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## Nebraska Section

March 2018

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- Compensation Survey Deadline
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- Drive, Chip & Putt Registration
- PGA HOPE Announced
- Nebraska Junior Golf Revealed



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## PGA OF AMERICA PRESIDENT, PAUL LEVY, PGA MAKES A VISIT TO THE 2018 SPRING MEETING

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# Compensation Survey Deadline



## Deadline to Complete Compensation Survey Nears

**Where are you on the Compensation Scale? You have until Saturday (March 31) to complete the survey and earn up to two (2) MSR credits, if eligible**



# 2018 Spring Meeting



## **PGA of America President, Paul Levy, PGA**

“We at the PGA of America make all of our decisions based off of what is the best thing for our members.”

“We are promoting our professionals in 3 career paths:

- ~Teaching and coaching
- ~Professional golf management
- ~Executive management”



## **District 8 Director, Dave Schneider, PGA**

“The number one thing you will hear from me, is never stop learning, never stop reading, never stop getting certified. This will elevate the standards of the PGA professional.”



## **Pinnacle Bank Championship Recognized at Nebraska PGA Annual Spring Meeting**

We look forward to another great year partnering with the Web.com Tour for the Pinnacle Bank Championship!

# Special Award Winners

## *Congratulations!*



Back Row: Ryan Vermeer, PGA; Matt Shaner, PGA; Dennis Fruchtl, PGA;  
Mike Antonio, PGA; Chad Lydiatt, PGA; Joe Wiegand, PGA; Bradley Goetsch, PGA

Front Row: Nathan Kalin, PGA; Marc Cruse, PGA; Owen Schuette, PGA;  
Devon Kastler, PGA; Karrie Van Ravenswaay, PGA

Not Pictured: Chris Thomson, PGA

# Tournament News



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## Tournament Registration

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**The Nebraska Section PGA Tournament Committee announces important changes to the 2018 season.**

- RESTRICTED LIST
- PARTNERS FOR PRO-ASSISTANT AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
- NEW "LEGENDS" DIVISION IN PRO-AMS
- NEW 36-HOLE PRO-AM AT JOHNNY GOODMAN GOLF COURSE
- AMATEUR HANDICAP REDUCTIONS

Read all the details on each of these changes [HERE](#)

# Foundation News

## PGA REACH Nebraska Foundation Announces:



NEBRASKA



On Monday, March 26th, the PGA REACH Nebraska Foundation hosted Judy Alvarez, LPGA/PGA Master Professional at Quarry Oaks Golf Club. Judy led training for our PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) Program designed to introduce golf to Veterans in the effort to enhance mental, social, physical and emotional well-being and assist with their rehabilitation and assimilation back into their community. PGA HOPE – Omaha will launch in the August of 2018.

PGA Professionals in attendance learned skills on how to teach individuals with a variety of physical limitations. One of the most beneficial parts of the training was hearing first hand from individuals who will benefit from the PGA HOPE program. Two veterans were on-site to talk about golf from their perspective. David Karl and Dr, Howard Russell Bradley. We are so grateful they could take time to assist in our training and we are so appreciative of their service.



# Spring Scramble Golf Tournament

Hosted by: **N** |  **PGA**  
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Event Date: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

9:00 AM shotgun

Deadline for Registration: April 7<sup>th</sup>

Call UNL PGM (402)-472-7467 or Email [unlpgascramble@gmail.com](mailto:unlpgascramble@gmail.com)

Annual tournament hosted by the UNL PGA Professional Golf Management Program to help support our organization that gives back to the game of golf. All proceeds will benefit the UNL PGAM scholarship fund that helps students pursue their education.



Format: 4-person scramble

Fee: \$400 per team

or \$100 per person

PGM Student Fee: \$35

Entry fee will include:

Round of golf with cart

Range balls

Lunch and prize ceremony following  
the round





**PGA**  
Golf Management

## Reasons to Sponsor the 2018 UNL Spring Scramble

*The students of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln PGA Golf Management Program would like to thank you for your consideration in becoming a potential sponsor for this event.*

1. Your Sponsorship/Donation goes directly to the UNL PGA Golf Management Student Scholarship Fund.
2. Your donation will help students reach their ultimate goal of graduating from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and attain their PGA Membership.
3. Your company/business will gain exposure and attention from the many golfing participants and the local community.
4. As a sponsor, your company or organization could be displayed on a tournament banner and/or be allowed to have a “free” team play in this year’s Spring Scramble!



# Award Winners Spotlight

## 2017

### Player Development Award



I have been so honored to receive this award for the second time in my career. Player Development has been a passion of mine for many years for both adults and youth. In addition, I have been fortunate to have an amazing team that has shared my passion to growing the game. Over the past 8 years at Wilderness Ridge we have provided unique programs to grow or create more interest in the game. First and foremost, our Get Golf Ready program will top the 500 mark for student graduates this year. Get Golf Ready has been the flagship program that I have embraced since being on the PGA National Board and we started Golf 2.0. Some other unique opportunities we have created are the popular “Golf Doctors” free tips on the range each Monday

evening. Many people became repeat customers because they looked forward to getting some help with their game.

Being a Kemper Sports Managed facility, over the past few years we have offered a free lesson week as part of their growth of the game initiative giving patrons the opportunity to sign up for free 15 minute lessons. In 2017 we conducted “Free Lesson Month” and had an amazing response!

The youth player development programs at Wilderness Ridge have just exploded over the years. Numerous camps per summer, lesson & league programs and team golf have been a huge growth area for lesson and club revenue.

I would encourage every facility to commit to try something unique that creates excitement towards the game and spotlights the PGA Professional as the teaching expert. This will lead to additional lesson revenue as well as additional revenue for the facility. Win-win for everyone!

Chris Thomson, PGA

Director of Golf

Wilderness Ridge Golf Club

# Membership Matters



**Complimentary Access** - The Masters as a courtesy extended by Augusta National. Class A PGA Members, Life Members and Master Professional Members (PGA Members only; this offer is not extended to Associates). No spouse or families (including Practice Rounds). Must show membership card and photo I.D. each day. Go to Gate 6A off of Berckmans Road then report to Gate C to receive daily ticket.

**NOTE:** Daily tickets are not available to purchase for spouse. Ticket Information:

(706) 667-6700 and [masters.com](http://masters.com). [Click Here](#) for complete listing of complimentary access to events. **NOTE:** PGA members gaining complimentary access to The Masters do not qualify to take part in the complimentary Junior Admittance policy.

Cell phones, cellular-capable devices, beepers, electronic devices and tablets are strictly prohibited on the grounds at all times. Cameras are strictly prohibited on Tournament days. Violation of these policies will subject the ticket holder

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## Membership Benefits



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# 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](mailto:rtyson@pgahq.com) or 402-489-7760

## RENTALS AVAILABLE



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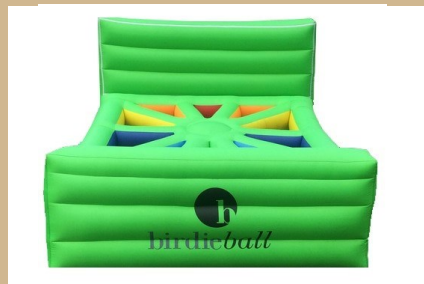


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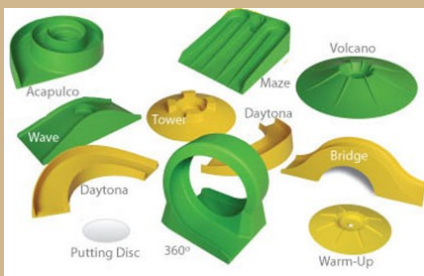
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# NGA, Nebraska PGA to Launch ‘Nebraska Junior Golf’

OMAHA (March 26, 2018) – The Nebraska Golf Association and the Nebraska Section PGA today announced a new junior golf initiative, expanding the Nebraska Junior Golf Tour to include all things junior golf in the state.

The newly dubbed ‘Nebraska Junior Golf’ (NJG) will continue the great partnership between the two organizations that began with the Nebraska Junior Golf Tour in 2009. Nebraska Junior Golf will be an umbrella organization for all junior programs run by the NGA and the Nebraska PGA, and will also include an avenue to other opportunities for juniors to learn and play the game throughout the state. The effort to create a “one-stop shop” for junior golfers and their parents will make it easier for those wanting to get involved in the game to know what opportunities are available. A new website is under development that will bring all junior golf information under one roof, and allow junior golfers to find the opportunities that match up with their experience and skill level.

“Over the past few years, the NJGT has grown and turned into a very successful Junior Golf Program,” CEO of the Nebraska Section of the PGA, David Honnens said. “This program has become more than just a Junior Golf Tour and we are very excited to have Nebraska Junior Golf be the foundation of all the Junior Golf Programs provided by both associations.”

Nebraska Junior Golf will have a membership aspect and continue the competitive opportunities that the NJGT provided in past years. Membership registration will open April 16, with two levels of membership, including \$60 for those 9-hole members and \$70 for 18-hole members. Benefits of membership include eligibility to compete in tour events, TEAM GOLF, the Nebraska Junior PGA Championships, NGA Junior Championships and Fall Junior Series, and more. Also included in membership, is a NJG towel, other sponsor gifts, bimonthly newsletter, GHIN number and USGA Handicap Index, one ticket to the 2018 Pinnacle Bank Championship and more.

“The junior golf landscape has always been tough to navigate,” Executive Director of the Nebraska Golf Association, Craig Ames said. “By bringing everything under one roof, we’re able to provide parents and juniors a roadmap to guide them regardless of age or skill level.”

Tournament registration for the Nebraska Junior Golf - Tour events will open May 1, with more than 70 competitive opportunities for juniors of all ages and skill levels. After joining Nebraska Junior Golf, members will need to create a new player profile in order to register for tournaments on May 1. Instructions on how to create a player profile will be available on the website.

The new Nebraska Junior Golf website, [nebraskajuniorgolf.com](http://nebraskajuniorgolf.com), will launch in April. For now, information will be posted on the current NJGT website, [njgt.org](http://njgt.org).

# RYDER CUP RETURNS TO MINNESOTA IN 2028



**HAZELTINE**



## **WITH A LITTLE HELP, THE PGA OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF THE RYDER CUP TO MINNESOTA IN 2028**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (March 26, 2018) –The PGA of America announced today, with a sweeping social-media assist from the gold medal-winning U.S. Men's Curling Team, that Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota will host the 47th Ryder Cup in 2028.

Hazeltine -- site of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team's 17-11 victory in 2016 -- will become the first American venue to host a second Ryder Cup. Four English courses have hosted multiple Ryder Cups: The Belfry (1985, '89, '93, 2002); Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club (1961, '77); Royal Birkdale Golf Club (1965, '69) and Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club (1933, '37).

Four members of 2018 U.S. Curling team – skip John Shuster, vice skip Tyler George, second Matt Hamilton, and lead John Landsteiner – participated in the 30-second video spot, which blended equipment, athletic postures and traditions usually reserved for either golf or curling.

The video was posted this morning on [RyderCup.com](http://RyderCup.com), Twitter and Instagram, and culminates with the U.S. Curling Team sending a curling stone gliding down the ice ("sheet") to the red circular target ("house"), where the iconic Ryder Cup Trophy is waiting to symbolically declare the Ryder Cup's return to Minnesota in 2028.

Last month in South Korea, the Men's Curling Team captured America's first Olympic gold medal in the history of the sport.

Officials from the PGA of America and Hazeltine will gather on April 10 in Chaska to discuss the return of the Ryder Cup, which comes little more than 18 months after the completion of the 2016 event.

Designed by Robert Trent Jones in 1962 and enhanced by his son, Rees Jones, in 2002 and 2005, Hazeltine National Golf Club takes its name from nearby Lake Hazeltine. The par-72 layout blends the rolling hills, lakes, mature woods and prairies of the Upper Midwest and is consistently ranked amongst America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses.

Hazeltine began its tradition of hosting major championships more than 50 years ago. Beyond the most recent Ryder Cup, it has hosted the U.S. Women's Open (1966, '77), the U.S. Open (1970, '91), the U.S. Senior Open (1983) and the PGA Championship (2002, '09).

Hazeltine is also scheduled to host its third women's major championship, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, June 18-23, 2019.

# MEMBER UPDATES

EMPLOYEE	CLASS	CURRENT FACILITY	PREVIOUS FACILITY	PREV CLASS
Cory S. Fletcher, PGA	A-13	ArborLinks Golf Course	PGA of America	A-11
Kyle J. Matson, PGA	A-13	Dodge Riverside Golf Club	The Players Club @ Deer Creek	A-13
Steven P. Friesen	B-14	Firethorn Golf Club	PGA Tour	A-3
Jacqueline R Stevens, PGA	A-13	Skyview Golf Course	Sun Willows Golf Club	A-1
Alex N. Janssen, PGA	A-6	The Ridge Golf Club	Sioux City Country Club	A-8
Tyler D. Leffler, PGA	A-8	Iron Horse Golf Club	Mahoney Golf Course	A-8
Justin S. Henry, PGA	A-8	Wild Horse Golf Club	Boiling Springs Golf Course	A-1
Andrew J Pearce	B-8	Iron Horse Golf Club	Shadow Ridge Country Club	B-8
Anthony W. Baranowski, PGA	A-1	Fremont Golf Club	Shadow Ridge Country Club	A-8
Duston L. Brown, PGA	A-8	Sioux City Country Club	Knollwood Country Club	A-14

## UPCOMING APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date		
Terry Riordan, PGA	04/01	Scott Martin, PGA	04/12
Bill Scarborough, PGA	04/11	Britt Ward, PGA	04/23
Gerald Fitzpatrick, PGA	04/16	Jen Smith, PGA	04/28
Jim White, PGA	04/16	Matthew Nelson	04/26
Tom Nelson, PGA	04/15	David James, PGA	04/25
Don Kruse, PGA	04/22	Steve Friesen	04/12
Mike Cornell, PGA	04/26	Bob Walker, PGA	04/02
Mitch Merrill, PGA	04/25	Nick Wanderscheid, PGA	04/02
Mike Schuchart, PGA	04/06	Jonathan Beaver, PGA	04/16
Scott Allacher, PGA	04/08	Greg Gilg, PGA	04/13
Robert Thomason, PGA	04/08	Sean O'Neill, PGA	04/16
Jon Petersen, PGA	04/24	Ky Molholm, PGA	04/14
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