



# PGA

Nebraska Section

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## New Nebraska Section PGA Officers

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# USGA World Handicap Update



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## World Handicap System Coming in 2020

Attached, you will find four (4) documents to help you better understand the new World Handicap System. The first includes ***Competition Committee Responsibilities*** and the following are the educational pieces. These documents may be distributed to club Tournament Committees.

- (1) [Competition Committee Responsibilities](#)
- (2) [Handicap Committee Responsibilities](#)
- (3) [Handicap Index Calculation](#)
- (4) [Fundamentals of Handicapping](#)

**We advise club staff to review all educational documents in preparation for the 2020 season.**

## WHS Education

The Nebraska Golf Association [website](#) will feature a **Digital Resource Center** that gives access to Member Clubs & Membership on all WHS 2020 materials.

In addition, the NGA will be conducting six (6) WHS 2020 regional seminars available to club staff. Details on times and dates will be communicated at a later date.

[Click here](#) to view 5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System.

[Click here](#) to visit the World Handicap System page on the USGA website.



# Career Consultant Update

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

Dear District 8 PGA Members & Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope your holiday season has been filled with happiness and wonderment...after all, we are all still kids at heart! (At least I am! hahaha)

Just a quick note as we head into the new year.....

1. Thank YOU! Thanks to all for allowing me to continue to serve our District as your Career Consultant. I hope my services have helped those in need and I look forward to continuing to offer our Career Services offerings into 2020!

2. Section Staffs & Leaders – What an amazing job you all do for your Sections and your Members...countless hours, too many phone calls to count, and endless efforts to serve your region! Well done!

3. HELP! The overriding theme continues to be “can you help us find someone to work with us in our operations?” We will continue to all we can as part of our services but here are some points that may help the process...

a. PGA.Org Job Board – EVERY PGA Member can post a job on the Job Board. This process is a very simple one but if you encounter any issues, please feel free to reach out. (NOTE: We (PGA) plan to utilize the Job Board for current positions as well as possible Career Links postings in the future. NOW is a good time to get familiar with the Job Board.)

i. Log into PGA.Org

ii. Click on JOBS

iii. POST a Job

b. TALENT – Simply posting jobs “the old way” will not be productive these days. Think as those who you plan to hire think...Get away from the 60-80-hour work week that pays little.

i. Look at a weekend off per month if possible.

ii. Possible weekend day off each week...

iii. Living Wage... (this will take some work on your part to convince your facility leaders that to attract talent, wages must be improved.

c. RECRUIT – Yes, our Career Services team are doing what we can to help add to the pipeline of workers in the golf business however, these efforts must come from the grass level...your level...

i. Talk to youth about careers in golf...

ii. Look to elderly golf enthusiasts that want to play and work around the game.

iii. Promote the BENEFITS of a career in golf...times are changing, and we must change with them...

iv. Develop your own “Farm System” – Help mentor young adults, through golf, and help them find their own journey.

Happy Holidays to all!

Please feel free to contact me anytime...

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# District 8 Director Update

## David Schneider, PGA District 8 Director



### 103rd PGA Annual Meeting Recap – Nov 5th – 8th – A MUST EXPERIENCE!

The annual meeting of the association was held in sunny, West Palm Beach, Florida on its traditional first week of November. On this nonelection year, there were many great panel discussions, updates on various initiatives growing the game and serving the member, and progress reports on how the association is trying to make “the game look more like the world” and vice versa.

The several day format included so many great presentations and panel discussions with just a few outlined below:

- Panel discussions with:
  - PGA CEO Seth Waugh, PGA Tour Commissioner, Jay Monahan, and LPGA Commissioner Michael Whan
  - President Suzy Whaley, VP Jim Richerson, and Secretary John Lindert
  - Past Presidents of the Association
- Presentation from our Chief People Officer, Sandy Cross, on Inclusion (PGA Works) which is one of the three pillars of PGA Reach
- Presentation from our PGA Communications Director, Michael Sullivan, on “Keys to Getting Your Message Across” when doing public speaking
- Breakout sessions with Section Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries with topics ranging from leadership and communications to finances and member benefits.
- Presentation on the World Handicap System (going into effect on January 1st of 2020) from Steve Edmundson from the USGA. – Are you ready to explain these changes to our amateurs in Nebraska?
- Resolution voting – (Both proposed were overwhelmingly approved by the delegation)
- And so much more.

Then in the evenings we were treated to amazing celebrations with national award winners, Hall of Fame Inductees, and then finally the Distinguished Service award. I will not go into detail with each of these as you can review all on PGA.ORG. The take home message is that each is so inspiring and emotionally impactful that words cannot do them justice.

This served as my 10th Annual Meeting that I have had the pleasure to attend. At their completion, each one of them has rejuvenated me and inspired me to “do more” in the game of golf at my facility or for my fellow PGA members when I returned home.

If you have not attended an annual meeting, I challenge each of you to place it on your bucket list. If you attend and do not feel the experience was worth the trip.....I'll pay for the headphones on your plane ride back home.

Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions I can assist.

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# PGA WORKS SCHOLARSHIP



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# PGA Financial Assistance Fund



## PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program

The PGA Financial Assistance Fund was established in 1986 and provides college scholarships to children and grandchildren of PGA Members based on evidence of academic achievement during high school or college. The PGA of America awarded 185 academic scholarships totaling \$400,000 to students for the 2018-19 school year.

Help put your kids on the fast-track to success with scholarship money from the PGA of America. [\*\*Apply Now.\*\*](#)

### **NEW FOR 2019-2020**

The PGA of America Scholarship Committee and International Scholarship & Tuition Services (ISTS) have worked together to make improvements to the online scholarship application, with new functionality enabling applicants to monitor their progress through the application process. Applicants will be able to upload their supporting documents online, correspondence to the applicants will increase and disbursement of scholarship checks will be processed on a timelier basis.

There will be additional support to help the applicants via email, chat online, phone or use of the online contact form. The applicants can access a self-help portal that will be available 24/7 and students will receive emails throughout the process.

December 10, 2019 - Application Open

April 3, 2020 - Application Deadline

April 3, 2020 - Supporting Documents deadline

May 2020 - Notification of Selection Results

August 2020 - Funds Disbursed

August 2020 - Deadline date for photo submission

October 2020 - The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be on PGA.org and in PGA Magazine



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# PGA Golf Management Program



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## UNL PGA Golf Management Program Today Newsletter

### From the Front Tees - Director Dann Husmann



We have a great program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln but more importantly, it is the people internally and externally that really make this program what it is today. From our 2019 cohort in PGA Golf Management to our alumni and our supports of the program...thank you for investing in us!

Our fall 2019 cohort is a strong and diverse group of students who have really challenged the upper-level students with their performance on the golf course. Out of the top ten prize money winners in this fall's tournaments, five of the students are freshmen. Freshman Andrew Martin played in this fall's Scott Holly Match Play Championship falling to senior Cole Meschede in the finals. Freshman Chris Rasmussen won events at Hillcrest Country Club and the Highlands Golf Course. Freshman Sam Gage won an event at Crooked Creek and Freshman Koby Walker won an event at Wilderness Ridge. And...we had five freshman play in this fall's CONE Cup competition hosted here in Lincoln (Koby Walker, Andrew Martin, Joey Utz, Chris Rasmussen, and Sam Gage). To top off the quality of this fall freshman class, Chris Rasmussen will join a veteran team at this fall's Jones Cup competition in Florida later in November. These gals and guys are good!

Concerning our alumni, take a close look at how UNL PGM graduate Alex Beach is lighting up the golf world with his great performance at the PGA Professionals National Championship and his super performance at the 2019 PGA Cup! All I can say is that Alex is hitting on all cylinders. Way to go, Alex!

For news about other students on campus, you can read the latest update from President Josh Baldus and hear from our two teaching assistants for 2019-20, Beth Hildebrandt and Joey Chandra. Under Josh's leadership the club is active and has done a great job of engaging the freshmen this fall. Beth and Joey have accomplished great things in our PGAM classes and their insight and contributions have really helped us out this fall. Thanks Beth, Joey, and Josh! [Continue Reading](#)

Read the entire newsletter [HERE](#)





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|----------|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| None     |       |                  |                   |            |
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## UPCOMING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| Name                   | Birth Date |
|------------------------|------------|
| Justin Arlt, PGA       | 01/01      |
| Alex Janssen, PGA      | 01/01      |
| Ryan Norman, PGA       | 01/06      |
| Casey Richardson, PGA  | 01/08      |
| Samuel Martin, PGA     | 01/08      |
| Kurt Karcher, PGA      | 01/09      |
| Ryan Vermeer, PGA      | 01/11      |
| Tony Pesavento, PGA    | 01/12      |
| Matt Nice, PGA         | 01/13      |
| Dennis Fruchtl, PGA    | 01/14      |
| Will Peers             | 01/15      |
| Craig Marsh, PGA       | 01/19      |
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| Mitchell Swanson, PGA  | 01/20      |
| Steve Ritz-Woller, PGA | 01/21      |
| Matt Shaner, PGA       | 01/21      |
| Scott Brunzell, PGA    | 01/21      |
| Bill Thomas, PGA       | 01/22      |
| Scott Carlson, PGA     | 01/23      |
| Michael Grof, PGA      | 01/25      |
| Derek Jensen, PGA      | 01/25      |
| Matt Meuret, PGA       | 01/27      |
| Scott Larson, PGA      | 01/29      |
| Terry Heskett, PGA     | 01/30      |
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