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THE 2018 VEGAS CLASSIC**

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The current MSR Requirement Cycle Ends June 15, 2018

NEBRASKA:

***March 12, 2018 - Country Club of Lincoln - Nebraska Section Spring Meeting & Education Seminar**

IOWA:

Iowa Golf Summit - March 5 (Prairie Meadows Casino - Des Moines)

Iowa PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit - March 20
(Riverside Casino & Golf Resort - Riverside)

Iowa PGA Spring Education, Business Meeting and Tournament - April 9
(Elmcrest CC - Cedar Rapids)

Iowa PGA Brad Wuhs Spring Seminar and Pro-Pro - May 7 (Hyperion Field Club - Johnston)

MINNESOTA:

Teaching and Coaching 2-Day CPP: March 20-21, 2018

[Information](#) - **[Register](#)**

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Videos for PGA Required MSR
Credit**

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Nebraska Section



2018 Spring Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018

Country Club of Lincoln

8:30 AM

Education

1:15 PM—2:45 PM—2 MSR

Golf Status

Jason Meininger, PGA

3:00 PM—4:30 PM—2 MSR

Merchandising & Marketing

Nick Muller, PGA & Jeff Carney

Spring Business Meeting

Special Guests:

PGA of America President—Paul Levy, PGA

District 8 Director—David Schneider, PGA

PGA of America Career Consultant—Jeff Drimel, PGA

Special Awards Presentations

Lunch Included—4 MSR



UNDER ARMOUR.

John Sheridan



\$40.00—Spring Meeting

\$10.00—Education

2018 Vegas Classic presented by



DIGIACOMO CAPTURES THE 28th VEGAS CLASSIC



Henderson, Nevada – Nebraska Section PGA Professionals and their Amateur partners teed off for the final round of the 28th Annual Vegas Classic presented by Callaway Golf & Vinnie Krikac State Farm Insurance Agency. It came down to the wire to decide the low professional title as Ted DiGiacomo, PGA of Golf Galaxy – Omaha got up and down out of the bunker on his 18th hole for birdie to clinch the title with 111 points in the modified stableford format. DiGiacomo's round was back and forth coming home as he had two double-bogeys but he made some clutch putts that led to birdies on three of his final six holes. Justin Onken, PGA of Champions Run, Omaha, NE continued his solid play for the tournament by racking up 39 points but could not quite DiGiacomo as he finished one-point back at 110 points and go enough for solo second. Chris Wiemers, PGA of Happy Hollow Club, Omaha, NE had the round of the day earning 43 points and jumping all the way to third place at 109 points.

Special thanks to Brian Winge, PGA of Callaway Golf and Vinnie Krikac of Vinnie Krikac State Farm for being the presenting sponsors of this event.

[Click here to read the full story and access results](#)

TEAM MEURET CAPTURES THE TEAM TITLE AT THE 28th ANNUAL VEGAS CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CALLAWAY GOLF & VINNIE KRIKAC



Tournament News



2018 COMPENSATION SURVEY

NEBRASKA PGA



NEBRASKA PGA STATISTICS

69.9%

of eligible Nebraska PGA Members and Apprentices
completed the Compensation Survey in 2017

3 (Nice Job!)

other sections had better participation in 2017

75%

Goal for 2018 Nebraska PGA



WHY COMPLETE THE COMPENSATION SURVEY?

PGA Career Consultants

Use the Reporting tool to educate employers on fair market value for their Golf Professional

PGA Members & Apprentices

Can access the Reporting tool at anytime to assist in performance evaluations, contract renewals, and salary negotiations

Your Response

Helps your fellow Members & Apprentices by ensuring that there is sufficient and accurate data to create the reports

Earn MSR Credits

From the "PGA Required" Category by completing the Compensation Survey



CONFIDENTIAL

All responses are anonymous and confidential

ALL PGA Members & Apprentices are asked to participate to guarantee accurate data

PARTICIPATE



QUESTIONS

Contact Career Consultant JD Drimel
at jdrimel@pgahq.com



The deadline to complete the
Compensation Survey is March 31st, 2018
Go to PGA.ORG to access the survey

Career Consultant Update



February 2018

Dear District 8 PGA Members,

It is with great honor that I send this note as your new PGA of America Career Consultant! My passion to serve our Members burns each day and I hope I can assist you in whatever way you may need.

My communication plan is simple...discuss anything you feel important at a time that works! Part of that plan will be monthly updates to each of you via your Section's enews, special email communication, or however your leaders advise. My plan is to send these updates to you on the 20th of each month. I have also scheduled monthly Career Services updates to the ED's and Officers in each Section with a summary of activities that may directly or indirectly affect the Section and you as a PGA Member. My plan is to send your leaders this report after each month.

Our February Topic...2018 Compensation Survey.

Having been in your shoes, I understand the hesitation to complete the yearly survey however, when you think about it, the time spent directly affects each one of us. The information we gather can, and will, assist you in some way. Whether you are re-negotiating a contract, hiring a Managerial position, doing a self-evaluation, or even getting a pulse on the going rate in a market, this information can be used as a tool for YOU. Please take time to complete the survey by going to PGA.ORG.

The survey doesn't take much time to complete.

The survey provides valuable information to many Career Paths.

The survey is confidential.

You will help your Section reach its' completion goals.

Please contact me anytime and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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**TO TAKE
COMPENSATION
SURVEY**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Award Winners Spotlight

2017 Facility of the Year

Ashland Golf Club



Ashland Golf Club is honored to receive the Facility of the Year Award for the 2017 season. Improved playing conditions, a customer-first mindset, and the ability of our staff to truly love their work has led us to the receipt of this prestigious award.

Our facility has grown rounds from under 16,000 in 2014 to 24,600 rounds in 2017 and tripled the amount of weddings held in comparison to 2015. New programming, such as NJGT Team Golf, has tied us closer to our local community and led to increased membership revenue.

We are currently using very advanced, golf-related technology to ensure the best customer service experience possible. We believe making visible and consistent capital improvements and reinvesting in our product will be critical to our continued success.

The other Nebraska PGA Award Winners for 2017 are:

Golf Professional of the Year: Dennis Fruchtl, PGA, Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island, NE

Teacher of the Year: Chad Lydiatt, PGA, Awarii Dunes Golf Club, Axtell, NE

Horton Smith-Education: Bradley Goetsch, PGA, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln PGA Golf Management

Bill Strausbaugh-Club Relations: Chris Thomson, PGA, Wilderness Ridge Golf Club, Lincoln, NE

Youth Player Development: Joe Wiegand, PGA, Benson Park Golf Course, Omaha, NE

Merchandiser of the Year-Public: Matt Shaner, PGA, Golf USA – Kearney, Kearney, NE

Player Development: Chris Thomson, PGA, Wilderness Ridge Golf Club, Lincoln, NE

Merchandiser of the Year-Private: Nathan Kalin, PGA, Fremont Golf Club, Fremont, NE

Facility of the Year: Ashland Golf Club, Ashland, NE

Sales Representative of the Year: Marc Cruse, PGA, Columbia, Mark Your Spot, Vern Waskom Company, Certifresh Cigar Company, OKEsports, Team Effort, Laser Link Golf, Sport Haley – Bette & Court

Asst. Professional of the Year: Karrie Van Ravesnwaay, PGA, The Ridge Golf Club, Sioux Center, IA

Patriot Award: Mike Antonio, PGA, Happy Hollow Club, Omaha, NE

In addition to these awards the Nebraska Section PGA would also like to recognize the Players of the Year for 2017:

Nebraska Section PGA Players of the Year for 2017:

OMEGA Nebraska PGA Player of the Year: Ryan Vermeer, PGA, Tiburon Golf Club, Omaha, NE

OMEGA Nebraska PGA Senior Player of the Year: Jim White, PGA MP, Lincoln, NE

OMEGA Nebraska Section Apprentice Professional Player of the Year: Justin Herron, Pacific Springs Golf Course, Omaha, NE

All of the winners will be recognized at the
Nebraska Section PGA Spring Meeting to be held
Monday, March 12, 2018 at The Country Club of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT REGISTRATION OPEN

2019 Registration is now Open for Drive, Chip & Putt
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Local Qualifiers:

- Hillcrest Country Club: Saturday, June 2nd
- Oak Hills Country Club: Sunday, June 10th
- Riverside Golf Club: Friday, July 13th



MSR

The current MSR Requirement Cycle Ends June 15, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the MSR Reporting Form.

ACH

[Click Here](#) to download the Tournament Direct Deposit Form.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT RENTALS

The Nebraska Section PGA will have the below items for rent this year. All Rentals are \$100 plus tax.

Rental bookings will begin on March 1, 2018.

To reserve your rental, contact Renee Tyson at rtyson@pgahq.com or 402-489-7760

RENTALS AVAILABLE



GOLFZILLA



GOLFOPOTOMUS



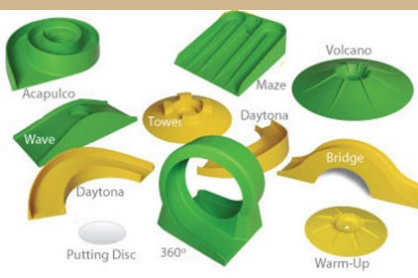
KWIK GOLF

PUTTSKEE



SPOKE TARGET

SNAG



MINI GOLF



HACK GOLF

Rules Quiz of the Month

Valentine's Day first became associated with romantic love in England in the 14th century when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Over the years, this day has evolved into a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country. In terms of greeting card sales, Valentine's Day ranks second to Christmas; in terms of candy sales, it comes in third behind Easter and Halloween. To help you maintain that "lovin' feeling," here is a no-calorie Rules quiz for you to share with your sweetheart!

1. Your hole-tracking tee shot on a par-3 collides with a Valentine's Day balloon drifting over the course, and your ball ends up out of bounds. The correct ruling is: (a) You may cancel and replay the stroke without penalty. (b) You may drop a ball below the point where you estimate that your ball struck the balloon with no penalty. (c) You may place a ball below the point where you estimate that your ball struck the balloon with no penalty. (d) You must return to the teeing ground under penalty of stroke and distance.
2. Your ball ends up on top of a Valentine's Day cupcake left in the rough by some children. The correct ruling is: (a) Since the cupcake is adhering to your ball, there is no relief without penalty and you must play the ball as it lies. (b) Without penalty, you may take relief by placing the ball as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where your ball came to rest on the cupcake. (c) Without penalty, you may take relief by dropping your ball as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where your ball came to rest on the cupcake. (d) You must eat the cupcake before taking relief from this precarious lie!
3. Your ball trickles into a bunker, but is stopped on the downslope by some Valentine's Day candy left in the bunker by some children. The correct ruling is: (a) You must play the ball as it lies. (b) You may remove the candy provided you can do so without causing your ball to move. (c) You may remove the candy, and if your ball moves, you must replace the ball. If necessary, you may press the ball into the sand to keep it from rolling down the slope and closer to the hole. (d) You may remove the candy, and if your ball moves, you must replace the ball no nearer the hole and without pressing the ball into the sand. If that is not possible, you may place the ball in the bunker at the nearest spot not nearer the hole where it can be placed at rest. If that is not possible, then you may proceed under the stroke-and-distance option of Rule 28 [Ball Unplayable] or drop the ball, under penalty of one stroke, outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.



Answers:

1. (d) According to the Definition of "Outside Agency," wind is not an outside agency. However, Decision 18-1/6 [Ball at Rest Moved by Blowing Tumbleweed] clarifies that something being blown across the course by wind is an outside agency. Therefore, the balloon is an outside agency, and Rule 19-1 [Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Outside Agency] applies. In part, this Rule states, "If a player's ball in motion is accidentally deflected or stopped by any outside agency, it is a rub of the green, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies" In this case, since your ball came to rest out of bounds, Rule 27-1b [Ball Out of Bounds] also applies so you must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
2. (c) The Definition of "Obstruction" states, in part, "An 'obstruction' is anything artificial ... [and] is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage." Given that the cupcake is a movable obstruction, Rule 24-1b [Movable Obstruction] applies since your ball came to rest on top of the cupcake. This Rule advises, "If the ball lies in or on the obstruction, the ball may be lifted and the obstruction removed. The ball must through the green or in a hazard be dropped ... as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay in or on the obstruction, but not nearer the hole."
3. (d) See Rule 20-3d [Placing and Replacing: Ball Fails to Come to Rest on Spot] and Decision 20-3d/2 [Ball in Bunker Moves Closer to Hole When Obstruction Removed and Ball Will Not Remain at Rest When Replaced; All Other Parts of Bunker Are Nearer the Hole].

Rules Quiz of the Month

Spring thaws and rains may soon be coming to your neck of the woods. Those conditions might dampen your spirits, so here's a True/False quiz to whet your appetite for increasing your Rules knowledge regarding casual water. In order to get all the correct answers, you may need to wade deep into your Decisions Book!

1. You may take relief without penalty if there is interference to the lie of your ball, your stance, or the area of your intended swing by a puddle of water within a water hazard.
2. Water that overflows and extends beyond the margin of a water hazard is considered to be casual water.
3. With your ball situated just in bounds, you may take relief without penalty from a puddle of water that is out of bounds if the puddle interferes with your stance.
4. If you are unable to find your ball that you know came to rest in a large pool of casual water in the fairway, you must proceed under penalty of stroke and distance.
5. With your ball just off the green, you are entitled to relief from a puddle of casual water on the putting green that intervenes on your line of play.
6. There is no penalty if your club touches a puddle of water in a bunker so long as you do not ground your club prior to making your stroke.
7. If there happens to be some unmelted snow on your line of putt, you may take relief for casual water.
8. Soft or mushy earth is considered to be casual water only if water is visible on the surface before or after you take your stance.



Answers:

1. False The Definition of "Casual Water" states, in part, "'Casual water' is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is **not in a water hazard**..." [Emphasis added]. Thus, any water within the margin of a water hazard is part of the water hazard, relief for which is available only by incurring a one-stroke penalty pursuant to Rule 26 [Water Hazards].
2. True See the Definition of "Casual Water" and Decision 25/2 [Overflow from Water Hazard].
3. False The Definition of "Casual Water" states, in part, "'Casual water' is any temporary accumulation of water **on the course**..." [Emphasis added]. As the puddle of water is out of bounds, it is not casual water. Therefore, you must either play the ball with your stance in the water, or deem your ball unplayable and incur a one-stroke penalty under Rule 28 [Ball Unplayable].
4. False Rule 25 [Abnormal Ground Conditions ...] is the applicable Rule given that the Definition of "Abnormal Ground Conditions" indicates that casual water is an abnormal ground condition. Rule 25-1c [Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found] allows you to take relief without penalty by deeming the ball to be lying at the spot where the ball last crossed the outermost limits of the casual water. See also Decision 25-1c/1.5 [Clarification of Point Where Ball "Last Crossed Outermost Limits of" Abnormal Ground Condition].
5. False Rule 25-1a [Abnormal Ground Conditions: Interference] states, in part, "If the player's ball lies on the putting green, interference also occurs if an abnormal ground condition on the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. Otherwise, intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this Rule."
6. True See Decision 13-4/7 [Touching Casual Water in Bunker with Club] which states, "The player incurs no penalty as he did not touch the ground in the bunker with his club prior to making his stroke" See also Rule 13-4 [Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions].
7. True According to the Definition of "Casual Water," snow is either casual water or loose impediments at the option of the player.
8. True The Definition of "Casual Water" states, in part, "'Casual water' is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is not in a water hazard and is **visible before or after the player takes his stance**." [Emphasis added]. See also Decision 25-1 [Soft, Mushy Earth].

PGA OF AMERICA TO LAUNCH WOMEN'S PGA CUP IN 2019



PGA



Top International Women PGA Members to Represent Their Respective Countries in Biennial Team Event

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (February 9, 2018) – The PGA of America announced today the formation of an international event, the Women's PGA Cup – a first-of-its-kind team competition for women PGA Members from around the world.

The Women's PGA Cup will be a 54-hole stroke play event with each team's lowest three scores being counted after each round. The winning country will be the team with the lowest 54-hole aggregate total.

Each national team will be composed of five players and one Captain, who also may be a playing or non-playing captain at the option of the respective country.

The Women's PGA Cup does not include a purse; rather, each team will vie for bragging rights and the honor of winning the Cup, and bask in the pride that comes with representing one's country in a distinct and unique international competition.

Those eligible to represent their country in the Women's PGA Cup must be Members in good standing with their respective Professional Golfers Association (PGA). They must also be active in the game, be it as a teacher, coach or working as Club Professional/Assistant. Tour professionals who primarily compete for a living are not eligible to participate.

"We're excited to announce the Women's PGA Cup, which will promote and highlight the exceptional playing ability of our female PGA professionals and afford them the opportunity to represent our country against their PGA counterparts from around the globe," said Paul Levy, President of the PGA of America. "The potential of this event is vast and we believe it will help grow women's professional golf both domestically and internationally."

The five members of the inaugural USA Team will be determined through a 18-month system that concludes on July 31, 2019, based on the following:

- Performance of eligible top-20 finishers in the 2018 & 2019 Women's Stroke Play Championship and the 2018 & 2019 LPGA Teaching & Club Professional Championship

- Top 10 finishers in the final money list for the 2018 PGA Tournament Series

- Women PGA members making the cut at the 2018 and/or 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the 2018 and/or 2019 USGA Women's Open, and the 2018 and/or 2019 PGA Professional Championship

- Women PGA Members making the cut in any LPGA "Official" event from January 2018 thru July 31, 2019

- At the PGA Section level, points will be based on a formula that weighs both the number of eligible women PGA Members in each of the PGA of America's 41 Sections with an individual's prize money earned at the Section level

Beyond the United States, each participating country's PGA Association will identify its captain and team through its own selection process. Likewise, each competing PGA Association will be responsible for selecting the criteria for captaincy.

The following countries are tentatively committed to play in the 2019 Women's PGA Cup: Australia, Canada, Great Britain & Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden and the United States.

The site of the inaugural competition will be announced at a later date.

MEMBER UPDATES

Name	Class	Current Facility	Previous Facility	Prev.
Thomas D. Johnson, PGA	A-1	Norfolk Country Club	Champions Run	A-8
Mark L. Christensen, PGA	A-8	Riverside Golf Club	Jackrabbit Run Golf Course	A-8
Derek M Benson	B-8	Elks Country Club	Elks Country Club	B-8
Mark L. Steskal, PGA	A-8	Shadow Ridge Country Club	Hyperion Field Club	A-8

UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date
Kyle Schellpeper, PGA	1
Travis Anderson, PGA	4
Ron Block, PGA	8
Patrick Johnson, PGA	8
Bradley Neunaber, PGA	8
Karrie Van Ravenswaay, PGA	8
Jason Meininger, PGA	9
Adam Bradfield, PGA	10
Trevor Chesnut, PGA	12
Nathan Kalin, PGA	13
Zach Wetovick, PGA	13
Tom Weeks, PGA	16
Kevin Boehler, PGA	17
Chris Jacobson, PGA	18
Anthony Baranowski, PGA	23
Jesse Brodersen, PGA	23
Andrew Pearce	23
Denis Vontz, PGA	25
Juan Elizondo, PGA	27
Tim Whalen, PGA	27
Charlie Borner, PGA	28
Chris Cover, PGA	29




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