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Nebraska Section

November 2018

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- Suzy Whaley, PGA—41st President
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2018 PGA Teacher of the Year  
**JAMES SIECKMANN, PGA**

Director of Instruction at The Golf Academy  
at Shadow Ridge Country Club



See National Award Presentation and Interview

Deadline for 2018 Nebraska Section PGA Special Awards

Friday, November 30th—See page 14-15 for details and forms

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## PGA Professionals Run Miles to Raise Funds for PGA REACH

PGA REACH, the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America, whose mission is to impact lives through golf, announced the foundation raised more than \$50,000, as an official charity team of the New York Road Runners (NYRR), for the 2018 TCS NYC Marathon, on Sunday, Nov. 4.

As a charitable partner, PGA REACH assembled a team of 10 PGA Professionals (Team PGA REACH) from across the country to participate in the race, while raising funds and awareness for PGA REACH programming. The roster includes:

- Kyle Heyen, PGA (Team Captain): PGA Head Professional, Hiwan Golf Club, Evergreen, Colo., Honorary District 9 Director
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In 2017, Team PGA REACH raised nearly \$29,000 to support programming for its 3 core pillars: Youth, Military and Diverse populations. As of Monday, Nov. 5, Team PGA REACH raised more than \$50,000, smashing their initial goal of raising \$30,000 by Nov. 11. NYRR is the official charity sponsor of the TCS NYC Marathon.



# Hole-in-One Club



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Congratulations to Justin Herron of Pacific Springs Golf Club for making an ACE on hole #8 at Champions Run during the PGA REACH Nebraska Pro AM. Lucky for Justin, he was in the Hole-In-One Club and won the \$640 purse!

Register yourself today to get back into the Hole-in-One Club.

## Suzy Whaley Elected 41st President of the PGA of America



PGA of America Vice President, Jim Richerson, PGA of America President, Suzy Whaley and PGA of America Secretary, John Lindert during the 102nd PGA Annual Meeting held at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa on November 9, 2018 in Indian Wells, California.

A pioneer in the golf industry, Suzy Whaley, PGA/LPGA, is the first woman to serve as a PGA Officer in the roles of PGA President, Vice President and Secretary. Recognized as one of the country's top instructors, Whaley previously enjoyed a five-year tenure at Jim Flick Golf Schools, before becoming the Head Golf Professional at Blue Fox Run in Avon, Connecticut, in 2002. From 2004-06, she worked as an LPGA golf commentator for ESPN, and began her own instruction and coaching business, Suzy Whaley Golf, after ESPN.

"Serving the nearly 29,000 PGA Professionals as PGA President is the honor of a lifetime and my way of saying thank you for all the PGA of America has given me," said Whaley. "I may be the first woman to serve as President, but first, I'm a PGA Professional, and I am incredibly excited by the opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to helping advance the careers of our Members, by highlighting the profound impact PGA Professionals have as coaches, in operations and sales, and as executives. We're committed to exploring innovative new approaches to coaching that deliver the experience today's consumer is seeking.

"Together, we aim to invite everyone to join a game they can play for a lifetime, so our courses more closely resemble the communities we serve. I am grateful for the trust our Membership has placed in me, and I look forward to pursuing these opportunities with optimism, purpose and joy."



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# Golf's New Rules: Major Changes



The following are the main changes to the Rules of Golf taking effect January 1, 2019 that are expected to have the most impact on the game and to be of most interest to golfers. The items covered on this page are organized into eight categories, and within each individual item, you will find the main reasons for the change.

Ball at Rest | Ball in Motion | Taking Relief  
Areas of the Course | Equipment | Playing a Ball  
When to Play During a Round | Player Behavior  
Local Rule

[View Changes](#)

# Award Winners Spotlight

## 2017

### Bill Strausbaugh Award Chris Thomson, PGA



#### Mentoring is Rewarding!

In all the years that I have plodded along; season after season, I never really stopped to reflect on just how many people I have been fortunate to work with and mentor in both the golf business and life in general. If you think about it for a few minutes, you will recall a few key individuals in your life or career that maybe impacted you in one way or another if your golf career or your life's path. As PGA Professionals we sometimes just

don't slow down enough to really reflect on how we maybe impacted someone. After being nominated for this award it really got me thinking about all the great people that I had worked with over the years and where they are now in their life and career. Many are married now, some with kids and all have gone on to better things with their career. Some are still young in the golf business but moving up, some have left the business but have found a great fit for their life and others have continued on to become super PGA members. After just taking the time to check in with some of these individuals and having the opportunity to read just how I was able to impact their career was so meaningful to me!

If you haven't slowed down to think about this I challenge you to do so. Check in with your mentor and follow up with the ones that your helped along, you will be amazed how much you have touched someone's life. Be sure to take the time to mentor someone as it may be just the thing that could help them with critical life changing decisions for the positive.

I am so proud to be a PGA of America member and so blessed for all the people, places and things that this amazing game has provided me.

Chris Thomson  
Director of Golf  
Wilderness Ridge Golf Club



# Membership Matters



## Attendee Registration Opens for the 2019 PGA Merchandise Show

Registration for the 66th PGA Merchandise Show, Jan. 22-25, 2019, in Orlando, is now open for PGA Members, golf buyers and industry professionals at [PGAShow.com](http://PGAShow.com).



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**The Summit, Jan. 20-21**, kicks off PGA Merchandise Show week at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

### Sign Up Now

- PGA & LPGA Professionals \$500 - [Click here to Register Individually for the Summit](#)
- **NEW for 2019** - Guests of PGA & LPGA Members \$750  
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- **NEW for 2019** - We've also established a **special discounted group rate** for PGA & LPGA Members who bring a total of 3 guests with them to the summit  
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**MSR Value** PGA Members who attend the PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit will earn 8 credits per day for a total of 16 PGA Education Required. If the PGA or LPGA Member belongs to another Association, he/she will request their MSR Transcript to send to that Association.

# Membership Matters Cont.



## PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program

Dear Member,

The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship application will be available Friday, November 16, 2018 on PGA.org. The eligibility requirements to apply are as follows:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 (unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale) is required.
- Applicants must be children or grandchildren of a PGA member who is in good standing with the Association (the PGA member may be living or deceased).
- All applicants must be enrolled as or plan to enroll as a full-time student to be eligible.

The supporting documents are:

- An official school transcript must be sent in by the high school or college.
- ACT and/or SAT scores must be sent in by ACT or the College Board. (Test scores are not applicable to college students)
- The first page of the Student Aid Report (SAR) if the student is applying for financial need

## Important dates to remember:

<b>November 16, 2018</b>	Scholarship application goes live on pga.org.
<b>March 4, 2019</b>	Deadline date to submit the application.
<b>March 18, 2019</b>	Deadline date to have all supporting documents in our office (provided applicant is eligible).
<b>May 2019</b>	The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be announced and notified.
<b>July 2019</b>	The scholarship checks will be mailed out.

The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program is supported by voluntary donations from PGA members and other individuals, such as memorial donations. If you would like to help support the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program and help our youth attain their higher education goals, then please send your donation to:

**Valerie Johnson**  
**Membership Services**  
**100 Avenue of the Champions**  
**Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418**

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact Valerie Johnson at (888) 713-9098 or via email at [vjohnson@pgahq.com](mailto:vjohnson@pgahq.com).



# District 8 Director Update

## David Schneider, PGA District 8 Director



Women Breaking Barriers in Men's Sports!!!!

What do the following four women below have in common? No, it is not just that they are women!

**Becky Hammon – First Full-Time NBA female coach**

Former WNBA great, Becky was inducted into the New York Liberty Ring of Honor in the summer of 2014. Then Becky was hired as an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs in August 2014, becoming the first full-time, salaried female coach in NBA history.

**Sara Thomas – First Full-time female NFL official**

A college basketball player from the University of Mobile, Sarah started as an official at a varsity high school game in 1999. She worked her way up, becoming the first woman to officiate a major college football game, a bowl game — the Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl in 2009 — and at a Big Ten stadium. In 2015, Thomas was hired as the first full-time female official in NFL history. She made her regular season debut in September in a game between the Chiefs and the Texans.

**Jessica Mendoza – First Female Broadcaster and female analyst for MLB**

Four-time All-American college softball player, seven-year member of the United States women's national softball team and Olympic silver medalist at the 2008 Beijing Games, Jessica Mendoza transitioned into the booth when she began working as a color analyst for ESPN during the Women's College World Series and as a sideline reporter for ESPNU. In June, she became the first female broadcaster in the booth for the College World Series, the first female analyst for an MLB game in August and the first female postseason analyst in October.

**Suzy Whaley – First Female President of the PGA of America**

The PGA of America started a new chapter this month when it swore in the first female president in the organization's 102-year history. The 51-year-old played on the LPGA in the early 1990s but soon moved to teaching the game – enjoying a five-year run at Jim Flick Golf Schools before becoming head pro at Blue Fox Run in Avon, Conn., in 2002. She won the 2002 Connecticut PGA Championship, earning her an exemption into the following year's Greater Hartford Open. She had become the first woman to qualify for a PGA Tour event since Babe Zaharias in 1945. Whaley is also currently the director of golf at Suzy Whaley Golf in Cromwell, Conn., and the director of instruction at the Country Club of Mirasol in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

What do all these women have in common? They broke down walls and barriers and became THE FIRST. They earned their spot just like everyone else AND they did it against all odds in a man's world. That makes the accomplishment all the sweeter.

I do not know the first three women mentioned above, however, I do know the 4th. Suzy is a proven and experienced leader where we could not be luckier to have her leading the largest sports organization in the world and our great game. She will aid in taking us to new heights! WAY TO GO SUZY!

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# Career Consultant Update



## From the Field: September Member Update Jeff "JD" Drimel, PGA - PGA Career Consultant

Dear District 8 PGA Members,

The holidays are almost upon us and even in a "trying" golf year, we hope you can still find plenty of things to be THANKFUL for...

The Fall meetings are now complete and a BIG THANK YOU to the Section Staffs, Leaders and volunteers that elevate us all! Every Section discussed the importance and value of their teams to help drive goals and objectives. Congratulations to all!

Please take time to complete [Stages of the Career Planning](#) processes...not only can it help you improve and address weaknesses, it also can help you set and achieve short-term and long-term goals. Once started, we will meet individually and in groups, to move the process forward.

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

1. Albany GC, Albany, MN – HP/GM (Reposted with comp increase)
2. Great Life/Worthington, MN HP/MGR (Interviews beginning)
3. Brooks CC, Iowa, GM
4. Brookings CC, SD, HP/MGR
5. Prairie Green, SD, HP
6. Pebble Creek GC, MN, HP/Golf MGR (interviews soon)
7. Heart River GC, ND, HP (interviews)
8. College Heights CC, NE, GM/HP (interviews)
9. Marshall GC, MN
10. Ashland GC, NE
11. Ernie Rose Golf, MN
12. Top Golf, MN—Looking for Instructor and Associate. Go to TOPGOLF website, look up MN location and application.
13. MNPGA
14. Olympic Hills, MN
15. Sanford Power Golf Academy, SD (coming soon)

**Meetings or Career Consulting Opportunities –** Upcoming visits will host Career Planning Sessions...I plan to be on the road as follows:

Southern MN – Nov. 19-20th, Association Business – HQ (End of Nov.). Collegiate Golf Symposium – Vegas (Dec. 2-5th). Nebraska for Career Planning Sessions and Visits (Early Dec.). Iowa Strategic Planning Meeting and Career Planning Sessions (Dec. 10th+)

Lastly, I am THANKFUL to have the honor to attempt to make a positive difference in the lives of PGA Members, and facilities, everywhere. The scope of this position is very humbling but rest assured, I am doing my best for each of you every day. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity.

All the Best,

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# 2018 Special Awards Nominations



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## 2018 NEBRASKA PGA SPECIAL AWARDS

### Selection Process

- Nomination should be based on a candidate's entire past experience and commitment for continuing one's contributions and assistance.
  - The Nebraska PGA Special Awards Selection Committee will select a recipient based on the criteria for that particular award.
  - Any Nebraska PGA Member in good standing may submit himself/herself for a special award.
  - The Nebraska PGA Member nominating someone for a special award must be a PGA Member in good standing.
  - Nebraska Section PGA sales representatives may nominate a PGA Member in good standing for an award.
- **Ineligible Nominees**
    - Members of the Nebraska PGA Special Awards Selection Committee
    - Class "F" and "Inactive" members
    - Apprentices

**NOTE: All Nebraska PGA Special Awards are based on the previous year**  
(Nebraska PGA Special Awards are for the 2018 golf season  
and will be presented at the Spring Meeting in 2019).

Unsigned and/or Incomplete Nomination Forms will **NOT** Be Considered.

**Nomination Deadline: November 30, 2018**

Submit Completed Nomination Form(s) via mail or fax to:

Nebraska PGA Attention : Nominating Committee 610 J Street Suite 10 Lincoln, NE 68508	Email: <a href="mailto:nebraska@pgahq.com">nebraska@pgahq.com</a> Phone : (402) 489-7760 Fax : (402) 489-1785
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# DEADLINE—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH



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# 2018 Special Awards

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nominations

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[Bill Strausbaugh](#)

[Horton Smith](#)

[Sales Rep of the Year](#)

[Facility of the Year](#)

[Youth Player Development](#)

[Assistant Golf Professional of the Year](#)

[Patriot Award](#)

## Rule Tip of the Week **Time to Vote!** **Now & Then**

Hopefully, as an American citizen, you took the time and exercised your right to vote in the 2018 mid-term elections! Whether or not you fulfilled your civic duty by filling out your ballot, here's your chance to vote "Yea" or "Nay" concerning the following statements. Vote "Yea" if the statement is true under the new Rules that will come into effect on January 1, 2019. Vote "Nay" if the statement is false under the 2019 Rules.

1. If your ball comes to rest touching the line defining the edge of a red penalty area (currently known as a lateral water hazard), but your ball is also touching the putting green, you may treat the ball as lying either in the penalty area or on the putting green.
2. In stroke play, if you mistakenly enlist the services of two caddies for the first nine holes of your round before finding out at the turn that having more than one caddie at any time is contrary to the Rules, you incur a maximum penalty, i.e., a two-stroke penalty will be added to your scores for only the first two holes of your round.
3. Equipment of the player includes any ball used or carried by the player.
4. In playing a ball from the back of a bunker, you touch a bare earthen wall with your club during your backswing. As a result, you incur a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.
5. After having marked, lifted and replaced your ball on the putting green, a gust of wind causes your ball to roll and disappear into the hole! You are in luck because the ruling under these circumstances is that you have holed out with your previous stroke!
6. You are not permitted to replace your ball if it becomes out of shape during the play of a hole.
7. In Foursomes (alternate shot) stroke or match play, when your drive has come to rest in an area of ground under repair, in taking relief, you are permitted to drop a ball in the relief area even though your partner will be playing the next stroke.



Answers:

1. Nay Per new Rule 2.2c [Determining Area of Course Where Ball Lies], a ball is always treated as lying in only one area of the course. If part of your ball is in both the general area and one of the four specific areas of the course (namely, the teeing area; a penalty area; a bunker; or the putting green), it is treated as lying in that specific area of the course. Whenever part of your ball is in two specific areas of the course, it is treated as lying in the specific area that comes first in this order: penalty area, bunker, putting green.
2. Nay The penalty statement associated with new Rule 10.3a(1) [Player Allowed Only One Caddie at a Time] states, “• The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by more than one caddie at any time. • If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.” In the scenario as described, you would incur a total of 20 penalty strokes, two penalty strokes applied to each of the first nine holes, plus an additional two penalty strokes applied to the 10th hole of your round since the breach continued after completion of the 9th hole!!
3. Yea Per the definition of “Equipment” in the 2019 Rules, equipment is “Anything used, worn, held or carried by the player or the player’s caddie.”
4. Nay Per the definition of “Bunker” in the 2019 Rules, “A lip, wall or face at the edge of a prepared area and consisting of soil, grass, stacked turf or artificial materials ...” is not part of a bunker. Therefore, you are not penalized under new Rule 12.2b [Restrictions on Touching Sand in Bunker].
5. Nay The Exception to new Rule 9.3 [Ball Moved by Natural Forces] states, “If the player’s ball on the putting green moves after the player had already lifted and replaced the ball on the spot from which it moved: • The ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated). ... • This is true no matter what caused it to move (including natural forces).”
6. Yea According to new Rule 4.2c [Ball Becomes Cut or Cracked While Playing Hole], you may not substitute another ball simply because your ball is out of round. Also, you may not substitute another ball when your ball is only scratched or scraped or its paint is only damaged or discolored. Substitution is permitted only when your ball is cut or cracked.
7. Yea New Rule 22.2 [Either Partner May Act for Side] states, in part, “As both partners compete as one side playing only one ball ... (e)ither partner may take any allowed action for the side before the stroke is made, such as to mark the spot of the ball and lift, replace, drop and place the ball, no matter which partner’s turn it is to play next for the side.”





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None				

## UPCOMING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date
Larry Wheeler	12/1
Rusty Jensen	12/1
Cody Herald	12/2
Dave Malone	12/5
Chad Lydiatt	12/5
Richard Delfs	12/5
Brandon Sladek	12/7
Sherm Adkins	12/9
Alex Carper	12/9
Mike Fiddelke	12/10
David Schneider	12/12
Jared Frost	12/13
Rick Reynoldson	12/15
Jason Shock	12/17
Jerry Fisher	12/22
Mark Baumann	12/24
Paul Swirzinski	12/28
Brett Morgan	12/29
Dawn Neujahr	12/30




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