



Second Annual Gorilla Golf on Sept. 11 Was Big Success

Once again golfers teed up to raise money to save gorillas. Brookfield Country Club hosted the 2012 Gorilla Golf tournament. We had 11 golfers paying a minimum of \$500 each to play.



Photo by Gene Todd
Raffle table had variety of prizes and something for every taste.

After a delicious breakfast, the golfers reviewed the raffle items and purchased

mulligans. Unlike last year, the weather was perfect for golfing this year. When play was over, the golfers turned in scorecards and sat down to a well-deserved lunch.



Photo by Gene Todd
Brad Ferguson won 1st place.

During lunch the winners were announced.

**First Place Brad Ferguson,
Second Place Josh Meyerchick,
Third Place Brian Buckelew.**

Josh Meyerchick won prizes for Closest to the Gorilla and for Longest Drive.

Raffle prizes were distributed with many golfers taking home

several prizes. Congratulations to all of the winners.



Photo by Gene Todd
Brian Buckelew putts for 3rd place.



Photo by Gene Todd
Josh Meyerchick putts to win 2nd place, Closest to the Gorilla, and Longest Drive.

Everybody had a wonderful time and said they look forward to playing in Gorilla Golf next year.





Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International is the real winner of Gorilla Golf

Funds raised from the Second Annual Gorilla Golf were designated for ongoing gorilla protection and monitoring in Rwanda by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International. The total amount ACE donated to this was \$13,248. This amount was a wonderful increase from last year's tournament.

Run For The Redheads – A 5K Run to Save Orangutans

We have a date and place!!! Mark your calendars now for our **First Annual Run for The Redheads - A 5K Race to Save Orangutans - September 14, 2013.** We will begin and end the race at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3003 Howell Mill Rd., Atlanta, GA 30327.

We sincerely thank Trinity for their partnership in this project.

After an extremely close vote, a logo for the race was decided.



But now the work begins. Additional information will be coming soon, and we will need a lot of help to put on a successful run. It will be a great new fundraiser for ACE!

Orangutan Outreach and ACE team up to help SOCP

Ape Conservation Effort has teamed up with Orangutan Outreach to donate funds toward the Tripa Peat Swamp project. ACE has donated \$1,000, which was matched by Orangutan Outreach. \$2,000 was sent to Ian Singleton at the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme.

When we learned of the dire situation within the Tripa Peat Swamp of Sumatra, we knew we had to get involved.

The Governor of Aceh has allowed an oil palm company to convert an undisturbed area of primary peat swamp forest into an oil palm plantation. There was little consideration for laws and regulations forbidding any new permits to this area.

The short term goals of SOCP include revocation of the permits issued, investigating the operations of the oil palm companies in the area, and an immediate halt to any current land clearing with a permanent ban on any future clearings.



Why do we care? Not only are we trying to prevent the annihilation of a population of Sumatran orangutans, but we want to preserve the basic quality of life of both local people and the wider global community. Carbon emissions from burning the peat swamp make a significant impact on global warming as well as the immediate population of humans and animals.

The Tripa situation will not go away overnight, so there will

be opportunities in the future for ACE to assist more. For additional information, see

www.sumatranorangutan.org

www.redapes.org.

www.redd-monitor.org

www.orangutans-sos/savetripa

Fundraising Committee working hard

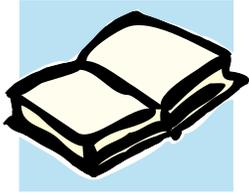
Michele Dave and her hard working committee have been busy with lots of new ideas and projects. We have had successes with the Pinkberry day, Chili's night, Trivia night and the Holiday Sale.



In September we were able to donate \$3,424 to Friends of Bonobos. In their acknowledgement letter, they said their mission is bonobo rescue, rehabilitation, reintroduction and conservation education initiatives at Lola ya Bonobo and Ekolo ya Bonobo in the Democratic Republic

of Congo (DRC). ACE is honored to help with this important mission.

The committee is planning for more in 2013, so stay tuned for some fun times to help ACE raise the funds needed to continue our mission of providing help to save all great ape species in their native habitats.



Interesting Reading:

Fossey Fund Anti-Poaching Camp Attacked, One Ranger Killed

One of the Fossey Fund's anti-poaching camps near Volcanoes National Park was attacked on Dec. 2. A ranger was fatally shot and the camp looted. Other staff members are safe, and trackers will resume their work Dec. 4.

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Bwindi Mountain Gorilla Population Shows Large Increase

A new census of the mountain gorillas who live in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest has shown an increase from 302 in 2006 to 400. Fossey Fund staff participated in this census.

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Did you know?



We stand on the threshold of a future without chimpanzees in the wild.

The IUCN/World Conservation Union Red List of Threatened Species says each of the species of African great apes – chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos – as endangered. African apes are largely confined to the relatively intact forests of Equatorial Africa as their remaining stronghold. Chimpanzees are likely extinct in 4 of their 25 range countries (Gambia, Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin). Where they numbered perhaps one million at the turn of the 20th century, today it's estimated there are 172,000 – 300,000 chimpanzees remaining in the wild.

For more information: www.janegoodall.org/chimpanzees/state-wild-chimpanzee

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