NEBRASKA PGA SECTION NEWSLETTER





February 2019

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In Memorium



Robert "Bob" Schuchart, PGA 1933–2019

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life.

You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots –

but you have to play the ball where it lies". (Bobby Jones)

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2019 Spring Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2019 Hillcrest Country Club 8:30 AM

Education

Leadership, Golf, and Sports: A SEAL's perspective

1:15 PM-2:45 PM-2 MSR

Commander Jack Riggins

New Rules of Golf

3:00 PM-4:30 PM-2 MSR

Sean O'Neill, PGA

\$40.00—Spring Meeting

Spring Business Meeting

Special Guests:

Diversity & Inclusion Educator—Linnet Carty District 8 Director—David Schneider, PGA PGA of America Career Consultant—Jeff Drimel, PGA

Special Awards Presentations

Lunch Included—4 MSR

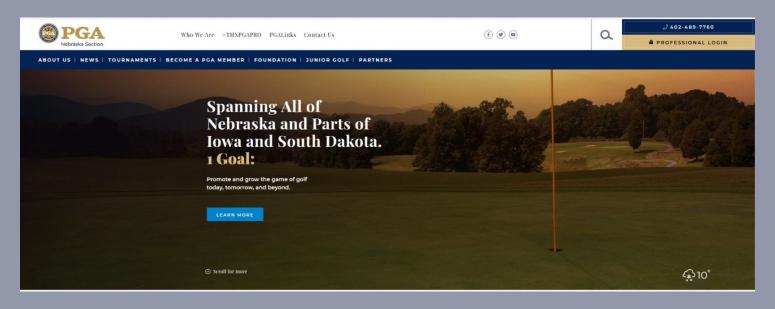


\$10.00—Education

New Website is LIVE

The Nebraska Section PGA website has a new look! Check it out at

www.nebraskapga.com





Golf's New Rules: Major Changes

Friday, March 8—Quarry Oaks Golf Club 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Deadline to Register—March 7th at noon

Join Tom Hearn, PGA and Sean O'Neill PGA for a 2 hour Rules of Golf Seminar to learn all about the new rules changes for 2019.

<u>Register Now!</u>

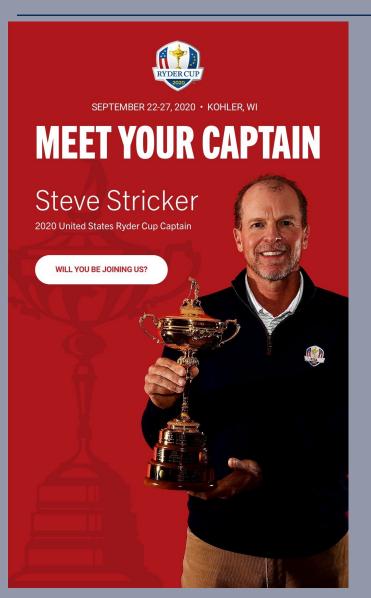
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PGA of America News



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Jr. Golf News

What's New with Nebraska Junior Golf?

A new year brings a number of new items for Nebraska Junior Golf. There is something new being introduced to almost every aspect of the NJG program beginning in



gram beginning in 2019. A few of the key changes are explained in the following article.

A major change that will go into effect starting this year on the 9-hole tour will be the opportunity for the players to have caddies. The decision for this change was made with the characteristics and needs of the younger player in mind. NJG invites a parent, grandparent, relative or instructor to help out their junior golfer during their events. Giving the 9-hole tour participants the opportunity to have a caddie provides important benefits to them, which include providing the chance to teach, bond and help the player further enjoy the great game of golf. Having a caddie serves to teach the beginner golfer the rules and etiquette of the game that every golfer should learn, especially at a young age. Caddies can also provide the proper assistance for the golfers as they are transitioning into tournament golf and help support a safe and enjoyable event.

Another major change in NJG for this year will be applied in the TEAM Golf events. There is now going to be a "Game Clock" in every event. That time will be 2 hours and 30 minutes. After this duration of time is up, the NJG staff will blow a horn to indicate the end of the round. Teams who have started play of a hole at the time the horn blows are permitted to complete the play of that hole only. Teams may NOT start another hole after the horn blows. EXCEPT, groups who started second (B groups) on their first hole of the day may start and finish one additional hole after the horn blows. If there are still holes remaining after the horn sounds and the round is complete, teams will split the points for all remaining holes. This game clock rule will be in effect for ALL TEAM Golf events, including the post season.

The 2019 NJG Tour schedule will look a little different this year with a number of additional events that will be offered. One of the new locations will be a 2-Day event, one will play host for the 18-hole tour championship, and the others will be regular tour events. The new locations on this year's schedule are:

Kearney Junior Classic – Kearney, NE – Monday, June 10th & Tuesday, June 11th Heritage Hills Golf Course – McCook, NE – Thursday, June 13th Shoreline Golf Club – Carter Lake, IA – Wednesday, June 19th Plainview Country Club – Plainview, NE – Wednesday, July 17th 18-Hole Tour Championship (Champions Run) – Omaha, NE – Thursday, August 1st

In Memory

Robert "Bob" Schuchart, PGA 1933-2019



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Robert "Bob" William Schuchart, PGA announce his passing onto greener fairways on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the age of 85.

Born on October 13th, 1933 in Omaha Nebraska to William and Helen (Organ) Schuchart. The eldest of his five siblings, Bob began his career in the sport he loved by joining his father Bill as a golf professional at Happy Hallow Club in Omaha. In 1966, he struck out on his own moving to Lincoln to become an assistant golf pro at Hillcrest Country Club. Holmes Park Golf Course however became the course where Bob spent the next 26 years of his career. During his long tenure there. Bob was a prolific

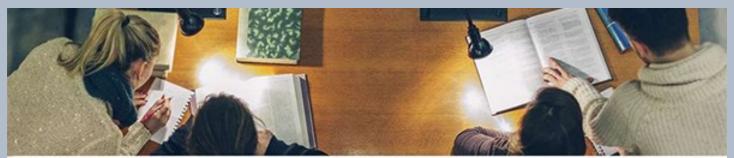
ing his long tenure there, Bob was a prolific teacher and tireless advocate for the sport of golf locally, regionally and nationally. Bob served two terms as Nebraska PGA President, was on the inaugural board for the Nebraska Golf Hall of Fame, established the Nebraska PGA office in its present form and was honored with the Nebraska Section's Horton Smith Award in 1982 and its Golf Professional of the Year Award in 1985. While he was Nebraska PGA President, the PGA of America honored the Nebraska Section three consecutive years as the best Section in the nation. Bob's playing credentials include qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship and runner-up finishes in the Nebraska PGA Assistants Championship, the Nebraska PGA Section Championship and the Section's Pro-Assistants Championship.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, February 28th from 6-8pm at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home on 4040 A Street in Lincoln. Rosary to be held at 7pm. Funeral services for Bob will be at 11am, Friday, March 1st at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Bob will be laid to rest at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery with reception to follow from 1-4pm at Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's memory to **PGA REACH Nebraska**, 610 J Street, Suite 10, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in the days and weeks to come.

Membership Matters



PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program

Important dates to remember:

- March 4, 2019 Deadline date to submit the application.
- March 18, 2019 Deadline date to have all supporting documents in our office (provided applicant is eligible).
- May 2019 The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be announced and notified.
- July 2019 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.

Click HERE to see Frequently Asked Questions



Complete the 2019 Compensation Survey; Earn MSR Credits

Know where you stand on the compensation scale compared to other PGA Professionals.

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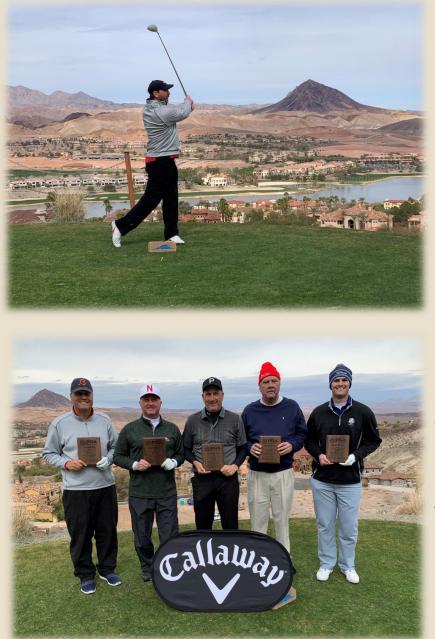
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Tournament News

HOLLY WINS THE 29th VEGAS CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CALLAWAY GOLF AND VINNIE KRIKAC STATE FARM





After three days of battling championship courses and windy conditions Scott Holly, PGA of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln PGA Golf Management Program won the 29th Annual Vegas Classic presented by Callaway Golf and Vinnie Krikac State Farm. Holly hung on to win by earning 31 points on the final day hosted at the beautiful and scenic South Shore Country Club for a three-day total of 111 points in the modified stableford format. Runner-up honors went to Nick Wanderscheid, PGA of Green Valley Golf Course (Sioux City, IA) & to Matt Meuret of Plainview Country Club (Plainview, NE) who both earned three-day totals of 108 points.

The team from Golf Galaxy-Omaha led by PGA Professional Ted DiGiacomo won the team competition in the three-day, two-net modified stableford format. Team DiGiacomo comprised of amateurs Mark Hart, Gene Wendt, Tim Marchese and Chris Vandorvosrt with 320 points secured the victory with a final day 103 points. Team Cornell

of Champions Run (Omaha) took second place with 309 points with team Holly finishing in third with 306 points.

The Nebraska Section PGA would like to thank South Shore Country Club for hosting day three of this championship along with Callaway Golf representative Brian Winge and Vinnie Krikac State Farm for their support of the Nebraska Section PGA and the Vegas Classic.



Tournament Schedule—2019

DATE	GOLF COURSE		
4/8	Tiburon 27 Hole Pro Am		
4/15	Players Club Pro/Pro/Pro		
4/25	Legends and Young Guns Classic at Highlands GC		
4/29	Oak Hills Country Club Pro Am		
5/6	Fremont Golf Club Pro Am		
5/13	Iron Horse GC Pro-Pro		
5/20	Dakota Dunes Country Club Pro Am		
5/28	Pro/Assistant Championship at Oak Hills Country Club		
6/10	Yankee Hill Country Club Pro Am		
6/17	Happy Hollow Club Pro Am		
6/22-6/23	Green Valley 36 Hole Pro Am		
6/27	Pinnacle Bank Qualifier at ArborLinks		
7/1	Golf FORE! The Troops at Wilderness Ridge		
7/8	Nebraska PGA Assistant Champ at Happy Hollow Club		
7/8-7/9	Nebraska PGA Senior Champ at Happy Hollow Club		
7/15	Pinnacle Bank Monday Qualifier		
7/29	Firethorn Golf Club Pro Am		
8/5-8/6	Nebraska Section PGA Championship at ArborLinks		
8/12	Hillcrest Country Club Pro Am		
8/19	PGA REACH - Nebraska Pro Am (invitation only)		
8/26	Quail Run Pro/Pro		
9/3	Bent Tree Pro Am		
9/9	TBD Pro Am		
9/13-9/15	Wells Fargo Nebraska Open at Elks Country Club		
9/23	Team Championship at Wild Horse Golf Club		
9/30	Country Club of Lincoln Pro Am		
10/7	Vinnie Krikac Cup Series at Quarry Oaks (invitation only)		
10/11	Legends of Golf Classic at The Pines Country Club		
season long	MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP		
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District 8 Director Update

David Schneider, PGA District 8 Director

The Spring and Fall seasons for a District Director in the north are normally filled with travel that is relatively compacted. There are normally three spring section meetings, coupled with a PGA National Spring Board Planning Session before our season begins to take shape.



Over the course of the next 60 days I am very excited to travel to all the sections. It is exhilarating to learn from each section on what their challenges are, what they are doing to overcome those challenges and ultimately be stronger on the backside. Over the course of the last 20 plus years I have seen all three sections in our district thrive under great PGA professionals.

The 2019 spring schedule is as follows:

- Mar 3rd to the 7th National PGA Spring Board Planning Session West Palm Beach
- Mar 10th and 11th Nebraska Section Spring Meeting Lincoln, NE
- Mar 31st and April 1st IA Section Spring Meeting Coralville, IA
- May 6th MN Spring Education Minneapolis, MN

The agenda for the Spring Board Planning session has not been released as of this submission, but I feel confident we will be discussing the following topics as well as many others:

- ADM / PGA.Coach
- Feedback related to the launch of the new PGA logos
- Education and timelines related to the three career paths
- PGA Admin Finance Services and the relationship with Sections
- All National Committee Initiatives
- Governance Task Force initiatives (District Director Selection Process Proposal continued discussion)

I look forward to being in Lincoln on the 10th and the 11th with all the members of the NE PGA.

Stay warm. Spring is coming.

David Schneider, PGA, CCM District 8 Director 515-419-5653 Cell daves@happyhollowclub.om

Career Consultant Update

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



It's been a busy winter season and I would like to call your attention to some reoccurring questions/comments that may assist you along the way...

1. How can I post a job and attract help in my operation? – It's no secret that finding Associate Professionals is difficult. All PGA Members have the ability to post a job on the PGA Job Board. Click on JOBS to begin.

2. How can I find information on Compensation? – Now is the time to complete the 2019 Compensation Survey. It doesn't take nearly as long to complete and provides us all with valuable information that all PGA Members can use to their advantage. Search "Compensation Reports."

3. How can I show my facility the VALUE that I bring them? The PGA Revenue Scorecard is a great way to plug in a few numbers and receive a report of revenues because of your efforts. Click on Benefits & Tools.

4. What TANGIBLE benefits do I really receive from the PGA of America?

- a. First stop, PGA PERKS. This is a relatively new area that PGA Members can log into and save money! Ever purchase flowers? You can't beat the deals on PGA PERKS! Click on Benefits & Tools
- b. Second stop, Education. Have you checked out the online educational opportunities on PGA.ORG? Have you thought about the Certification Programs? How about watching videos from the PGA Merchandise Show on the Rules Changes and other topics? Click on Education.
- c. Third stop, Marketing. There is plenty of information online to help you organize and market your programs at your facilities. For instance, you can download the Instruction Playbook for Drive, Chip and Putt so you can host your own event... Click on Benefits & Tools
- d. d. SupportLinc Too many individuals try to cope with life's challenges alone. We now have a link that provides FREE, personal, and confidential assistance to all PGA Members 24/7. Search "Counseling."

These, among other items, all can be found on PGA.ORG. If you have trouble finding any item, please don't hesitate to reach out as we are happy to help you anytime. Take some time and check some of these areas out...you will be happy you did.

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Award Winners Spotlight





Facility of the Year Jim Ager Golf Course



The theme for Ager Golf & Learning Center over the last year has been thinking outside the box. At Lincoln City Golf we understand the importance of the learning course for youth and new golfers for the future of golf. The issue has and is always funding. Ager provides great, affordable golf and programming while being completely funded by Lincoln City Golf and not taking any tax dollars. In order to deliver a top notch golf experience on the course and in golf programs we had to get creative to raise funds and save money. One way we did this was through strategic partnerships.

In 2018 we created a partnership with the University of Nebraska Turf Grass Program to create the nation's first and only Superintendent

Internship program where the university and intern have complete control of the maintenance plan. This improved overall course conditions, allowed us to reseed all fairways with a new hybrid bentgrass, led to over \$100,000 in product/equipment donations from companies and the university and saves Ager over \$60,000 annually in salary/benefits.

Next to improve player development programs we partnered with local companies through sponsorship agreements. These partnerships allowed us to hire additional PGA Golf Management Intern Instructors, improve the clubhouse, create new programming and purchase new & better golf equipment. The Highlight of the sponsorships is with U-STOP Convenience Shops who is the official sponsor of Lincoln City Golf Youth Golf Camps & Leagues through a donation of \$50,000 over the next 5 years.

Lastly we continue to partner with various youth organizations that drive participation at our golf courses. We were able to dramatically increase rounds through golf programs now scheduled with Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, Lighthouse, Community Rec Centers and more. Rounds are now sitting nearly 17,800 up from under 12,000 just four short years ago. The highlight of our partnerships is the YMCA of Lincoln whose instruction and league programs drive over \$40,000 in direct revenue to our various courses and professionals in 2018. They have also increased our marketing presence as they have access to over 36,000 households who have shown an interest in health & wellness programming being members at the YMCA.

In 2019 we hope to continue the upward trend with these current partnerships as well as see rounds and revenue increases from a few new sponsors and strategic partners created over this off-season.



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Rule Tip

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Over the past few weeks, the PGA Tour has encountered some unusual weather conditions along the west coast. But the wacky weather of the 2019 winter has not been limited to California. In fact, this week in Albuquerque, New Mexico, golfers have been bundled up shoveling away snow instead of shooting at flagsticks. If you happen to be indoors suffering from "cabin fever" and are looking for something to do besides watching the Golf Channel and/or the Weather Channel, here's an "all hail" True-False quiz to test your knowledge of how the



Rules are applicable in all weather conditions. Extra points if you can figure out where the snowman in the photograph was spotted playing golf!

While playing in a tournament, a freak hail storm passes over a remote corner of the course and pummels your group with golf ball size hail for about ten minutes. Fearing for your safety, your group stops play and, without marking the location of your ball in the fairway, you dash to seek shelter under some nearby trees. Meanwhile, unaware of the storm until it is over, the Committee does not sound the siren to suspend play.

1. You are not permitted to temporarily stop play under these circumstances because the Committee did not first sound the siren to suspend play.

2. While searching for your ball in the fairway somewhere among the hailstones, if you accidentally nudge your ball while sweeping aside the hailstones with your feet, you incur a one-stroke penalty.

3. After accidentally moving your ball during the search, if you do not know the original spot of your ball, you must estimate that spot and drop your ball as near as possible on that spot.

4. In preparation for your next stroke, you may remove any of the hailstones that interfere with your stance or the area of your intended swing. You may also deliberately leave a hailstone in place near your ball to help you with your alignment.

5. After successfully playing your approach shot to the putting green, you may repair hail damage on the putting green without penalty.

6. On the putting green, you may remove hailstones that interfere on your line of play, and you may also leave hailstones beyond the hole that may serve as a back-stop for your ball in case it rolls beyond the hole.

Answers:

1. False Voluntarily stopping play for hail is not specifically mentioned in the Rules. However, Rule 20.3 [Situations Not Covered by the Rules] states, "Any situation not covered by the Rules should be decided by the Committee ... [c]onsidering all the circumstances, and ... [t]reating the situation in a way that is reasonable, fair and consistent with how similar situations are treated under the Rules. Rule 5.7a [When Players May or Must Stop Play] allows a player to stop play if he or she reasonably believes there is danger from lightning, but the player must report the stoppage to the Committee as soon as possible. Thus, you would not be penalized for stopping play for the hail so long as you reported your reasonable actions to the Committee as soon as possible after stopping play.

2. False According to Rule 7.1 [How to Fairly Search for Ball], in trying to find and identify your ball, you may move loose impediments, i.e, the hail. Also, Rule 7.4 [Ball Accidentally Moved in Trying to Find or Identify It] points out, "There is no penalty if the player's ball is accidentally moved by the player, opponent or anyone else while trying to find or identify it."

3. False Per Rule 7.4, if your ball is accidentally moved during a search, the ball must be replaced on its original spot. If the original spot is not known, the spot must be estimated and the ball must be placed on that spot in accordance with Rule 14.2 [Replacing Ball on Spot].

4. True Rule 8.1 [Player's Actions That Improve Conditions Affecting the Stroke] specifically states that it does not apply to the removal of loose impediments which is allowed to the extent provided in Rule 15. Rule 15.1a [Removal or Loose Impediment] advises, in part, "Without penalty, a player may remove a loose impediment anywhere on or off the course, and may do so in any way (such as by using a hand or foot or a club or other equipment). Rule 10.2b(3) [No Setting Down Object to Help in Taking Stance] advises that a player must not set down an object to help him or her in lining up his or her feet or body. However, this Rule does not prohibit a player from



using an object that is already in position to assist in taking his or her stance. See Interpretation 8.1d(1)/2 [Player Is Entitled to Have Loose Impediments or Movable Obstructions Left Where They Were When Ball Came to Rest].

5. True According to a Clarification issued by the USGA to Rule 13.1c(2) [Improvements Allowed on Putting Green: Repair of Damage], damage on the putting green caused by hail may be repaired.

6. True Again, see refer to Rule 15.1a for the removal of loose impediments on the putting green, and Interpretation 8.1d(1)/2 [Player Is Entitled to Have Loose Impediments or Movable Obstructions Left Where They Were When Ball Came to Rest].



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Bernard Blan Jr.	A-13	College Heights CC	Falconhead Golf Clu	A-8
Devon Kastler	A-9	Landscapes Unlimited	Ashland Golf Club	A-13
Austin Dell	A-8	Miracle Hill Golf & Tenn	is	

UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date
Kyle Schellpeper, PGA	3/1
Travis Anderson, PGA	3/4
Ron Block, PGA	3/8
Pat Johnson, PGA	3/8
Brad Neunaber, PGA	3/8
Karrie Van Ravenswaay, PGA	3/8
Jason Meininger, PGA	3/9
Adam Bradfield, PGA	3/10
Trevor Chesnut, PGA	3/12
Nathan Kalin, PGA	3/13
Zach Wetovick, PGA	3/13
Tom Weekes, PGA	3/16
Kevin Boehler, PGA	3/17
Chris Jacobson, PGA	3/18
Hunter Giesselmann	3/19
Ash Hammond, PGA	3/19
Caleb Malenke	3/20
Tony Baranowski, PGA	3/23
Jesse Brodersen, PGA	3/23
Andrew Pearce	3/23
Denis Vontz, PGA	3/25
Juan Elizondo, PGA	3/27
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Charlie Borner, PGA	3/28
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