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July 2018





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2018 NEBRASKA PGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

DATE COURSE

8/6/18	Quail Run
8/13/18	Yankee Hill CC
8/20/18	Champions Run
8/27/18	Bent Tree
9/4/18	Oak Hills
9/8-9/18	Green Valley GC
9/14-16/18	Elks Country Club
9/18/18	The Players Club
9/24/18	Wild Horse GC
10/1/18	Quarry Oaks
10/8/18	Happy Hollow Club
10/15/18	The Pines CC
10/22/18	The Players Club

EVENT

Quail Run Pro/Pro Harris Yamaha Golf Cars/Mizuno Pro-3 AM Nebraska Section PGA Foundation Pro-AM Harris Yamaha Golf Cars Pro-Am Mizuno Pro/Assistant Championship TaylorMade 36 Hole Pro-3 AM Wells Fargo Nebraska Open Club Car Pro/Pro/Pro All Star Pro Golf Team Championship Nebraska PGA Cup Series Championship Nebraska PGA Pro-Am Championship Nebraska Section PGA Legends of Golf Club Car 27 Hole Pro-3 AM

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Road Trip to the PGA Championship



100th PGA Championship – August 6–12 Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis, MO

PGA MEMBER COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS POLICY

PGA Members in good standing and their accompanying immediate family (spouse/partner OR guest (not both), member's parents, parents-in-law, and children under 21) may obtain complimentary admission on a daily basis. This does not include Members' grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters or spouse of children. These tickets gain access into the PGA Championship and into the PGA Member Club, which is a climate-controlled facility located on-site where food and beverage may be purchased. Associates and PGA Golf Management students are permitted an accompanying spouse/ partner (no guest), parents, parents-in-law, and children. Current membership card and photo ID must be presented. PGA Spouse cards are also eligible for complimentary admission tickets along accompanying parents, parents-in-law, and children.



RIDESHARE: Spectators are heavily encouraged to utilize Uber, Lyft, and/or St. Louis County/Yellow Cab to and from Westminster Christian Academy, the only official Rideshare PUDO (Pick-Up/ Drop-Off) lot for the 100th PGA Championship.

For an efficient Rideshare experience, simply enter "800 Maryville Centre Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017" as your destination in your Rideshare-app of choice and your driver will take you to the designated Rideshare PUDO lot at Westminster Christian Academy.

Complimentary shuttle services will be provided from the PUDO lot to the Main Spectator Bus Terminal across from the Main Spectator Entrance at Bellerive Country Club.

PGA GENERAL PUBLIC PARKING: Off-site PGA Public Parking will be free and located at Fenton Logistics Park, 1050 Dodge Drive, Fenton, MO 63026.

Carpooling is strongly recommended whenever possible. Complimentary shuttles will be provided from both the PGA Public Parking lot and the Main Spectator Bus Terminal across from the 100th PGA Championship Main Spectator Entrance at Bellerive Country Club.

There will be no overnight parking in any PGA Public Parking Lots, and any vehicles left overnight will be towed at the owner's expense. PGA Tournament Corporation is not responsible for damage to your vehicle, or items lost or stolen from your vehicle.

THERE IS NO PUBLIC PARKING OR SPECTATOR DROP-OFF AT BEL-LERIVE COUNTRY CLUB.

For spectator drop-off, use Westminster Christian Academy, 800 Maryville Centre Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017. PGA Public Parking is located at Fenton Logistics Park (Old Chrysler Plant), 1050 Dodge Drive, Fenton, MO 63026.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: Designated accessible parking for those requiring lift-equipped transportation to the course will be provided. Please call The Convention Store at (877) 472-7275 for more information. The front rows of the general public parking lots will be reserved for spectators not requiring lift-equipped transportation but who have physically challenged hang tags for their vehicles. Wheelchairs will not be available for rent, but spectators may bring wheelchairs with them to the PGA Championship.

Section Championships

2018 NEBRASKA PGA SENIOR PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION—Greg Neujahr, PGA



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2018 Senior PGA Professional National Championship Qualifiers:

Jon Petersen, PGA; Bryan Hughett, PGA; Greg Neujahr, PGA; Jim White, PGA MP and Ted DiGiacomo, PGA.



2018 NATIONAL CAR RENTAL NEBRASKA ASSISTANTS PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION – Andrew Storm



Read Full Story <u>HERE</u>



Tune in to our August Issue for the full results of the 2018 Nebraska Professional PGA Championship

District 8 Update

July Update

David Schneider, PGA District 8 Director

Dear District 8 PGA Members & Associates:



The big news of our association clearly revolves around the exciting and impactful notice with our CEO, Pete Bevacqua. As many have read by now, he has accepted the position of President of NBC Sports Group effective the Monday following the 100th PGA Championship at Bellerive.

Over the past six years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know Pete and have come to some solid conclusions. This is an extremely intelligent, passionate, charismatic and ambitious man who will always be in high demand with his current trajectory. When NBC Sports calls and asks, "How about you being our next President?" my guess is that we would all take the call. I feel confident in conveying that we are a much better organization under his leadership the past 6 years. Under Pete's tenure, we advanced our mission to grow the game and serve our members in many ways: We developed and implemented a long-term strategic growth plan; made major enhancements in the career consulting and professional development of PGA Members, including establishing life-long learning in three career tracks and creating the Chief Membership Officer position; took the bold step of moving the PGA Championship to May; reached a record -setting Ryder Cup agreement with NBC; alongside the LPGA, led the creation of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship as the cornerstone of our diversity and inclusion efforts; and set in motion the exciting path to a new headquarters development for our Association.

We wish Pete all the best and thank him immensely. We know he will be a quality ally for many years to come.

On a separate note, the 100th playing of the PGA Championship at Bellerive in St. Louis is within driving distance from the Nebraska section. If there is any chance you can break away for even a day, it would be well worth the trip. As PGA members we have access rights along with our spouses. In addition, I personally cannot wait to be in support of Ryan Vermeer, PGA every day he is on property at Bellerive. The board members and I have not received the announcing assignments yet but would feel so proud to announce Ryan either on the first tee, 9th or 18th greens for all four days of his event. (I am going to try and pull a few strings.....)

As always, please feel free to contact me at Happy Hollow Club in Omaha at (402) 391 2341 or by cell at (515) 419 5653. You can also email at daves@happyhollowclub.com. Have a great second half of the season.

David Schneider, PGA, CCM District 8 Director

Career Consultant Update

From the Field: June Member Update

Jeff "JD" Drimel, PGA PGA Career Consultant



Dear District 8 PGA Members and Associates:

Good day all! The summer is flying by and this is usually a very difficult time of the year...

- o Professionals have been "doing the day-to-day grind" for many days in a row.
- o Leagues are at the point of completion or hosting special events
- Events continue to fill calendars so keeping the level of excitement is a challenge.
- o Teams (staffing) are getting tired and need a boost.
- Players have played too much golf, not enough, or are struggling with their games...always a challenge to keep up the great attitudes...
- o Courses, practice facilities and other areas have "taken a toll" with all the action...

SO...what can you do to continue to impress and motivate? I would love to hear your ideas...

- Staff Outings can boost morale by getting team members away the facility for a day of enjoyment. Understanding "someone has to work," consider two days with everyone participating in one!
- o Utilize your own facility! We have had Employee Swim parties in the pool!
- Cook out for your teams...provide lunch, buy doughnuts, deliver drinks to crew on hot days...
- Get fellow Managers to do a Team Building exercise...there are plenty to choose from...
- o Hand out gift cards to restaurants and movie theatres...
- o Play GOLF with someone...enjoy the game!
- o Jump in a lake! It's very refreshing...haha

Good luck with your activities and events. I hope the weather allows you to show off your skills, generate the revenues and have a great summer season...

All the Best,



Award Winners Spotlight 2017



Youth Player Development Award Joe Wiegand, PGA



I was humbled and honored to be named the Youth Player Development award winner this past spring, especially with so many deserving candidates nominated. Having 2 boys under the age of 5, they keep me on my toes and motivated to find new ways to keep the youth of today engaged in golf. The majority of the kids I teach don't have anyone in the family that plays golf. I get to be the person in their life that introduces them to the game we all love. For me, that is quite an honor. Here is a snapshot into my year in Junior Golf so far.

OMAHA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, GOLF COACH

Even though the weather was tough the season was a big success. The first 3 weeks we hit indoors and most of the kids got to see their swings on camera for the 1st time. That's was a major break thru for them. With

the help of some private donors the golf team was able to get teams bags and uniforms. Something they never had before. When the season was over 14 out of 16 kids recorded many personal best scores, individual medals and team runner in the OPS championship. This is quite an accomplishment for these kids, as 2 years ago none of them could break 100.

SNAG OLYMPICS

Every spring, close to the end of the school year I setup SNAG for St. Bernard's school and create golf events for the Bernard's Olympics. This is a 1 day golf experience for kids 4th-8th grade. It has quickly become a favorite of mine and the students as well. We set up Golfzilla and multiple SNAG stations for them to test their skills at. The day concluded with a golf relay race and ice cream for all!

OMAHA YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Program is in conjunction with the Nebraska Section PGA for kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls INC. This is a six week program with 24 kids in the program, meeting Tuesday and Thursdays with an end goal of getting them on the course playing for the first time. The first several weeks we used the SNAG equipment and have graduated to using real clubs and balls. It is such a joy to see a kid get the ball airborne for the first time, and watch them get hooked on the game we all love!

TEAM GOLF

Success can be measured in many ways and this is a great example of that. In year one year I had 5 kids who never played golf before, and to my surprise all of them came back to play again. The team has shown major improvement. A couple of 3rd place finishes and being on the bubble to make the playoffs is great for the kids, but more importantly they now have a passion for the game. They are asking their friends to play next year, and begging mom and dad take them to the course. That's why I love junior golf!

Membership Matters



Access the PGA Compensation Survey Results

Use these results to compare your compensation and benefits against other professionals in similar positions. <u>More...</u>

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.





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PGA DEMO EXPERIENCE Topgolf Las Vegas EXHIBITS & EDUCATION CONFERENCE The Venetian Hotel

2018 Fashion & Demo Experience takes place at the Venetian Hotel Resort Casino in Las Vegas from August 13 – 15, 2018. The PGA Member Business Center will be in Booth #1129 with representatives from PGA Headquarters on hand to assist with PGA business. Registration, Show Hours, Exhibit information, seminar opportunities and the like are available by logging onto www.pgalasvegas.com. For planning purposes, the 2019 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL will take place Jan 22 – 25, 2019.

Tournament News

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UNL PGA Golf Management Program Today Summer Newsletter

From the Front Tees - Director Dann Husmann

Well...it appears that summer has finally arrived in the heartland. I hope you were able to enjoy the short spring before the heat turned on in Nebraska. The early months of the year were cold and the program had a difficult time getting in the re-



quired tournaments this spring.

While spring was short, the accomplishments and endeavors of our students are long and exciting. In our summer edition, you will read about many of the wonderful accolades our students earned during the spring semester at UNL.

Enrollment this fall appears to be on par with last fall's numbers. While our campus visits and student applications were up significantly this fall and spring, the percentage of potential students enrolling in fall classes fell off the pace. As a program, we are reaching out to these potential students in an attempt to learn why the PGA Golf Management Program was not selected as the "next steps" in their educational development. As you would imagine, the cost of higher education continues to be a major factor in determining where potential students choose to further their education. Continue Reading......

Read the entire summer newsletter HERE

Good Luck Ryan!!

Ryan Vermeer, PGA—Road to the 100th PGA Championship Show Segment



In case you missed the airing of the "CBS Road to the 100th PGA Championship Show" last Sunday featuring Ryan Vermeer, PGA, you can still view the segment. The full show will also re-air again on 7/31 Golf Channel at 7pm CT, and again at 1pm CT on Wednesday, August 1st.

Rule Tip—All En.compass.ing

During the third round of the 2018 Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT, Bryson DeChambeau was seen using a drawing compass (also known as a bow compass) to check something on one of the putting green diagrams in his yardage book. When asked about the use of this instrument, the physics graduate from Southern Methodist University was quoted as saying, "I'm figuring out true pin locations. The pin locations are just a little bit off every once in a while, and so I'm making sure they're in the exact spot."

The PGA Tour questioned his use of this type of compass, but did not penalize him as there was no precedent or published Decision by the USGA regarding the use of this device. Upon reviewing this matter, the USGA determined, within a few days of the incident, that DeChambeau's use of this type of compass is a violation of Rule 14-3 [Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment; Abnormal Use of Equipment]. This Rule states, in part:

"Rule 14-3 governs the use of equipment and devices (including electronic devices) that might assist a player in making a specific stroke or generally in his play.

Golf is a challenging game in which success should depend on the judgement, skills and abilities of the player. This principle guides the USGA in determining whether the use of any item is a breach of Rule 14-3. ...

Except as provided in the Rules, during a stipulated round the player must not use any artificial device or unusual equipment, or use any equipment in an abnormal manner:

a. That might assist him in making a stroke or in his play; or

b. For the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play;..."

The penalty for a breach of Rule 14-3 in stroke play is two strokes for a first offense, and disqualification for a subsequent offense during a stipulated round.

The USGA concluded that a drawing compass is unusual equipment and any use during a stipulated round that might assist a player in his or her play is a breach of Rule 14-3a. According to John Bodenheimer of the USGA. "With some of these sorts of devices, it can be difficult lines to draw on what's permissible and what is not permissible, but here, we drew the line there with Rule 14-3."

This is not the first time that the USGA has condemned the use of an item during a stipulated round. Consider, for example, Decision 14-3/11 [Plumb-Line], Decision 14-3/12.5 [Bottled Drink Used as a Level], and Decision 14-3/13-5 [Golf Ball Artificially Warmed].

Nor is this the first time that the USGA has addressed the use of a compass! Per Decision 14-3/4 [Use of Compass Dur-

ing Round], the USGA has blessed the use of a navigational compass. This Decision discusses using a navigational compass to help determine the direction of the wind or the direction that the grass is growing on a putting green. The USGA has concluded that this is not a breach of Rule 14-3 because a navigational compass only provides directional information and does not gauge or measure variable conditions or assists the player in his play.

Even if DeChambeau had used the drawing compass more than once during his stipulated round, he was immune from being penalized after the event for his breach of Rule 14-3 thanks to Rule 34-1b [Disputes and Decisions: Stroke Play]. That Rule states, in part, "*In stroke play, a penalty must not be rescinded, modified or imposed after the competition has*

closed. ...Exceptions: A penalty of disqualification must be imposed after the competition has closed if a competitor ... (iv) knew, before the competition closed, that he had been in breach of any other Rule for which the penalty is disqualification."









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MEMBER UPDATES

EMPLOYEE	CLASS	CURRENT FACILITY	PREVIOUS FACILITY	PREV CLASS
NONE				

UPCOMING AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Membership Benefits

Name	Birth Date
Dale Giebler	8/3
Steve Diehm	8/5
Mike Antonio	8/6
Connor Farrell	8/8
Dave Johnson	8/8
Kyle Matson	8/10
Greg Neujahr	8/10
Nick Colabello	8/11
Rodd Slater	8/11
Sarah Pravecek	8/14
Zachary Gleysteen	8/18
Patrick Kilbride	8/18
Don Dravland	8/21
Jeff Henry	8/21
Derrick Thompson	8/22
Anthony Driscoll	8/23
Todd Wade	8/23
Tom Hearn	8/25
Marc Cruse	8/26
Jared Keenan	8/31

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