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Meet the Team

Kurt Karcher, PGA and Brett Renner return to our team for 2019. Click here to read [Kurt's bio](#) and click here to read [Brett's bio](#). These two gentlemen will play a significant role in our continued pursuit of elevating our services to you, the Member and the golf industry in our Section.



We are excited to announce that Carson Henry and Joe Sherman have joined the Nebraska Junior Golf /Nebraska PGA Team for the summer. Click here to read [Carson's bio](#) and click here to read [Joe's bio](#). These two gentlemen will play a significant role in running Nebraska Junior Golf events, TEAM Golf and assisting with Nebraska PGA Championships.



Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to our National Scholarship Winners!



National Winners

Brogan A. Gunia—Ron Gunia, PGA (Grandparent)

Elizabeth L. Riley—Sean T. Riley, PGA

Isaac M. Hirsch—Ron Gunia, PGA (Grandparent)

Kayla L. Shaner—Matthew W. Shaner, PGA

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Important Information—Fall Elections

2019 ELECTIONS



Fall Elections – Monday, November 18th at Champions Run

Dear Nebraska PGA Members and Associates,

The Section will be holding elections at the 2019 Fall Meeting currently scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 at Champions Run. Your Section Board of Directors has established some “ground rules” with regard to the campaign. If, after reading this memo, you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me (402-571-7470) or CEO, David Honnens, PGA at the Section offices (402-489-7760).

Nominations from the floor of the meeting can be made. However, to enhance the campaign and election process the Board has authorized the Section staff to send out, via email up to a two page “Campaign Letter” on each candidate’s behalf. In order to take advantage of this, the candidate must send a “Letter of Intent” to my attention via email or the regular mail. Email is preferred to (nebraska@pgahq.com) or if you use regular mail, again send to my attention to: Nebraska Section PGA, c/o Tony Pesavento, PGA, 610 J Street, Suite 10, Lincoln, NE 68508. The “Letter of Intent” and the desired “Campaign Letter” must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2019. The plan is to email all of the “Campaign Letters” together. If a candidate misses this deadline, he/she will be on their own with regard to the mailing of any campaign materials. Obviously, announcing sooner than later will provide more opportunity for publicity.

Similarly, the Section staff will post to the Section’s website (candidates for secretary tab) just about any document (WORD format) a candidate provides (this would include the previously referenced “Campaign Letter”), as well as a photograph (JPG format). There is no limitation on the number or size of the documents to be posted.

Eventually, all materials must be provided electronically to Renee at the Section office (rtyson@pgahq.com). Also, while the Section staff will format the documents for printing and mailing and/or posting on the website, they are not permitted to correct, edit or change the submissions.

In order to be listed as a candidate in the Fall Meeting Booklet, a candidate’s “Letter of Intent” must be received at the Section office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Pesavento, PGA
Nominating Committee Chair



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Dues Billing for 2019/2020



[View, print and/or pay](#) your dues invoice through PGA.org by June 30, 2019. You will receive your new membership card approximately 14 days following payment.

The Value of Women's Golf Day



On Tuesday, June 4, facilities throughout the world will host Women's Golf Day. PGA Professionals hosting an event utilize this day to increase participation in golf at their club by supporting, engaging and empowering women and girls.

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Complete the 2019 PGA Facility Operations Scorecard

The [Scorecard](#) is available to the ranking PGA Professional, based on classification, at each facility. This valuable resource can help you compare your revenues and expenses against similar facilities.



Is Your Course Heart Safe?

Golf courses are the 5th most common place for sudden cardiac arrest. Brooks Koepka and the PGA of America are partnering with HandsOnly.org to save lives with a campaign to increase bystander response to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. "Everyone can save a life; its three easy steps Check, Call, Compress," says Koepka. Go to HandsOnlyPGA.org to learn how to make your course heart safe.



Registration is Open

Make plans now to attend the [2019 PGA Fashion & Demo Experience](#) in Las Vegas.



Best Practices Added

Several best practices have been added to the SBO Portal including the Illinois PGA Birdies for Charity Program and a great idea to help with Drive, Chip & Putt staffing from the Tri-State PGA. See ALL ideas [HERE](#)

Tournament News

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Tournament Schedule—2019

DATE	GOLF COURSE
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
7/22	Quail Run/Elks CC 27 Hole Pro-Pro
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	Bent Tree ProAm
9/3	Mizuno Pro/Assistant Championship
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
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Award Winners Spotlight

2018

Youth Player Development Chris Thomson, PGA



I am so fortunate to be at a facility that embraces player development, especially junior golf and allows me the freedom to grow new programs. Over the years we have grown our programs to include pee wee & junior camps, league, team golf and a high school girls only program. The player development programs have served as a great training ground for many of my young assistants and interns over the years so that they understand how to put together a program and execute from start to finish. Over the course of the summer we will work with approximately 300 kids across the board and are fortunate to have secured the sponsor support from State Farm Agent Vinnie Krikac as well as a product sponsor Wilson Golf. Having the support of sponsors has really allowed us to do more and offer more for our players. If any Nebraska PGA Members are ever in need of assistance in getting a program off the ground I am more than willing to step in and help them design a program that will fit their needs as a club.

Chris Thomson, PGA
Director of Golf
Wilderness Ridge Golf Club



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The 20 greatest women golfers of all time

By T.J. Auclair
PGA.com



In honor of Women's Golf Day today, we take a look at 20 women who have dominated on the links throughout their careers, including 10-time major winner Annika Sorenstam.

There's always going to be a spirited debate whenever the topic of "greatest of all time" in anything comes up.

For the purposes of this story, we'd like to discuss the merits of -- arguably -- the 20 greatest women golfers of all time.

Not everyone will agree with all 20 who are on this list, or even the order.

But, we think it's a solid, solid list.

20. Sandra Haynie

Majors won: 4 (1965, 1974 Women's PGA Championship; 1974 U.S. Women's Open; 1982 du Maurier Classic)

LPGA victories: 42

Notes: Haynie was just 18 years old when she joined the LPGA in 1961. A year later, she won for the first time at age 19. It would be the first victory of many for Haynie. From 1963-1975, Haynie finished every season inside the top 10 on the money list.

[READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

Career Consultant Update

Jeff "JD" Drimel, PGA - PGA Career Consultant

Dear District 8 PGA Members & Friends,

Memorial Day Weekend has gone, and our first order of business is to THANK all those who have given so much to protect us and our country. What a great time to remember their sacrifice and honor them...THANK YOU!

Memorial Day Weekend also marks the 100 days of BUSY TIME in District 8. Good luck with your seasons and please keep track of your SOAR Stories at least a few times. You can use these in the fall when a possible negotiation may begin.



Other Items:

1. Forms – A year ago I sent a “Get to Know Me Form.” We are happy to report that many took advantage of this form and as a result, updating the form will be a spring ritual. Please click on the link below, complete the form and help me help you achieve your goals. I plan to keep these forms on file to help identify possible opportunities for you in the future. Completing this form will help me identify you for a possible opportunity down the road... whether you are looking or not. Control + Click on the link.

2019 Member Information Form

2. Visits – I will be making visits to events in District 8 over the next few months. Please feel free to contact me, approach me and find time to discuss any issues.
3. Recruitment – Are you doing what you can to recruit our next PGA Members or people for the golf business? Be a Mentor, contact a Mentor, find a Mentor...
4. Member Assistance – The Board of Directors voted, a couple years ago, to raise dues slightly to provide a CONFIDENTIAL service to our Members in the way of finance, counseling and support. This service can help you in many ways...please reach out.

“SupportLinc is free to members, associates and their immediate families and is completely confidential. If you think you may need help, please call 866-4PGA MAP (or 866-474-2627). You may also access the link on PGA.ORG, under Member Benefits.”

5. PLAY GOLF! See you on the links!

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2019 Global Internship Program

11 PGA Golf Management University Program Students Selected for the 2019 PGA Global Internship Program



PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (May 7, 2019)—The PGA of America announced today the 2019 class of PGA Golf Management University Program students selected for the prestigious PGA Global Internship Program.

Through the program, 11 prospective PGA Members will experience an early understanding of the international golf landscape, which will better position them for global opportunities in the future, while helping build the PGA of America brand internationally.

The PGA Global Internship Program was developed to align with the PGA's strategy and commitment to growing the game worldwide, such as in developing countries. Launched with five PGA Golf Management University students last year, the 2019 program will include 11 interns. The students will represent eight of the program's 18 accredited universities, as they work this summer at leading golf facilities around the world.

The PGA Golf Management University Program Students selected for the 2019 PGA Global Internship Program:

The Grove, United Kingdom

Kyle Murray	Beatrice, Neb.	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Jason Palmer	Elm Creek, Neb.	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Ben Wescott	Francestown, N.H.	Methodist University

Royal Wellington, New Zealand

Spencer Schaulis	Lincoln, Neb.	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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Adare Manor, Ireland

Connor Evers	Clinton, Iowa	Methodist University
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Pacific Harbour, Australia

Kaylee Neff	Yukon, Okla.	University of Central Oklahoma
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Pacific Pines China (Mission Hills)

Angela Xu	Shanghai, China	New Mexico State University
Jay Ji Yeon An	Plano, Texas	Sam Houston State University

Els Performance Golf Academy, Vietnam

Andrew Bokowy	Gainesville, Fla.	Florida Gulf Coast University
Cole Christensen	Las Vegas	University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Foshan Golf Club, China

David Cai	Hong Kong	North Carolina State University
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Metropolitan PGA Member Rob Labritz caps his 73rd competitive round at B



by Bob Denney
PGA Historian

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (May 19, 2019) – Rob Labritz has a special relationship with Bethpage Black Course. It can be traced back to 1997, when he first competed on the renowned A.W. Tillinghast layout on Long Island.

He's had his share of special moments on the Black, winning three New York State Opens over the years. On Sunday, Labritz completed his 73rd competitive round on the course he holds dear by earning Low PGA Club Professional honors in the 2019 PGA Championship.

The 47-year-old PGA Director of Golf at GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, New York, posted a 2-over-par 72 for a 72-hole total of 290. It was his second Low Club Professional award in the Championship, and first since 2010 when he tied for 68th at Whistling Straits.

Labritz finished five strokes ahead of 2018 PGA Professional Champion Ryan Vermeer of Omaha, Nebraska, who had a 79 and 295 total. Marty Jertson of Phoenix, Arizona, the remaining member of the PGA Club Professional trio to compete on the weekend, finished with a 79-299.

"I refer to Bethpage Black as 'she,'" said Labritz. "She's a hard test. If you are nice to her and take care of her, she will treat you nicely. If you are not so nice and hit it off line, and you swear at her or get mad at her, she's going to beat you up."

"You have to be patient out here. That's all you must do. If you can hit it in the fairway, you have an opportunity to get it on the green and close."

Labritz, Vermeer, the PGA Director of Instruction at Happy Hollow Club in Omaha; and Jertson, the Vice President of Fitting and Performance for PING, were among 20 PGA Club Professionals competing at Bethpage Black. They earned a berth by finishing as the low 20 scorers in the 52nd PGA Professional Championship, April 28 - May 1, at Belfair in Bluffton, South Carolina.

It was the first PGA Championship weekend for Vermeer and Jertson. Vermeer, the reigning PGA Professional Player of the Year, was making third consecutive PGA appearance.

"I had a lot to play for today – the Low Club Pro being on the line," said Vermeer. "To be playing in a major championship on a Sunday and knowing that I am going to be a part of something special when they hand out the Wanamaker Trophy. To be playing in a major championship on a Sunday has been a lifelong dream."

Vermeer was surprised on the first tee Sunday when his boss – PGA General Manager Dave Schneider of Happy Hollow Club – greeted him and then announced his name before his tee shot. Schneider is the District 8 Director on the PGA Board of Directors.

Vermeer is the first Nebraska PGA Member to make a cut in a PGA Championship, a feat that adds to his milestones in winning the national championship last year and the PGA Professional Player of the Year Award.

Bethpage Black as Low Club Professional in the 2019 PGA Championship

“To have done something that nobody else in the Nebraska (PGA) Section has done is pretty cool,” said Vermeer, “and it’s something that I can hang my hat on.”

“It’s important for the PGA Club Professionals to be a part of this tournament, and it’s even more important when we play well. It shows we deserve the spots and it’s very cool to be one of those guys.”

Vermeer, Labritz and Jertson represented the largest PGA Club Professional contingent to make the weekend in the Championship since the PGA of America limited the Championship exemptions to 20 players in 2006. The last time three or more PGA Club Professionals played the final 36 holes was in 2005 when four players advanced. But that was when the PGA allowed 35 exemptions into the field.

Jertson is more than a talented player. He’s also the country’s foremost playing club engineer. He designed a driver – the PING 410 – and got the results he needed. He has been an inventor for more than 125 patents.

“It’s a lot of fun playing all four days,” said Jertson. “It’s my first time ever. My lifelong dream was to get my game in shape to make the cut in a major. I pulled it off with my ball striking and putting, which were good the first two rounds. This has absolutely been a dream week.”

Labritz said that he can look back upon the support he received from his family, friends and club members. There were an estimated 50 members of his “entourage” that wore t-shirts with “Rob’s Mob” inscribed on the back. And, there was the journey over the past two years that Labritz committed himself in preparation for this week.

“When this site was announced a few year ago, my caddie said to me that we have to be there,” said Labritz. “My wife (Kerry) said ‘You want to play there, you won three State Opens there.’ This winter I would travel to Florida and practice and would wrap around coaching and playing. That was a big sacrifice. I didn’t see my family much this winter. I had to make sure that my game was sharp enough to compete.”

The responsibilities of a club professional, particularly a PGA Director of Golf, were something that Labritz kept in balance. He credited the support of GlenArbor Golf Club.

“My club is very easy with me. They know how important playing good golf is. They know that it helps my teaching ability,” he said. “They know that it helps me as a person. I’m fulfilled when I play good golf. They support me 100 percent.”

Labritz said that he has more than a special place in his heart for Bethpage Black. He said that he wants to be a part of the landscape.

“When my time has come, I will have my ashes spread on Bethpage Black,” said Labritz. “This place is that special to me.”

Photos by: Omar Rawlings





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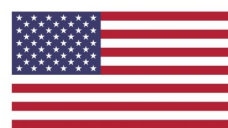
EMPLOYEE	CLASS	CURRENT FACILITY	PREVIOUS FACILITY	PREV CLASS
Adam Speck, PGA	A-8	The Prairie Club		
Sarah Pravecek, PGA	A-8	Wilderness Ridge GC		
Steven Friesen, PGA	A-14	Firethorn GC		

UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date
John Bierbower	06/03
Ryan C Bloomberg	06/06
Jonathan Casey, PGA	06/11
Ronald J. Cash	06/25
Mark Christensen, PGA	06/26
Jon Crane, PGA	06/12
David Durham, PGA	06/09
Pete Hagen, PGA	06/02
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