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2018 NEBRASKA PGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

| DATE | COURSE | EVENT |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10/1/18 | Champions Run | PGA REACH Nebraska Pro-Am |
| 10/8/18 | Happy Hollow Club | Nebraska PGA Pro-Am Championship |
| 10/15/18 | The Pines CC | Nebraska Section PGA Legends of Golf |
| 10/22/18 | The Players Club | Club Car 27 Hole Pro-3 AM |



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September Foundation Newsletter



OUR MISSION:

PGA REACH Nebraska was created for the purpose of administering the philanthropic affairs on behalf of the golf professionals within the Nebraska Section PGA. These affairs include, but are not limited to, promotion and growth of junior golf, Military, programs for underprivileged youth and contributions to allied charitable organizations.

PGA REACH Nebraska is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization committed to positively impacting lives through the game of golf.





NEBRASKA



PGA HOPE—Eagle Hills

The first session of PGA HOPE is a wrap at Eagle Hills GC. The program, led by Mark Baumann, PGA, is a free 7-week golf program for our servicemen, servicewomen and veterans.

This free program is a therapeutic adaptive golf program designed to introduce golf as a way to enhance mental, social, physical and emotional well-being, and to assist with rehabilitation and assimilation.



PGA REACH Nebraska is the charitable foundation of the Nebraska Section PGA. The mission is to positively impact the lives of youth, military and diverse populations by enabling access to PGA Professionals, PGA Sections and the game of golf.

Award Winners Spotlight

2017

Sales Representative of the Year Marc Cruse, PGA



I would like to extend my promise I offered at the PGA Spring Meeting to all PGA Golf Professionals and Associates.....

My son, Beau Cruse, had a liver transplant on 12/31/17. Beau would not be alive today unless a couple of our prominent PGA Golf Professionals would not have helped me when I called and begged for their support to help with my son Beau's situation

So, as a member PGA Golf Professional for 41 years, I would like to offer my knowledge and background to help any Nebraska Section PGA Professional or Associate in any situation you might have, big or small.

The most important ingredient for success, in my opinion, starts with the attitude and passion you extend to other people you come in contact with every day.

- ❖ Always be first to say "Hello" or "Good Morning" or "Good Afternoon" with a smile.
- ❖ Be professional and courteous to others.
- ❖ Be prompt with follow up on all matters.
- ❖ Do not offer excuses, but rather solutions and action.

Please try to take a picture of a person's heart, that is where the truth is found in each person.

Marc Cruse, PGA
Regional Sales Representative





PGA Disaster Relief Fund

We are a family, and families help one another ...

If you would like to contribute to PGA Disaster Relief

- [Contribute Online](#)
- Call PGA Membership Services at (800) 474-2776 (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday)

Please Note: The voluntary contribution to the PGA Disaster Relief Fund is not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.



Membership Matters



Golf Operations Certification

**Congratulations
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Member Assistance Program Started July 1, 2018 The SupportLinc Member Assistance Program (MAP) helps you deal with life's challenges and demands by providing confidential and professional counseling for a wide array of personal and work-related concerns. [Read the FAQs](#) to learn about the program.



PGA LEAD Application -

PGA LEAD | AN EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM FOR PGA MEMBERS



ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHALLENGE of volunteer leadership in the Association? What are the facets of leadership that will assist you in your journey? PGA LEAD, a leadership development program was designed specifically to identify, mentor and progress PGA Members from diverse backgrounds along a guided path to volunteer leadership roles in the Association at the Chapter, Section and National levels. Incorporating dimensional differences into the PGA leadership ranks helps position the Association for success for the near future and beyond. The primary goal of PGA LEAD is to establish a deep bench of diverse PGA Members who are prepared to ascend to and through the volunteer leadership ranks of the Association. PGA LEAD also assists in developing PGA Members who desire to serve and make an impact on nonprofit boards within the communities where they work and live.



Overview

Each PGA LEAD Class is comprised of up to 15 PGA Members who participate in a specialized leadership development experience that is tailored to meet the needs of the participants. The program welcomes PGA Members who are early on in their leadership development experience, as well as those who are more seasoned. Programming includes the following areas of focus:

- Board Governance
- Conducting Effective Board and Membership Meetings
- Pillars of Leadership
- Developing Your Leadership Presence
- Public Speaking and Presentation Essentials
- Social Media and Developing Your Digital Brand
- Personal Branding and Promotion
- Diversity & Inclusion
- StrengthsFinder® and Fascination Advantage®

Through PGA LEAD, participants have a unique opportunity to engage in leadership and networking activities, and to develop their leadership acumen with the support of PGA of America executives and staff, as well as business leaders inside and outside the golf industry.

Annually, PGA LEAD participants gather in person at Association functions, such as the PGA Merchandise Show and the PGA Annual Meeting to witness leadership in action and personally connect with each other, industry colleagues, and further develop their professional networks. (Travel-related expenses to at least one function annually are reimbursed by the Association.) PGA LEAD participants also convene monthly via video conference.

Eligibility & Application

While PGA LEAD is designed to drive a diverse demographic of participants (with consideration to the following protected classes - gender, age, race/color, national origin/ancestry, sexual orientation, disability and veteran status) **the program is open to all Class A Members.**

PGA Members who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for one of up to 15 slots in the 2019-2020 Class of PGA LEAD. Please note that PGA of America National Staff is not eligible to apply for PGA LEAD.

- Class A PGA Member for at least one year and in good standing
- Aspires to serve in a national volunteer leadership role within the Association
- Is committed to actively participating in monthly video conferences and related assignments
- Is committed to participating in PGA LEAD for two years (2019-2020), including PGA LEAD activities at the PGA Merchandise Show and/or PGA Annual Meeting during the program term.
- Is committed to making a PGA LEAD presentation at a PGA Section Meeting at the conclusion of the program as an inspiration to others.

The application deadline for PGA LEAD 2019-2020 is November 16, 2018. All submissions are confidential and will be reviewed only by the PGA LEAD Selection Committee. To apply, click [here](#).

For more information, visit the Governance area within the Membership section of [PGA.org](#), or contact the PGA of America's Diversity & Inclusion Educator, Linnet Carty at LCarty@pgahq.com or (561) 630-1798.

2018 Ryder Cup—Team USA!

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U.S. Ryder Cup Team Directs \$2.85 Million to 2018 Ryder Cup Outreach Program



United States Ryder Cup Captain Jim Furyk, his five Vice Captains and the 12-member U.S. Team have made a \$2.85 million commitment to the 2018 Ryder Cup Outreach Program, which impacts designated charities and youth golf development programs across the country. [READ MORE](#)

Career Consultant Update



From the Field: September Member Update

Jeff "JD" Drimel, PGA PGA Career Consultant

Fall is here and the Ryder Cup is right around the corner! GO USA!

1. JOBS! – We currently are working with the following facilities...

A. Career Links

- Braemar GC, Edina, MN – HP (Interviews beginning)
- Albany GC, Albany, MN – HP/GM (Interviews beginning)
- Alexandria GC, Alexandria, MN – GM (Pending)
- Thief River Falls GC, Thief River Falls, MN – HP (Interviewing)
- TopGolf, Brooklyn Park, MN – DOI (Hired PGA Member)

B. PGA Job Board

- Sunnyside CC, IA - GM
- Foretees, MN – Analyst
- Medina G&CC, MN – Membership
- Golf Tec, Coaches
- Misc. Associate positions

2. Meetings or Career Consulting Opportunities – As always, I try to do my best to visiting our Sections to get to know everyone better. I must say, the pleasure has been all mine! I plan to be on the road as follows:

- A. District 8 Meetings – Omaha
- B. MN Fall meeting – Minneapolis
- C. University of Nebraska, Lincoln – PGA Students
- D. Iowa Fall meeting - Riverside
- E. Neb Fall meeting – Omaha
- PGA Annual Meeting – Palm Springs

**Please feel free to contact me anytime for a conversation or future meeting...

3. Ryder Cup – As most of you know, the Ryder Cup is fast approaching. This should prove to be an amazing event once again. As rumors have it, I MAY be in attendance but plan to check emails each day in case anyone needs anything. If someone needs a direct contact, I will be having another Career Consultant cover for me in my absence. Please contact Mr. Keith Soriano, PGA at 561-935-6832 if an emergency.
4. Finally, we have been presented our goals for the fiscal year. One area that you all can benefit from (I hope) is a Career Planning session with me. Not only can we “map out” your course to achieve your goals, but you are also awarded MSR points for the session. Please let me know if you are interested and we can schedule.

Here's to bringing home the Cup!

All the Best,

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Tournament News

Vermeer Captures TaylorMade Pro-Am



TaylorMade



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2018 Wells Fargo Nebraska Open



Winner:
Dan Woltman
Beaver Dam, WI

Low Amateur:
George Duangmanee
Fairfax, VA

[Leaderboard](#)

Kruse and DiGiacomo Capture Mizuno Pro/Assistants Championship



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Petersen and White Capture All Star Pro Golf Team Championship



Read Full Story [HERE](#)

Rule Tip— Incidentally

The Dick McGuire Invitational Tournament is an annual collegiate women's team event held at the University of New Mexico's Championship Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 2018 edition featured several of the top 25 NCAA Division I teams, including the Kent State Golden Flashes who won the event, finishing five strokes clear of the Pepperdine Waves. Low medalist honors went to Hira Naveed of Pepperdine University who was 7-under for the 54-hole event.

Throughout the tournament, Rules Officials used "Incident Reports" to record their interactions with players and coaches. While the occasional viewer of televised golf events might erroneously conclude that the primary function of Rules Officials is to penalize players, the more than 105 incident reports from the 2018 Dick McGuire Invitational clearly demonstrate that Rules Officials are there to help the players whenever possible.

- The "teeth" of the UNM Championship Course are the thick rough and the native areas beyond the rough where balls seem to disappear with regularity. On at least 20 occasions, Rules Officials assisted players in searching for their balls. In most cases, Rules Officials helped finding the wayward spheres within the 5-minute search period prescribed by Rule 27-1c [Ball Not Found Within Five Minutes]. On three lost ball occasions, when the players had not played a provisional ball, Rules Officials transported the players back to the teeing ground to help with pace of play.



- One Rules Official retrieved a jacket that had been dropped by a player as she walked down a fairway.
- On 12 occasions, players needed assistance in determining where their ball last crossed the margin of a lateral water hazard. Several of those players then asked the Rules Official to review their relief options before deciding how to proceed. For those players who decided not to take relief per Rule 26 [Water Hazard], the Rules Official reminded the player of one or more of the prohibited actions listed in Rule 13-4 [Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions], e.g., not moving loose impediments or grounding the club.
- 15 players, whose balls had come to rest in difficult lies, summoned a Rules Official to review the relief options available under Rule 28 [Ball Unplayable]. Interestingly, about a third of those players decided to risk playing the ball as it lay, rather than incur the one-stroke penalty under Rule 28.
- One player wanted to know if she could repair a pitch-mark in the fringe of a putting green on her line of play. Since the pitch-mark was there when her ball came to rest, the Rules Official informed the player that she could not repair it per Rule 13-2 [Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play].

- One player accidentally caused her ball on the putting green to move with a careless practice stroke. Another player accidentally dropped her ball on her ball-marker, causing her ball-marker to move. On both occasions, the attending Rules Official relieved the players' anxiety by informing them that the Local Rule was in effect that absolved the player for accidentally moving her ball on the putting green. The Rules Official also advised the player to replace the moved ball or ball-marker to its original position prior to playing her next stroke.
- 14 players sought assistance in determining the nearest point of relief when taking relief from an immovable obstruction per Rule 24-2 [Immovable Obstruction]. These immovable obstructions included cart paths, sprinkler heads, irrigation control boxes, and irrigation valve box covers.
- On multiple occasions, and without delaying play, Rules Officials helped take care of the course by replacing divots left behind by players.
- One player sought assistance in order to correctly take relief from a puddle of casual water per the requirements of Rule 25-1 [Abnormal Ground Conditions].
- 36 holes (two stipulated rounds of 18 holes) were played on the first day of the event. To facilitate changing hole locations between rounds, the greenkeeping staff placed a protective cover, similar to the one shown in the adjacent photograph, over the hole to be used for the second round. Rules Officials made sure that the players shifted the flagsticks and covers between Round 1 and Round 2. Also, one player wanted to know if she could take relief from a hole cover which was on her line of play when her ball was just off the putting green. A Rules Official advised her that such covers were designated as ground under repair. Thus, per Rule 25-1a [Abnormal Ground Conditions: Interference], relief was not available to the player for intervention interference on her line of play.
- One player's ball in the fairway was struck and moved sideways by a shanked stroke from another player. Since the player knew the spot from which her ball was moved, the attending Rules Official advised the player to replace, rather than drop, her ball on that spot with no penalty per Rule 18-5 [Ball at Rest Moved by Another Ball]. The Rules Official also informed the player that she could clean the ball prior to replacing it per Rule 21 [Cleaning Ball].



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MEMBER UPDATES

| EMPLOYEE | CLASS | CURRENT FACILITY | PREVIOUS FACILITY | PREV CLASS |
|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Blake Busch, PGA | A-6 | Initial Election | | |
| Joshua Enholm, PGA | A-8 | Initial Election | | |
| Kurt Karcher, PGA | A-11 | Initial Election | | |

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Name | Birth Date |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Scott Gutschewski, PGA | 10/1 |
| Seth Ray, PGA | 10/1 |
| Cory Fletcher, PGA | 10/2 |
| Derek Benson | 10/3 |
| Thomas Johnson, PGA | 10/4 |
| Christopher Thomson, PGA | 10/7 |
| Ross Barnes, PGA | 10/7 |
| Blake Roe | 10/9 |
| Damon Brower | 10/10 |
| Greg Wiemers, PGA | 10/10 |
| Samuel Jonell, PGA | 10/10 |
| Adam Person, PGA | 10/11 |
| Mark Steskal, PGA | 10/11 |
| Robert Schuchart, PGA | 10/13 |
| James Etter, PGA | 10/15 |
| Stephen Vieyra, PGA | 10/19 |
| Jon Robins, PGA | 10/21 |
| Jonathan Mielke, PGA | 10/21 |
| Joseph Wiegand, PGA | 10/21 |
| Michael Fauver, PGA | 10/21 |
| Dominick Mitchum, PGA | 10/25 |
| Bryan Hughett, PGA | 10/27 |
| Robert Vermeer, PGA | 10/28 |
| Timothy McAndrew, PGA | 10/30 |
| Robert O'Keefe, PGA | 10/31 |

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