



# PGA

## Nebraska Section

November 2019

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Participants from PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week pose for a group photo at Congressional Country Club on Oct. 28, 2019.

(Photo by Michael Cohen/ Getty Images)



Military veterans find focus, community as part of PGA HOPE programs....[READ MORE](#)

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Nebraska Section



## 2019 Nebraska Section PGA

# FALL MEETING

## NOV 18

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Meeting 4 MSR

12:30 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Education 3 MSR

- PGA Frisco
- Club Fitting
- Are you prepared for tomorrow?

4:30 PM Reception

**Sign Up Deadline**

## NOV 14

## Champions Run

13800 Eagle Run Drive ~ Omaha

# \$40 \$20

MEETING

EDUCATION

**\$20.00 FEE FOR EACH LATE REGISTRATION OR  
WALK IN**

- PGA of America Secretary, John Lindert, PGA
- Officer Elections, Special Recognitions and More

## ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

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Fall Meeting Registration

Education Registration

# PGA HOPE NATIONAL GOLF & WELLNESS WEEK



PGA REACH, the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America, hosted the inaugural PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week from October 25-28, 2019, at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

This event is designed to be a unique opportunity for PGA HOPE graduates as they learn new sets of skills focused on advanced golf instruction and impactful wellness training. Each PGA section chose a veteran as their representative in said event.

PGA REACH Nebraska has chosen David Karl as the veteran and PGA HOPE graduate to represent the Nebraska Section PGA in the PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week. Karl began his journey in the game of golf back in 1965 when he first picked up a golf club. He is a retired Master Sergeant for the United States Air Force and he served 21 years from 1971 to 1992.

Just over 19 years removed from the service, Karl was job searching and on his walk back to his house, he rolled over his ankle and snapped both bones in his ankle. After 2 surgeries, the incisions in his foot became infected and the doctors decided that amputation was the only option. Karl's left leg was amputated below the knee on January 30th, 2013. After the amputation, Karl wasn't able to run or jump, but he was able to play golf and the game has been a "life saver" to him.

"The PGA HOPE program and the Nebraska PGA both have given me the opportunity to play a game I love much more often and at a much higher level," Karl said.

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is a national program that introduces golf to military Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. PGA HOPE helps veterans assimilate back into their communities through the social interaction the game provides.

"The game of golf and the PGA HOPE program allows veterans to get out of the house and onto the golf course and it seems like every one of us has benefited from the instruction from the Nebraska PGA Professionals," Karl said.

Karl is 'beyond excited' to represent the Nebraska Section PGA at the PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week and he hopes to bring back golf training tips, exercises and other recommendations that will take Nebraska's PGA HOPE program to the next level.



# PGA LEAD Applications



## PGA LEAD Application Available Grow Your Career

Are you ready to step up to leadership? If so, you may be a candidate for PGA LEAD Cohort V, Class of 2020 – 2021. PGA LEAD was created 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. Integrating a multitude of dimensions of difference into our leadership ranks helps position the Association for success for decades to come. The ultimate 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. **Application deadline is November 15, 2019.**

MORE INFORMATION  
AND APPLICATION

# Officer Elections



The Section will be holding elections at the upcoming Fall Meeting scheduled on Monday, November 18, 2019 at Champions Run. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact David Honnens, PGA at the Section

## Candidate for President



## Candidate for Vice-President



## Candidate for Secretary



## Mike's Letter of Intent

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE  
UNABLE TO ATTEND.

ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY THE  
SECTION OFFICE  
BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH  
AT 8:00 AM



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## 2020 Ryder Cup PGA Member Complimentary Access Policy

PGA of America Members and their accompanying spouse or guest (not both) may receive complimentary PGA Member Club tickets. Members' immediate children, under 21 years of age, will also receive complimentary access. Tickets must be picked up on a daily basis from the Admissions & Will Call Office and all individuals (spouse/guest, children) must be present and visible with the PGA Member to receive their ticket. Members must show current PGA of America membership card and photo identification. Class "F" Members, Apprentices and PGM students do not receive complimentary admission.

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PGA of America makes good with fans shut out during 2020 Ryder Cup online ticket snafu

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## 2019 PGA HOPE GRADUATION



NEBRASKA

Eagle Hills Golf Course



Holmes Lake Golf Course



[RECAP VIDEO](#)

# Giving Back to our Heroes



**WHEN: Veterans Day (Monday, November 11th)**  
**Stop in anytime between 11:00am-2:00pm**

**WHAT: Any Veteran will have the opportunity to receive a**  
**FREE 20-minute lesson from a PGA Professional.**

**\*Must show military ID\***

**WHERE: Miracle Hill Golf Course - TOPTRACER Range**  
**1401 N 120th St, Omaha, NE 68154**



# Career Consultant Update

## Jeff "JD" Drimel, PGA - PGA Career Consultant



Dear District 8 PGA Members & Friends,

The leaves are falling, the temps are cooling and it's time to take a breath after another challenging golf season in District 8. However, now is not the time to sit back and totally relax. Please give some thought to self-improvements during the next few months.

Some October thoughts...

1. Update your resume...even if you are not looking for another position!
  - A. By updating your resume, you will be sure to register your yearly successes and be able to "tell your story." Waiting until you need it may be too late.

\*\*Resume structure and content has changed...here are some MUSTS...

  - Make sure to have your contact information on ALL pages. (New! Do not list your street address.)
  - Add the PGA Logo on the first page
  - Value Statement (formerly Objective) – How can you immediately impact the position? Facility?
  - Bullet points need to reflect MEASUREABLE results.
  - NO Mistakes...
2. Become Certified through the PGA Educational System OR in another area.
  - A. Take Online Educational Classes
  - B. Look internally at a weakness and address it.
  - C. Enroll in an online course of your choosing.
  - D. What will make you "stand out?" Learn more about it...
3. Staffing and Mentoring – Reach out to fellow PGA Members to learn from each other. What worked this year? What didn't work? What new idea will you try in 2020? Are you putting together your team for next year...if so, how will you fill the positions? Lastly, is there someone out there who wants to learn the business who you can Mentor?

Please feel free to contact me anytime...

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# District 8 Director Announcement



# PGA

## Nebraska Section

Dear Nebraska PGA Members & Associates:

The Board of Directors recently conducted interviews for the position of District Director for District 8 and we appreciate all of those who expressed an interest. We are fortunate and blessed to have many passionate PGA Professionals in this Section.

It is now my pleasure to announce that Greg Neujahr, PGA Director of Golf at Champions Run has been offered and

accepted the position of District Director for District 8 of the PGA of America. District 8 of the PGA of America encompasses the Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska Sections.

Neujahr will serve a term of three years plus an additional year prior to this actual term. This prior year will serve as an opportunity to “shadow” the incumbent District 8 Director, David Schneider, PGA of Happy Hollow Club. Neujahr’s actual three-year term will begin at the 104<sup>th</sup> PGA Annual Meeting in October of 2020.



As the District 8 Director, Neujahr will serve as a liaison between the District and the

National Board of Directors of the PGA of America. As a member of the PGA of America Board of Directors, Neujahr will play a key role in the strategic direction of our Association.

Please join me in congratulating Greg Neujahr, PGA into this role and supporting his desire and dedication to serving our Association and its 29,000 Members.

Sincerely,

Nathan Kalin, PGA  
President  
Nebraska Section PGA

# Membership Matters

## ExecuSearch Powered by the PGA of America Launches for the Golf Industry



The PGA has launched ExecuSearch powered by the PGA of America, a premium executive placement service for the golf industry. The service will enable clubs and businesses to identify and place top candidates for key executive leadership positions, and utilize the expertise of the PGA of America's Career Services department to align their business for success.

## PGA FRISCO GOLF COURSES BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE AT FUTURE MODERN HOME

FRISCO, TEXAS (October 18, 2019) – PGA Frisco lead architects Gil Hanse and Beau Welling today gave a preview of the championship golf courses that are being designed and built at the PGA of America's future home in Frisco, Texas.

"These courses will be the heartbeat of PGA Frisco," said PGA President Suzy Whaley. "This is where the best players in the world will compete in men's and women's major championships, and also where newcomers will learn this great game from the best coaches – PGA Professionals. Our vision is for PGA Frisco to become much more than our headquarters. It was incredibly important to us that the community benefit from PGA Frisco, including as a wonderful home course for Frisco Independent School District boys and girls' high school teams and as a gathering place where all are welcome, no matter where they are on their personal golf journey."



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# PGA Tournament Series



Dear PGA Professional,

Plan your Fall/Winter tournament schedule NOW! Registration opens on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** for the [2019 PGA Tournament Series](#) presented by GolfAdvisor.

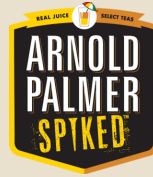
Six competitive events have been scheduled for December at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL, with **\$11,500 sponsor dollars added to each event's purse**. These 2-day events, open to PGA Members and Apprentices, are a great way for players to compete against other PGA Professionals, take home a piece of the **\$37,500 purse** and possibly accumulate national player of the year points in the process.

See the current schedule below and visit [PGA.org](#) for more details.

## Tournament Series Schedule:

Tournament Dates	Host Course	Entry Deadline
Dec. 2-3	PGA Golf Club (Dye)	Nov. 26 (5:00 p.m. ET)
Dec. 5-6	PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker)	Nov. 26 (5:00 p.m. ET)
Dec. 9-10	PGA Golf Club (Ryder)	Dec. 3 (5:00 p.m. ET)
Dec. 12-13	PGA Golf Club (Dye)	Dec. 6 (5:00 p.m. ET)
Dec. 16-17	PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker)	Dec. 10 (5:00 p.m. ET)
Dec. 19-20	PGA Golf Club (Ryder)	Dec. 13 (5:00 p.m. ET)

## VERMEER ENDS 2019 WITH ANOTHER WIN AT NEBRASKA PGA YEAR END PRO-AM



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## NEW WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM & GHIN PLATFORM ANNOUNCEMENT



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### [World Handicap System & New GHIN Platform Coming in 2020](#)

Below you will find two announcements regarding some major changes coming on January 1, 2020 in regards to the new World Handicap System and GHIN Platform.

## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



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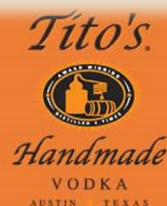


# HOLES of the WEEK

# Sam Jonell

Miracle Hill Golf & Tennis  
Assistant Golf Professional

# CHAMPION



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Players	Hole Par	8	17	9	15	8	10	6	12	12	9	17	4	17	4	13	4	15	9	16	Total To Par	
Sam Jonell		4	4	5	2	3	4	4	3	5			4	4	2	4	5	4	3	3	-6	\$650.00
Kyle Schellpeper		4	6	5		3	4	4	3	4			2	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	-4	\$407.50
Mike Coatman		4	4			4	4	3	3				4	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	-4	\$407.50
Ted DiGiacomo		7	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	5	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	5			-3	\$245.00
Jon Petersen		4	4			4	6	4	2	6	4	3			3	3	5	4			-3	\$245.00
Justin Herron					3	3	4	5	2		5	2	3	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	-2	\$150.00
Nick Wanderscheid					2	3	4			5	4	4	3	4	3	2			4	4	-2	\$150.00
Greg Gilg		4	6					4	3	4					3	2	6	3			-2	\$150.00
Shane Zywiec					3	3	5	5	3	6	4		2	4	3	3	5	4			-1	\$80.00
Tony Baranowski		5	5	4	3			4	3	5			3	3	3	3			5	4	-1	\$80.00
Steve Friesen				5				4	3	6	4	2	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	-1	\$80.00

\* SCORE IS BASED OFF 9 BEST HOLES RELATIVE TO PAR



**PGA**

2020 MERCHANDISE SHOW

ORLANDO, FL

TUES, JANUARY 21

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WED, JANUARY 22 - FRI, JANUARY 24

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# 2020 PGA SHOW EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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**REGISTER TODAY**

**LEARN MORE**

**Register by Monday, November 18 and save up to \$175 with Early Bird pricing.**

## **Earlier Schedule**

Make the most of your time at the Show! This year's education conference hours start and end earlier in the day allowing you to enhance your knowledge & skills in the morning, and explore the Show floor in the afternoon.

# NYC Marathon

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Congratulations to team PGA REACH who ran in the New York Marathon on Sunday, November 4th. Nebraska Section PGA Professionals who participated were Joe Sutter, PGA and Dave Schneider, PGA. We are so proud of you! All money raised goes to PGA REACH.

# Breaking Down Barriers to Golf Participation



by [National Golf Foundation](#)

If you work at a golf course, what are you doing to break down barriers when it comes to participation?

NGF researchers dug into the topic in 2013 and again this year, asking highly-interested non-golfers (either those who have played in the past or those who haven't played) about what's holding them back from starting or returning to the game.

The chief barriers remain the same:

- Concerns about cost and time
- Social obstacles (no one to play with; haven't been invited)
- Concerns about ability and potential embarrassment
- Inertia (just haven't gotten around to it)

Interestingly, these barriers are cited less often today than they were in 2013, and remain surmountable. In fact, one in five interested non-golfers – a pool of almost nine million potential participants — indicate they simply haven't gotten around to it. The number of non-golfers who cite cost and time as a barrier dropped 13 percent, for example.

Here's a look at what some golf operators are doing to help people overcome these obstacles.



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# Golf Under the Lights



## Can it Work and What's the Interest Among Golfers?

David Postlethwait always wanted to build a first-rate, lighted par-3 golf course. by [Adam Schupak](#)

For 20 years, the course designer who got his start on the construction crew working under Pete Dye and helped bring the TPC concept to life as a staff member of the PGA Tour, tried to put together a deal. On the fifth go-round in 1998, Postlethwait succeeded in building Knight's Play Golf Center in Apex, North Carolina, a 27-hole facility near Raleigh that has turned into everything he dreamed it could be.

"I worked it hard," he said. "I'm pretty persistent."

Knight's Play opened with 18 lighted holes in 1998 and did 60,000 rounds in the first year, leading Postlethwait to build another nine. Four years after opening, it surpassed 100,000 rounds. While those numbers have leveled off to approximately 80,000 per year, Golf Digest architecture editor Ron Whitten visited in 2010 and recalled being impressed that when the stars come out at night, so do lots of golfers in the area known as the Research Triangle.

"Nothing tickled me more than pulling into the parking lot and finding it so crowded that I had to park in a far corner," Whitten wrote. "Soon after the lights came on a half hour later, the lot was overflowing. By 8:30, all three nines were packed with golfers: teenagers on dates, middle-age couples, parents and grandparents with kids, senior citizens. On a Tuesday night, no less."



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# MEMBER UPDATES

EMPLOYEE	CLASS	CURRENT FACILITY	PREVIOUS FACILITY	PREV CLASS
None				

## UPCOMING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date
Thomas Erlandson, PGA	11/2
Eddie Carpenter, PGA	11/2
Andrew Storm	11/3
Kent Lyons, PGA	11/3
Gil Russell, PGA	11/5
Jack Kaupa, PGA	11/5
Douglas Bengston, PGA	11/5
Wade Foreman, PGA	11/6
Timothy Sheridan, PGA	11/7
William Schellen, PGA	11/8
Troy Harder, PGA	11/9
Douglas Dunbar, PGA	11/10
Clayton Anderson, PGA	11/10
Joseph Sutter, PGA	11/12
Robert Baber, PGA	11/12
Derrick Ceder, PGA	11/14
Shane Zywiec, PGA	11/15
William Jacobsen, PGA	11/16
Timothy Rowland, PGA	11/17
Michael Brown, PGA	11/19
Brandon Wedding, PGA	11/19
Justin Herron	11/20
Todd Anderson, PGA	11/21
Carly Ulrich, PGA	11/21
Chad Gill, PGA	11/22
Justin Henry, PGA	11/22
Kevin Drew, PGA	11/25
Sonya Freese, PGA	11/26
Bob McCormack, PGA	11/29



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