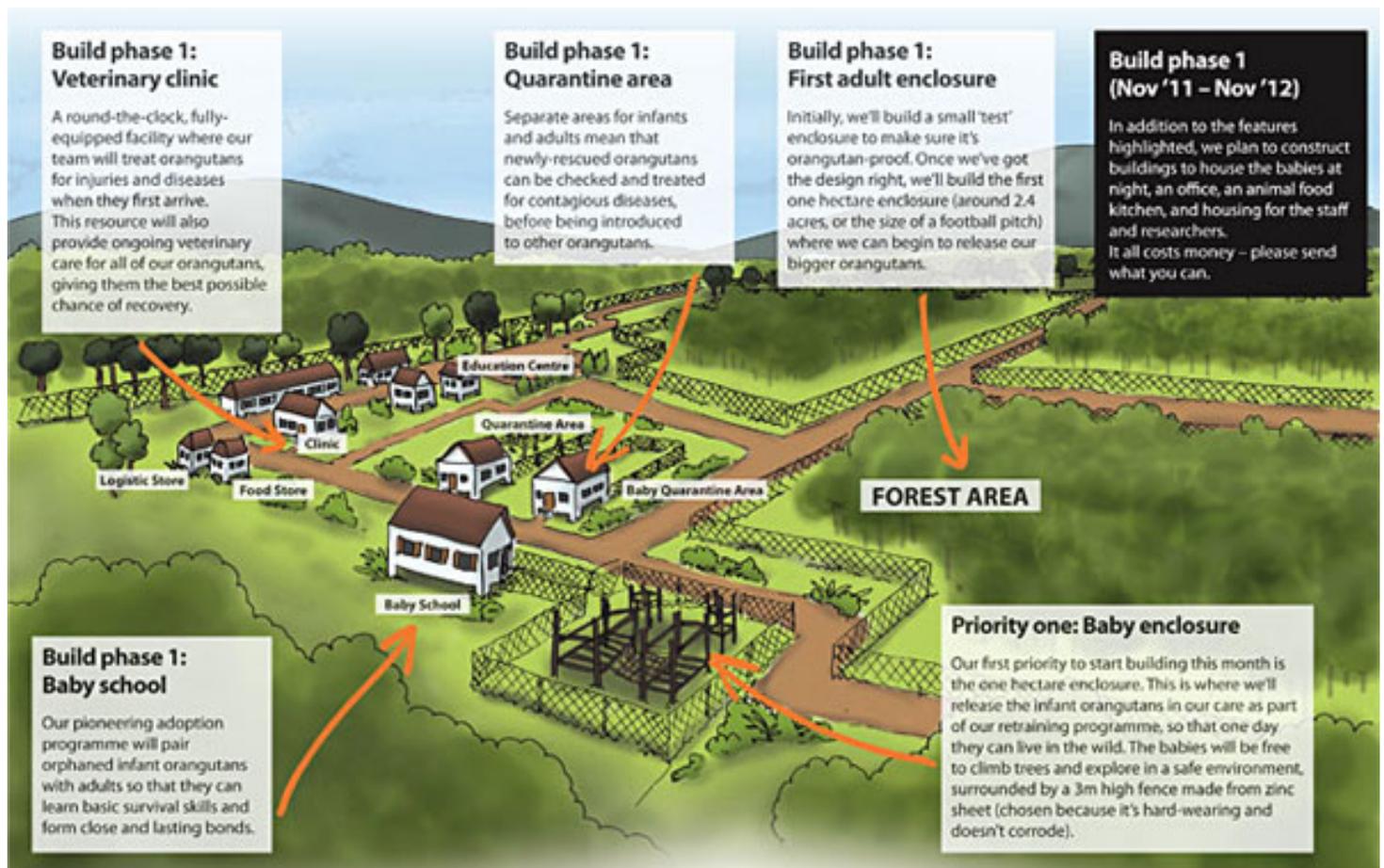
Want to ring in the New Year by adopting a bonobo? Check out this website from Lola Ya Bonobo, the only sanctuary for bonobos in the world. www.friendsofbonobos.org/support.



Want to become a chimpanzee guardian for a birthday present? Check out www.janegoodall.org/support



Interesting Reading:



Follow Up Reports on Apes In the Arts Projects

One of the projects receiving Apes In The Arts funds is the Ketapang Center. The layout above shows the design for the center that will be housing and rehabilitating orphaned orangutans with the help of International Animal Rescue (IAR). If you want to read more about it, go to www.redapes.org/ketapang-new-center

To catch up on news about the new homes for orangutans at Kalimantan by the Orangutan Land Trust, the second group receiving money from Apes In The Arts, go to www.forests4orangutans.org.

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