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**WISCONSIN PGA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Reports of the Officers, Committees & Staff

Embassy Suites
Brookfield, Wisconsin

Monday, October 31, 2022

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 31, 2022 12:00pm

Call to Order & Approval of March 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes

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Metro – Mark Voeller, PGA

Southwest – Jeremy Cabalka, PGA

Northwest – Dave Kemnitz, PGA

Northeast – Jamie Christianson, PGA

Fairways to Heaven – Dave Reid

2023 USGA Senior Open – Danny Rainbow, PGA

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Old Business – None

New Business – None

Open Forum –

Wisconsin PGA Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2022
Wilderness Resort – Wisconsin Dells

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm.

Mike O'Reilly thanked Mike Warren who completed 10 years as the president of the Wisconsin Golf Sales Association. He then introduced the new president, Jim Gaugert. Mr. Warren and Mr. Gaugert addressed the membership and thanked them for their support.

The following then presented to the WPGA membership:

American Family Insurance Championship – Nate Pokrass, Tournament Director
2022 USGA Mid-Amateur – John Morrissett – Competitions Director at Erin Hills
2023 USGA Senior Open – Danny Rainbow – PGA Director of Golf
Steve Marino, Championship Director
Michael Cataldo, Championship Manager
Fairways to Heaven – Mike O'Toole

Report of Matt Taken PGA – WPGA Secretary

Mr. Taken gave an overview of the secretary's report including new members, quarter century members, newly certified/specialized.

Report of Mark Voeller, PGA – WPGA Vice President

Mr. Voeller provided an update of the WPGA financials for the end of January. He thanked the past boards and past presidents for all their work to have the WPGA in the financial position it is in. He commented on investments and that we are certainly keeping an eye on the future and the apparent decline happening.

Report of Mike O'Reilly, PGA – WPGA President

Mr. O'Reilly introduced the WPGA's two new staff members - Jazz Tulda, Junior Tournament Manager and Amelia DeCeanne, PGA WORKS Fellow. Mike then gave an overview of the Super Regional the officers recently attended. He shared his thoughts on the 3 candidates for PGA Secretary and reviewed the process. Mr. O'Reilly then provided an update of the 100 years of the WPGA and the plans for a 100-hole event to raise funds for charity. He also showed a video created by Scott Walecki highlighting the 100 years. Mike then provided an update on the marketing efforts with Nelson Schmidt and O'Reilly PR. We are currently focusing on employment/work/careers with a smaller focus on indoor winter golf or places to play/practice in the offseason. Mike then provided a brief update on the industry from 2021 and a look into 2022.

District 6 Director – Rob Elliott, PGA

Rob Elliott, the District 6 Director provided an update on some national items. A video was shown on the new homesite at Frisco. Sagacity, the national assistant's championship, PGA members attending the Masters, PGA Hope/Patriot Golf Day were Rob's other topics.

Report of Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Executive Director

Mr. Stadler provided a sponsorship update for the Section and Foundation. He explained the American Family Insurance Championship Charity Challenge which is back in 2022. He also mentioned that we will again be offering some of our members the opportunity to volunteer for the American Family Insurance Championship.

Report of Joe Stadler, PGA – WPGA Junior Foundation

Mr. Stadler introduced the new officers and board members to the foundation. Mike Bielawski, President/Lindsay Koth, VP/Jeff Ellingson, Secretary/Steve Bailey, Marquette coach/Mike Wilson, UW coach. Stadler mentioned the creation of

the new intermediate tour. He mentioned the membership and that we could end up with about 1,330 members at year end. The expectation is to provide \$60,000 in scholarships in 2022. Registration for tournaments begins on March 31 when we will take in 33% of our annual revenue in 12 hours. He mentioned that Nora Roberts and Kaeden Nomm will be honored as the 2021 players of the year.

Report of the Committees:

Tournament Policy Board: Matt Taken thanked all the host facilities. He explained a few changes for 2022 including: some pricing increases due to food cost increases, skins included in some events and almost all will be paid in advance, the large state open field will occur but not on an ongoing basis, the women's open will be 54-holes with a 36-hole cut, Las Vegas Pro-am – how to accommodate everyone's interest is a huge topic, all national entries will go through the section, pro-am registration will be changed to a month by month opening for registrations and a lottery may be introduced for some events,

Education: Danny Rainbow reminded everyone that the MSR cycle ends on June 15. He provided the highlights of the winter virtual seminar series. He mentioned the breakout sessions following the meeting by GolfTec, the table show and PGA Family Cup with Frank Chieppa. The annual teaching seminar will be held at University Ridge during the AmFam Champ on June 7. GolfTEC and Brendan Locke have stepped up to sponsor the event for the next 6 years.

Membership: Mark Voeller mentioned the mission of the PGA of America and touched on the new deferred compensation plan that is rolling out in 2023 and the new license plate design that Andy Landenberger was able to get approved by the DOT.

Employment: Mike O'Reilly introduced our new career consultant, Ryan Holland. Ryan Holland introduced himself and stated his number one priority is compensation. He then mentioned the compensation profile and how important it is to compensation. Wisconsin ranks 8th in member participation. He then mentioned the job seeker profile and encouraged everyone to update their profile. Finally, he reviewed the ExecuSearch process.

Player Development: Scott Walecki mentioned the different areas that player development encompasses. He is going to split the committee in two areas: youth and adult. There will be a focus on best practices. A video was shown on ADM/Jr League and how to incorporate training into golf. The committee is going to focus more on PGA Hope. Scott also touched on DCP and shared the 12 local qualifier list.

Assistants: Shaun Finley mentioned the committee had a positive meeting to discuss ideas. A survey will be sent to associates soon to help prioritize the work of the committee. Shaun mentioned the IronWorks scholarship, the PAT list and he lastly encouraged everyone to get involved.

Special Awards: Mr. Ellingson mentioned the evening reception to honor the winners of the awards and the players of the year. He mentioned that the committee met in person this year before finalizing awards. He introduced the winners and then thanked the committee and sub-committee for their efforts.

Nelthorpe: Mr. Ellingson introduced the 2022 team that will compete at Meadowbrook CC.

Scholarship: Mr. Stadler provided a brief overview of the PGA scholarship program.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Open Forum – Bob Burns thanked the members for their support of his charitable efforts to support veterans.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

Secretary's Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Recently Deceased

John Accola, PGA
 Ron Bosi, PGA
 Herbert Kohler, Honorary PGA Member
 Tom Knorr, PGA
 Wayne Rolfs, PGA

Election to Membership

Andrew Kelley, PGA	Gus Pick, PGA
James Komorowski, PGA	Ryan Wagner, PGA (Reinstated)
Sam Kuchenreuther, PGA	Brian Zinda, PGA (Reinstated)

New Transfers into Section

Adam Anderson, PGA	Davis Jensen, PGA	Kevin Taglione, PGA
Josh Elder, PGA	David Johnson, PGA	Anthony Tinnetti, PGA
Justin Fox, PGA	Evan Kramer, PGA	

Half Century -none

Quarter Century

Michael Crowley, PGA	Bill Graham, PGA
Tom Donarski, PGA	Keith Stoll, PGA

Newly Specialized/Certified PGA Members-none

Member Managerial Job Changes within the WPGA Section since 03/06/2022

Adam Anderson, A-1	Oakwood Park GC	Matt Goodson, A-1	Blue Mound G&CC
Andrew Barrett, A-13	X Golf AmFam Field	Fred Hancock, A-1	Wild Ridge GC
Travis Becker, A-4	TPC Wisconsin	Trevor Lloyd, A-13	Greenwood Hills CC
Ryan Bork, A-1	The Bull	Eric Popovich, B-1	Old Hickory GC
Mitchell Byrd, B-1	Hayward GC	Josue Reyes, A-9	Reyes Retail Services
Todd Campbell, A-13	Minnesuing Acres GC	Marcus Suelflow, A-1	Pioneer Pointe GC
Erik Crowley, A-1	Portage Lake GC	Mike Urben, A-1	SentryWorld
Justin Fox, A-9	Oliphant Golf	Noel Zimmerman, A-1	Strawberry Creek
Andy Gieryn, A-9	Milwaukee County Parks		

Membership Breakdown:

A-1	108	A-11	2	A-21	5	LMC	1
A-2	4	A-12	3	A-23	2	B-1	13
A-3	4	A-13	46	A-24	2	B-4	1
A-4	29	A-14	20	MP	1	B-6	2
A-6	33	A-15	6	RSV	15	B-8	50
A-7	1	A-17	1	LM	85	B-11	1
A-8	48	A-18	1	LMA	3	B-12	1
A-9	15	A-20	9	RM	11		

Total Members: 455

Total Associates: 68

Wisconsin ranks 20th in overall membership out of 41.

9/30/2022 - Section Financial Summary

Project Name	YTD Revenue	YTD Expense	YTD Profit/Loss	Budgeted Revenue	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Profit/Loss	Variance
1 Professional Only Events	\$102,110	\$99,462	\$2,648	\$119,390	\$115,010	\$4,380	(\$1,732)
2 Assistant's Events	\$18,195	\$17,480	\$715	\$18,000	\$17,175	\$825	(\$110)
3 Pro-am Events	\$715,721	\$639,838	\$75,883	\$661,470	\$599,564	\$61,906	\$13,977
4 Major Championships	\$261,681	\$246,579	\$15,102	\$224,680	\$212,860	\$11,820	\$3,282
5 Meetings & Seminars	\$9,792	\$23,960	(\$14,168)	\$7,700	\$23,000	(\$15,300)	\$1,132
6 General & Administration	\$217,621	\$461,750	(\$244,129)	\$389,913	\$450,825	(\$60,912)	(\$183,217)
7 Marketing	\$0	\$64,274	(\$64,274)	\$0	\$64,000	(\$64,000)	(\$274)
8 Total	\$1,325,120	\$1,553,343	(\$228,223)	\$1,421,153	\$1,482,434	(\$61,281)	(\$166,942)

WPGA Balance Sheet
9/30/2022
Wisconsin Section of the PGA of America, Inc.
Section Balance Sheet

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
		2022 Actuals	2021 Actuals
1	Accounts Receivable	\$1,040	\$1,550
2	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$424,413	\$372,003
3	Inventory	\$3,542	\$1,030
4	Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets	\$20,813	\$22,798
5	Short-Term Investments	\$1,318,219	\$1,540,305
6	Intercompany Receivable/Payable, Net	(\$48,761)	\$14,013
7	Total Current Assets	\$1,719,266	\$1,951,699
Long Term Assets			
8	Long term investments	\$28,462	\$28,702
9	Property & Equipment	\$28,968	\$42,836
10	Total Long Term Assets	\$57,430	\$71,538
11	Total Assets	\$1,776,696	\$2,023,237
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
12	Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$103,677	\$40,637
13	Current Portion of Deferred Revenues	\$254,973	\$250,671
14	Total Current Liabilities	\$358,650	\$291,308
Long Term Liabilities			
15	Total Long Term Liabilities	\$0	\$0
16	Total Liabilities	\$358,650	\$291,308
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS			
17	Undesignated	\$1,418,047	\$1,731,929
	Designated		
18	Total Designated	\$0	\$0
19	Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,418,047	\$1,731,929
20	Total Liabilities & Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,776,697	\$2,023,237

Executive Director Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

I haven't missed too many spring or fall meetings in the past 30 years but unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this one. I am wrapping up a 2-year term a chair of the Executive Directors Committee and a six-year run of being on the committee. It has been a great two years being more involved with the governance of the PGA and how the PGA supports sections. It was interesting to be able to attend PGA of America board of directors' meetings and provide insight into how sections operate and the ramifications of decisions. A huge thank you to Jim Richerson for inviting me to chair the committee and to our officers for allowing me the time to do so.

A big thank you to all our sponsors and supporters. Between section and national sponsors, the support of the section has almost doubled in the past 10 years. Anything you can do to thank them goes a long way to renewing agreements each year. A special thank you to our largest supporters: PGA Tour, Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley, American Family Insurance Championship and the Balance & Believe Foundation.

The section and foundation had another great year. The events and seminars were well attended for the most part. The TPB continues to look at options to improve events and add new ones as needed. The various committees are making efforts to improve the role of the WPGA and to add value to our membership. The marketing and public relations campaigns continue to showcase the PGA member and their value to the public, their members, and their employers. We are trying to create awareness of the business of golf and the career paths available to help make your life easier in finding employees. There is no magic bullet for this one, unfortunately. The foundation is continuing to grow. We offered over 150 events this year. We provided \$60,000 in scholarships, as we are approaching a half million dollars since the program was started in 2000 with one \$1,000 scholarship. Thank you to all our host facilities and professionals for everything they do to make all this possible.

An area of consternation for some of us was the lottery system put in place for this years' Las Vegas Pro-am. If you have not heard, a major reason the lottery was put in place was to try to determine just how much demand was available for the event. We had no way of knowing in the past. This year we had 76 teams sign up for the lottery. So far, 7 of those teams selected did not have teams ready to register so our true demand is somewhere between 60-68 teams. The TPB will be looking at options to create more space to add teams in 2024 so we can accommodate everyone interested in playing in Las Vegas. Everyone may not be in the same event at the same time, but we will do our best to make sure we expand availability.

A thank you to the staff at the Wisconsin PGA. I hear from so many of my colleagues that they struggle to attract and maintain talent and we are blessed not to be in that situation. Andy Landenberger started with us in 2003 and will be completing 20 years next spring. Chris Hoel then joined us in May of 2005 and is in his 18th year. Believe it or not, Erika Pirkl is already finishing up her 7th season. Jazz Tulda is completing his first year with the section and Amelia DeCeanne is completing her one-year Fellowship. Without their dedication, knowledge, experience, and passion the WPGA and the WPGA Junior Foundation would not be where it is today as a leading section in the country.

Last, thank you to all of you, the PGA members. Without you, there is no Wisconsin PGA and golf in Wisconsin would not be the same. Keep up the great work and do what you can to find time this winter to reenergize and be ready for 2023. See you next spring.

NEWS

The golf pro at Wauwatosa's Blue Mound Golf & Country Club raised over \$8K for charity by playing 100 holes in a day

Beck Andrew Salgado Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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You might have had long days on the golf course, but probably not quite like the one that Matt Goodson endured when he played 100 holes at Wauwatosa's Blue Mound Golf & Country Club, where he is the head golf pro.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | Matt Goodson

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/west/news/2022/06/14/wauwatosa-golf-pro-plays-100-holes-raised-8-k-charity-one-day/7583459001/>



WFRV TV Green Bay | Mark Becker

<https://www.wearegreenbay.com/news/local-news/professional-golfer-plays-100-holes-in-one-day/>

'More than just playing golf': Blue Mound head golf pro plays 100 holes in 1 day

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Wisconsin PGA Section celebrating 100th anniversary

In 1922, **Walter Hagen** became the first American-born winner of the British Open. Pioneering African-American golfer **Charles Sifford** was born that year, and **Bobby Jones** was one year away from embarking on one of the greatest major championship runs in golf history.

And in Wisconsin, a group of professional golfers established the [Wisconsin Section of the PGA of America](#). The WPGA is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, as are the Michigan and Pacific Northwest sections. Only four others have reached this milestone: the Metropolitan and New England sections, established in 1916, and the Philadelphia and Illinois sections, established in 1921.

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<https://www.fox6now.com/sports/wisconsin-pga-reach-golf-matt-goodson-100-holes-blue-mound-country-club>

100 holes for 100 years of Wisconsin PGA to raise money for charity



One hundred holes for 100 years of the Wisconsin section of the Professional Golf Association of America. But for Erika Pirkl, playing Naga-Waukee golf course is much more than that.



By: Lance Allan



Project: Drive Safer - TMJ4's year-long commitment to reducing reckless driving

WTMJ | Erika Pirkl

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/100-holes-for-100-years-of-wisconsin-pga-to-raise-money-for-charity>

Local golf pro set to play 100 holes for 100 years in one day

Funds raised will be donated to Seasons of Life Hospice

What: The goal is set! Dave Kemnitz, Head Golf Professional of Minocqua Country Club, is determined to not only

play 100 holes of golf in one day but to raise money for charity. Funds raised from supporters, members, family, friends and the community will be donated to both local charity Seasons of Life and PGA REACH Wisconsin as part of the WPGA's 100 Holes for 100 Years Charity Campaign

(#WPGA100HolesFor100Years). The campaign, which runs for a 100-day timespan from May 2 to Aug. 9, challenges Wisconsin's PGA professionals to play 100 holes for charity to benefit a local non-profit of choice and for PGA REACH Wisconsin, the charitable foundation of the Wis-

consin PGA that impacts youth, military and diverse populations. The fundraiser format is customizable with limitless fundraising potential. Kemnitz has chosen to play all 100 holes in one day at Minocqua Country Club. Kemnitz has selected Seasons of Life Hospice as the beneficiary to help thank and

support the hospice workers for their unbelievable care that his family and so many other families have received. He has set a goal of \$3,000 which he has already surpassed. The public is invited to donate to the 100 Holes For 100 Years campaign and/or to Kemnitz's campaign online.

Visit <https://givebut-ter.com/wpga100years> and <https://givebut-ter.com/wpga100years/davekemnitz>. Additionally, today, Minocqua Country Club is providing complimentary tee times to fellow WPGA professionals supporting the #WPGA100HolesFor100Years campaign.

Lakeland Times | David Kemnitz

LOCAL NEWS

Wisconsin PGA celebrates 100 holes for 100 years

Posted: July 18, 2022 11:17 AM

by Kyle Jones



NEW GLARUS, Wis. — Two local golfers are celebrating the Wisconsin PGA's 100th anniversary in a big way Monday.

Channel 3000 Madison | Jeff Ellingson and Brad Munn

<https://www.channel3000.com/wisconsin-pga-celebrates-100-holes-for-100-years/>

SPORTS

Kohler golf pros play 100 holes in one day for charity

By Chad Held

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The **SHORT** Game

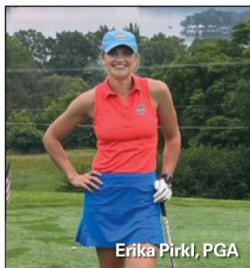
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Dave Kemnitz, PGA



Hanc Spivey, PGA



Erika Pirkl, PGA



Kohler Group

Wisconsin PGA Members celebrate Section's centennial with **100 Holes for 100 Years** fundraising campaign

A big milestone calls for a big celebration. That's exactly what is transpiring this summer throughout the Wisconsin PGA Section, where PGA Members from across the state are taking part in the **100 Holes for 100 Years** campaign. The fundraiser is anchored by Wisconsin PGA Professionals playing 100 holes in whatever way they choose in the event's 100-day timeframe (May 2–Aug. 9), raising donations for a charity of their choice and PGA REACH Wisconsin, the Section's foundation.

As of mid-July, nearly \$40,000 dollars had been

raised through the 100 Holes for 100 Years campaign, with solo PGA Professionals and teams from Kohler Co. and GOLTEC all contributing.

"The opportunity to do something like this together, playing the game we love while supporting a good cause, is a great experience for all of us," says Mike O'Reilly, the PGA Director of Golf & Retail for Destination Kohler in Kohler, Wisconsin, who joined other Kohler golf staff in a 100-hole marathon across Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run. "We will have so many Section Professionals involved, spread across the entire

state, supporting different charities. The impact will be widespread both inside and outside the golf community."

So far, different highlights have been pouring in. Erika Pirkl, the Section's PGA Director of Player Development, completed a nine-hour and 18-minute 100-hole round at Naga-Waukee War Memorial Golf Course in Delafield on July 5, supporting PGA REACH Wisconsin and the Rogers Behavioral Health Foundation. She even capped off her round with a birdie.

"We wanted to get creative," says Pirkl. "It's the centennial of the Wisconsin PGA. I've been fortunate enough to call this place home for so long, but it's more than that, right? It's more than teeing it up for 100 holes."

Hanc Spivey, the first Black Wisconsin PGA Professional, was not only celebrating 100 years of his Section, but a special PGA membership milestone, too.

"It marks my 30th years as a PGA Member, so it was an easy decision for me," says Spivey, a PGA Life Member who was the longtime PGA Head Professional at Dretzka Park in Milwaukee. "I played 100 holes over six days and my best friend, Mark Hansen, played 18 with me – we laughed about seniors playing 100 holes in a day."

Up in Wisconsin's Northwoods, Dave Kemnitz was having an equally enjoyable time – especially after aching the 13th hole of Minocqua Country Club, where he serves as PGA Head Professional, in his fourth round on the way to 100 holes.

"My favorite part was having my wife and 8-year-old son Noah join me for the last six holes," says Kemnitz, who with the help of the Minocqua Country Club membership raised close to \$13,000 for PGA REACH Wisconsin and the local hospice in Minocqua. "Noah caddied and guided me to the finish line, which was awesome. Hopefully, this campaign will continue the growth of the game through PGA REACH and create those wonderful experiences for somebody else, just like I've been lucky to have." ■

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District 6 Director Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Good morning, everyone, I apologize for not being here today as I am travelling to the Annual meeting in Phoenix. I hope that you all had a great year and that the next few months will offer you a slight reprieve and you can have the time for family and personal opportunities. If you are coming to Phoenix, please make sure to say hello!!

This past year has been a whirlwind for me as your District Director. It has been a very rewarding year as the PGA has accomplished many great things. The Opening of “The New Home of the PGA” in Frisco, Texas will be a game changer for all of us in many ways. The official Grand Opening was held in August to rave reviews by those in attendance and many guests from the Frisco area. I have a picture that was taken a few days after from the driving range back, I hope that you all get the chance to visit sometime soon as it is a very special place. It will be interesting to see this view in May 2023 as all of the other facilities will be built and ready for all to enjoy.



We have many of the staff in place and more on the way. The golf courses are completed and will officially open next May for the 2023 KitchenAid Sr. PGA Championship.

An opportunity for you all to make more money is to get signed up for PGA Coach. I am currently on the National Committee for Adult Player development, and we are working through PGA Coach for you to set up events to play with your members, friends and students. This is “Play 9 with a PGA Pro” we feel that it is an opportunity for you to get out of your shops or off the lesson tee and actually “play” golf. We feel that this is a great chance for you to enjoy one of the main reasons you became a PGA Member!!

I am also on the PGA HOPE National Committee, and we are hoping that you all take the time to offer and host a PGA HOPE class. The past two years have been the best for me as these men that I have worked with are amazing. You will have the chance to meet John Harvey. Harv has been in my class the past two years and this year became the 1st PGA HOPE Ambassador in Wisconsin. He is a great person and will be an absolute pleasure to work with as our ambassador!



I have had a few questions regarding LIV and what will happen with Ryder Cup and PGA championship. This is what I can tell you at his time.

With regard to LIV – “We strongly believe the current ecosystem that includes the existing PGA Tour and DP World Tour best supports our mission and our members, who work so hard to grow the game every day.”

As for the Ryder Cup – “As stated previously, The PGA of America remains committed to the requirement that to be eligible to compete on a U.S. Ryder Cup team, a player must be a Member of the PGA Tour in good standing. Beyond that foundational principle, it would be inappropriate and premature for us to speculate on what may or may not happen in the future.”

2023 PGA Championship – “There will no doubt be a lot that unfolds before May of next year. It would be inappropriate and premature for the PGA of America to speculate at this time.”

Member Benefits Programs – We are looking to Vet and enhance health benefits/offerings. We are continuing to explore deferred compensation (Current fiscal challenges may hinder implementation in the near term). We continue to seek out new opportunities.

Finally, we will be electing a new Secretary of the PGA on Thursday. Nathan Charnes, PGA is the General Manager at WingHaven Country Club in O’Fallon, MO. He will be elected and sworn in. Nathan will be a great addition to the Executive Committee as he joins Don Rea – Vice President and John Lindert – President. Jim Richerson will now become the Past President. Jim has done a lot of great things in his time. He handled it all tremendously and will now be able to enjoy time with Kristi and Mary Claire!! Thank you, Jim, for all you have done!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. relliott@pga.com or 262-370-3304.

Have a great winter. See you at the Spring Meeting,

Rob

WPGA Junior Foundation Report – 2022 Fall Meeting



Junior Tours

The Junior Foundation had tremendous growth in 2022 with entries and memberships. The junior memberships were back up 4% from last year and ended up with 1,338. We had our biggest increase with tournament entries, which were up 12% from last year totaling 8,731. Entries were up 938 from last year. We added several more events this year and included an Intermediate Tour in 2022. The Future Tour had a decrease this summer for the first time in years. The 9-hole events for juniors to get tournament experience averaged 34 players per event versus 48 players in 2021. This tour is our feeder program for Junior Tour. The X Golf County Parks Series based around MKE county parks courses had the biggest increase in 2022. These events averaged 92 players compared to 75 in 2021. Our Junior Championship had 341 players, up from 323 in 2021. The event has been held at Brown Deer Park and Dretzka Park the past ten years. The Junior Championship winners were Jessica Guiser of Hartland and Sebastian Kasun of Elm Grove.

Players of The Year

Norah Roberts of Racine is our Girls Player of the Year. She compiled 2,205 points. Norah is a junior from Racine. She won our Junior Girls Match Play and Sherri Steinhauer events. William Harned from Nashotah captured the Boys Player of the Year in a close race with Rasmus Madsen and Mason Schmidtke. Will won the WSGA Boys State Junior event and then went onto finish 2nd at the Mike Schnarr Boys Championship to hold onto the title.

Cup Matches

The 25th Annual Wisconsin/Minnesota Cup Matches were hosted by La Crosse CC. The event was held on June 29-30. This event pairs a team of 12 boys and 12 girls from Wisconsin against Minnesota in a Ryder Cup team-type event. Team MN led 7 to 5 after day one of four ball matches. Team Minnesota held onto win 14 points in singles matches to keep the cup for the seventh consecutive year. The final point total was 21 to 15. The overall series is now tied at 12-12-1.

Junior Foundation Scholarship

The foundation awarded 31 scholarships totaling \$50,000. College scholarships included Alyssa Schmidt \$1,250, Logan Pechinski \$1,250, Lily Sheppard \$1,250, Megan Bonikowske \$750. Our High School Scholarships were Will Summers \$1,500, Taryn Endres \$1,500, Max Reis \$1,250, Michael Antonelli \$1,250, Sam Hurley \$1,250, Noah Gage \$1,250, Jenna Anderson \$1,250, Claire Kelbel \$750, Jakson Jazgar \$750, Griffin Oberneder \$750, Ben Hilbelink \$750, Ethan Thomas \$750, Jacob Frederickson \$750.

The Tony Coleman Memorial Scholarship for \$1,750 was awarded to Joey Drana of Muskego and Nora Purtell of Brookfield. Sarah Balding of Brookfield, Adam Baumann of Marinette, Addison Raimer of West Bend and Reagan Stuke of Delafield all received the Terri Noel Scholarship at \$2,500 each.

Brendan Lemery of Grand Chute was awarded the Kevin Dunn Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500. Kaeden Nomm of Minocqua was awarded the Marty Swab Kid to Kid Scholarship for \$1,750. Noah Kirsch of Lancaster was awarded the Wisconsin Golf Salesperson's Scholarship for \$1,750. Carly Lois of Burlington was awarded a new scholarship in 2022, the Warren Family Scholarship for \$1,750.

Balance & Believe Scholarships were given to Eva Kumer of Brookfield and Nolan Thompson of Menomonee Falls. Each of them received a \$2,500 scholarship.

The WPGA Junior Foundation has teamed up with the American Family Insurance Championship to continue offer two scholarships. One boy and one girl each received a \$3,250 scholarship. This is our highest scholarship amount given out. Girls Winner – Emily Hopp of Oregon. Boys Winner – Hunter Neumann of Warrens.

We want to thank our major sponsors again for their support in 2022. New sponsors in 2022 included the Russ Darrow Automotive Group as our Fundraiser Pro-am title partner and Bridgestone Golf as the Future Tour title sponsor. Returning sponsors were Balance & Believe Foundation and Middleton Ford as our Presenting Sponsor of the Junior Tour. X Golf Brookfield/Mequon was title sponsor of the MKE County Parks Tour. American Family Insurance Championship as our title sponsor of the Players Tour. Shattuck St. Mary's School has continued to support the Foundation by advertising on website and tournament banners.



Employment Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

On a national perspective from the Career Services team, there was a lot of movement in ‘opposite season’ markets, with Florida, South Texas and Arizona seeing a tremendous number of job openings and PGA ExecuSearch postings. There are a number of reasons for these positions becoming available, and we do expect a busy off-season in the same regard here in Wisconsin and the upper Midwest. The PGA.org job board is already heating up, with 12 positions currently posted (there were just 4 as of one month ago. We have 2 PGA ExecuSearch Advanced Searches currently in progress with the Head Professional positions at Eau Claire Golf & Country Club and the Wisconsin Club.

Interactions with our Career Consultant and the Career Services team have increased tremendously year over year. In the past 90 days, there have been 278 total interactions with Wisconsin PGA Members and Associate professionals (a 291% increase from the same period in 2021), occurring with 209 unique Members and Associates (a 386% increase from last year).

Completion of the compensation profile continues to be a point of emphasis for all of the Career Consultants across the country. The Wisconsin Section currently ranks 4th amongst the 41 Sections in completion rate, with 67.4% of active members taking part. This shows the Section is leading the way, but there are still 137 who have not taken part. This data is crucial to the Section Comp report and ability to create custom compensation reports. While the comp tool is no longer available on PGA.org, you can reach out to Ryan at any time for a custom report for your position or your facility. Across the country, the Career Services team has helped PGA Members negotiate compensation increases of over \$1.2 Million Dollars year-to-date using this data and the resulting reports, with several examples here in the Wisconsin Section. These increases are current position re-negotiations, not new hires. Please continue to spread the word on the importance of providing this data to your peers, and reach out to our Career Consultant Ryan Holland, PGA today to discuss further and request your custom report.

Brian Bishop, PGA – Maple Bluff CC – Employment Chair

Ryan Holland, PGA – Wisconsin Section – PGA Career Consultant - rholland@pgahq.com - 847.204.2016

Tournament Policy Board Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

A Big Thank You: We all owe great appreciation to the host staffs and facilities, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers. Between the Section and Junior Golf events, we utilize over 110 facilities. Their support and generosity are not lost on the Policy Board and staff. Please take a moment to thank our sponsors and host staffs.

2022 Champions

- The Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley State Open: Daniel Mazziotta
- Senior Open: Jim Schuman
- Sentry Women's Open: Emily Lauterbach
- Section Championship: Jamie Christianson
 - National Qualifiers: Jamie Christianson, Erik Stenseth, Jeff Kaiser, Michael Crowley
- Match Play: Mick Smith
- Senior Section Championship: Doug Cheever
 - National Qualifiers: Michael Crowley, Charlie Brown, Mark Voeller
- Senior Match Play: Jim Schuman
- Assistants Championship: David Bach
 - National Qualifiers: David Bach, Austin Barr
- Assistant Match Play: Josh Grisa
- Four-Ball Match Play: David Bach and Josh Grisa

Another HUGE Thank You to Vince Suter and The Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley, not just for the State Open, but also, for all of the other events that are supported by his generous sponsorship.

Pro-Am Events: Pro-Am events continued strong participation. We offered multiple Pro-Ams on the same day this year to help offset some of the demand. We will talk about this at our TPB meeting later in the fall to determine if that was successful. We also did a lottery system for two events, so members did not miss the chance to participate because the event filled in 2 minutes. We expect that the Pro-Am interest will continue to remain strong.

Vegas Lottery: WOW!!!! 74 individuals entered the lottery. The main goal of the lottery was to help determine what the real demand for the event was/is. This clearly helps us understand that there is major demand for the Vegas Pro-Am. We can, and will, debate the best way to determine the process of how the lottery works moving forward but we also have the opportunity to grow with the demand. The TPB will discuss this at our upcoming winter meeting and will work to determine the best route forward.

Price Increases: We did increase prices this year in our Pro-Am events as well as our Pro-Pro events. This seemed to be a non-issue and we will continue to monitor pricing of events moving forward.

Winter Board Meeting: If anyone has any ideas or items, they would like us to discuss, please let us know. Our Winter meeting will be coming up soon. Based on some input from you all, we expect a full agenda. I look forward to passing on some changes for the 2023 season.

Host Sites: We are always looking for host sites for our events so if you have any interest, please let Joe Stadler or Chris Hoel know that you would be interested in hosting a section event.

Potential Sponsors: We are always looking for sponsors for our events and overall tournament schedule. If you have anyone who may be interested, even if they are not a "golf" company, please reach out to Chris Hoel or Joe Stadler as they have multiple sponsorship offerings that can be beneficial to companies.

Respectively Submitted: Matt Taken, TPB Chair. matt@tuckawaycountryclub.com 414.425.6570

Education Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Upcoming Education Opportunities

RGX – Revolutionizing Golf Instruction. Join us for a one-hour webinar where RGX Coach and Mentor, Jared Butts, walks golf professionals through maximizing your coaching and instruction business. Using methods that are performance-oriented and designed to optimize workload, he promises reductions in your player’s handicap by 40% all while working with 50% more efficiency.

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Thank you to Jeremy Lupinek of PING for their willingness to sponsor the Winter Education events. You’ll find the information on the **Teaching and Coaching Specialization (December 6-7 at Western Lakes)** in the Player Development Committee Report.

2023 Virtual Seminar Series. Watch for a schedule of seminars to be published in early 2023. The series will run during the months of February-March of 2023.

Submitted by: Danny Rainbow, PGA
WPGA Education Chairperson - Director of Golf at SentryWorld



PGA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT

EFFECTIVE FOR CYCLE 17 - June 16, 2022 – June 15, 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT POLICY, (PDR), as defined by the PGA Board of Directors:

- 1 A Section may require that all Section and Chapter activities be approved in advance.
- 2 Based on previously approved activities, established guidelines and Section recommendations, the National Office will approve the credits to be awarded for a certain activity. The Board of Control will determine the number of credits in all disputes and the Board of Directors reserves the right to make modifications to the requirements.
- 3 A participant may receive compensation for an activity.
- 4 Fifty-four (54) Total credits are required for a three-year cycle; of which at least 30 must come from Education and/or Specified Player Engagement Programs and six (6) must come from Meetings and/or National Survey Submission.
- 5 Members who have attained a combination of years of membership and age which adds up to 90 or more before the start of the Professional Development Requirement Program Cycle (June 16, 2022), shall be required to earn 12 PDR credits only from any PDR category.
- 6 Members in the Unaffiliated Section will be required to earn two thirds (2/3) of the requirement.
- 7 Members in the Reserve Classification will be required to earn one half (1/2) of the requirement.

30 Required Credits - PGA Approved Education, Professional Standards Education/Training and Specified PGA Player Engagement Programs:

- Attending career specific education, including serving as a speaker/instructor. Attending education on topics such as youth safety, diversity, equity and inclusion, mental health wellbeing. 1 credit per each hour of attendance.
- It is recommended that education be completed within one's current, or desired career path (Executive Management, Golf Operations, or Teaching and Coaching)
- Any online education must have an assessment which is successfully completed.

- Specified Player Engagement Programs – Credited Per Below
- PGA HOPE Clinics (1 credit for hour or each hour of participation, up to six credits per PDR cycle year)
- PGA Junior League (6 credits per team/season, maximum of two PGA Members earning credit per team/season, up to twelve credits per PDR cycle year)
- PGA Family Cup - (6 credits per team/season, maximum of two PGA Members earning credit per team/season, up to twelve credits per PDR cycle year)
- PGA Junior Camps – (2 credits per camp week, up to six credits per PDR cycle year)
- Drive Chip & Putt - Host PGA Professional - 4 PGA Required PDR credits. Other PGA Professionals participating/volunteering - 2 PGA Required PDR credits for five to eight hours participation, 1 PGA Required credit for four hours participation, up to eight credits per PDR cycle year.



PGA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT

EFFECTIVE FOR CYCLE 17 - June 16, 2022 – June 15, 2025

6 Required Credits - PGA Meeting Attendance and National Survey Completion:

- Attending National, Section or Chapter Meetings, including Board and Committee Meetings – 1 credit per each hour of attendance. (If a meeting is offered both in-person and virtual, in-person attendees will receive full credit, while virtual attendees will receive half (1/2) credit.
- Completing National Surveys (such as: Compensation Survey, Annual Operations Survey, Member Offering Survey, Career Planning Survey, Revenue Scorecard) – max 2 credits per National survey, per cycle year

54 Total Credits - Credits Toward the Total Requirement:

- Serving the Section, Chapter, National PGA or Allied Association. Participating in advancement of the game activities such as radio shows, TV shows, speeches, golf promotional non-playing events, golf clinics and other volunteer activities, such as non-playing tournament official. Section Surveys. (1 credit per hour of participation with a maximum of 8 credits per day)
- Serving as a golf coach or assistant golf coach of a high school/college golf team in a capacity not considered the Member's primary employment. (Maximum of 6 credits per PDR cycle year)
- Participation in Section sanctioned golf tournaments or tournaments conducted by the PGA of America National Office. (2 credits per Section event. 4 credits per National event)
- Attending a National, Section or Allied Association Merchandise Show. (Maximum of 8 credits per PDR cycle year. 2 credits per show)
- PGA approved news, media, and magazine articles or published book. (Maximum of 4 credits per PDR cycle year. 1 credit per article)
- PGA National Club Championship - 1 credit per year for submitting the Club Champion.
- High School Seminars - 2 credits for participating
- NCCGA Event Host - 2 credits for hosting
- NCCGA Coach - 6 credits for coaching per season
- City Tour - 2 credits for hosting

The PDR Cycle is from June 16, 2022 through June 15, 2025. Where credits are restricted per cycle year, the PDR Cycle Year is defined as June 16th of one year to June 15th of the next year.

- 1) **Total Credits (54)** - A total of 54 credits must be earned, with at least 30 credits from Required Education Credits/Specified Player Engagement Programs and at least 6 credits from the Required Meeting/National Surveys Credits, while the other means of obtaining credits toward the total requirement remain per the prior program.
- 2) **30 Required Credits** - PGA Approved Education, Professional Standards Education/Training and/or Specified PGA Player Engagement Programs
- 3) **6 Required Credits** - PGA Meeting Attendance and/or National Survey Completion
 - All credits earned in the Required Category are also credited toward the Total Category.

Membership Committee Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Mission: To ensure that all WPGA members and associates have the opportunity to benefit, both personally and professionally, from their PGA membership. The committee will work to create, enhance and communicate all appropriate PGA of America and Wisconsin PGA benefits.

Seth Waugh, CEO of the PGA of America at PGA of America Annual Meeting November 2021

“The last subject I want to talk about, and most importantly, is something we’ve discussed a lot this week. We’ve gone from a demand problem in terms of players to a supply problem. The lack of supply is hours in the day, lack of balance in our members’ lives and a lack of pipeline of talent to replace our aging population...virtually everyone has been asked to raise the bar, to do more with the same, to work insane hours. It’s absolutely unsustainable, and there’s a crisis brewing for facilities that don’t get in front of it. They simply won’t be able to deliver the same level of service in the short-term, much less attract the next generation of talent. We have to shout this message from the rooftops, change the dynamic and restore work-life balance.”

Based on the opening statements from the article below from Golf Digest this summer, titled “The Club Pro Crisis,” it appears that the crisis is not brewing, it is here.

Thanks to his connections, Casey Kermes had forged what looked like the start of a brilliant career. After hurting his back playing college lacrosse, he joined the Professional Golf Management (PGM) program, landed his first internship in Ireland and spent the first four years of his post-college career bouncing between some of the most prominent courses in America as a seasonal assistant pro. Frequent travel was an expectation for ambitious assistants, but money was a problem—he wasn’t even making enough to rent a shared apartment and would often stay in the spare bedroom of the head pro. As his breaking point, he landed a job as a full-time assistant in North Carolina, with the promise he’d spend most of his time teaching. Instead, when he left the clubhouse at all, he found himself babysitting large groups of kids who didn’t want to be there any more than he did.

At 26, he took stock of his career. He felt like “a glorified McDonald’s checkout person,” his golf game was dismal—he had played just five full rounds in two years—and he was working anywhere from 60 to 90 hours per week depending on the season. The concept of having a normal romantic relationship, much less a wife and kids, was a joke. And dealing with members could be a nightmare; he vividly remembers the day when he told a board member that her foursome couldn’t start on the second hole, and she chewed him out and did it anyway. There was another board member in the group she skipped, and he marched into the golf shop to yell at Casey for letting it happen. Both members, incidentally, were millionaires. Casey was making \$30,000.

He knew the pay would go up when he became a head pro, but from what he could see, nothing would change. He couldn’t stop thinking of a head pro in the south, his one-time boss, who would get free NFL tickets from a member but would feel too guilty and too afraid to take his son to the game and miss a Sunday at work.

“I was at the tipping point where you go from a seasonal assistant to full-time assistant to head pro,” Kermes said. “And I was looking at those jobs and thought, ‘I don’t actually want to do that. It still sucks. When does this not suck?’ And I could never figure out when that was.”

He quit before his 27th birthday. His only regret now is that he waited so long.

Dan Pasternick, candidate for PGA of America Secretary, 2022

WHY I AM RUNNING: Two years ago, I was sitting in the back of the room at the New Jersey PGA Annual Meeting. My good friend, David Reasoner, a PGA Professional whom I respect and admire, was presiding. David was finishing his second year as the NJPGA President, and on the way out, as only David can, he dropped a bomb. He asked the crowd of PGA Members in the room, "By show of hands, how many of you want your son or daughter to become a PGA Member?" Not one hand went up. David knew the result his provocative question would elicit, but he asked it to make a point.

I became a member of the PGA of America for one simple reason, it gave me the most opportunity to play tournament golf for money. When my collegiate golf career was coming to a close, I would play in many Chippewa Valley Golf Association tournaments. Players could transfer winnings from other courses to Eau Claire Country Club. At the end of the year, they had a Tournament of Champions at the Country Club. After putting a few dozen balls and a shirt on the counter, I looked around and was thinking what else do I need? So, I gathered up about 20 pairs of socks and declared: "I am done playing for socks." The next spring, I checked the professional box on my US Open entry blank, yes, back then it was on paper, lol.

At that point, I did not know if I would get into the golf business or become a member of the PGA of America, but I knew I wanted to play tournament golf for cash. I do truly believe the WPGA, and the PGA of America has given me much more than the mere opportunity to continue playing tournament golf, but it is still the biggest reason I renew my membership each year.

So, what is your why? Is it playing in tournaments like me? Is it the feeling of fraternity and family as Past President Jeff Ellingson has stated many times in this meeting and in the boardroom? Or is it something else?

All of you are immensely talented, you could have made a bunch of money and been successful in any career you chose, so why golf?

Maybe it is time we start not asking what the PGA of America and the WPGA can do for us, but rather what we can do for the PGA of America, the WPGA and most importantly, the game of golf.



LET'S FILL THE ROADS WITH THESE!!!

Respectively submitted by Mark Voeller, PGA

Player Development Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Mission Statement: It is the goal of the Player Development Committee to aid the member of the Wisconsin PGA Section in their Player Development efforts while serving as consultants and providing guidance regarding growth of the game programs. In addition, the committee will serve as advocates of the PGA Jr. League, Drive, Chip and Putt, and other player development programming within their designated region.

PGA Jr. League Update:

- 1294 players registered – 96 WPGA affiliates coached 102 programs. Most players registered in a season to date. Sounds great on paper – but we rank 25th out of 41 sections for registered players.
- Biggest area of concern is the decrease in private clubs engaging with the program and Wisconsin ranking 38th out of 41 Sections for coaching fee (fees paid to the PGA Professional beyond the Gamechanger fee of \$99).
 - Wisconsin averaged \$172, while the highest ranked Sections surpassed \$310. Average is \$233.
- The South Central All Star team coached by Travis Becker, PGA won our Section Championship and competed in the Midwest Regional where they finished in 3rd place. The Lake Windsor 17u team competed in the same Regional and came out with a victory – captained by PGA Associate Jordan Ray. At the Midwest Regional, Jeremy Cabalka, PGA coached his team to victory for the second consecutive year. Congratulations and thank you to Hidden Glen at Bentdale Farms, Lake Arrowhead and Blackhawk CC for hosting our All Star season.

Drive Chip and Putt Update:

- We continued our hybrid model for our 12 local qualifiers. 5 of the qualifiers were executed by the Section staff, while 7 were administered by our WPGA members at their facilities with the help of Section staff.
- 1355 juniors registered in 2022 for a local qualifier – averaging 112 per event.
- 2023 will be similar, with 12 local qualifiers and 2 sub-regionals. We are on track to meet our goal of a 3:12 ratio for local qualifiers whereas the Section staff is on site for the three locals in the largest markets.
- The 2023-24 schedule is complete with registration officially opening in January on www.drivechipandputt.com
- Wisconsin produced two 2023 National Finalists – Adalyn Lupton of Waunakee and Alex Kim of Elm Grove.
- Thank you to our WPGA professionals who plan to host a qualifier or sub-regional once again!

Pathways:

- Junior Golf Roadmap created – thanks to Jr. Foundation Board and Alan Knight of Creative Roots (IN)
- Section / Adult work in progress

PGA HOPE:

- PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week recap
- Training – coming in Q1. Goal is to have 10% of the membership trained by year-end 2023. Full business plan for PGA HOPE coming after December planning session.

Player Development Education:

- Teaching & Coaching Specialization Workshop presented by PING – save the date for December 6-7 at Western Lakes GC in Pewaukee. Registration is open - \$50 covers two days of training and lunches. After the workshop you'll cover 40 courses with the option to finish the program by submitting your capstone.

Submitted by Scott Walecki, PGA and Erika Pirkel, PGA

Assistants Committee Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

Survey Results – Thank you to those that filled out our spring assistant’s survey. The information that was collected will be valuable for us as we look to provide opportunities in the near future. The Assistants Committee will be meeting in the near future to lay out a plan to best serve you in the future! Stay tuned for some great opportunities.

Committee: If you are interested in becoming a member of the Assistants Committee, please contact me or any committee member.

2022 PAT Stats: 83 individuals attempted PAT’s this year. 13 individuals passed. Next year’s PAT registration period will open in January via pga.org. If you or someone you know is attempting the PAT and would like help with their game, please contact Shaun for instruction options!

Job Postings: *Assistants/Associates:* If you are looking for a new position in 2023, please check the Job Board at PGA.org on a regular basis. There are already several great opportunities posted for 2023.

Employers: Please reach out to me if you need any assistance posting any opportunities that you might have available for the 2023 season.

2022 Tournaments: Congratulations to our tournament winners this year:

- Stroke Play: Jake Wisniewski
- Match Play: Josh Grisa
- Championship: David Bach

For any Assistants Committee questions, please contact Shaun Finley, PGA at shaunfinley@golftheoaks.com.

Submitted by:

Shaun Finley, PGA – Assistants Committee Chair

Honorary President Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

2023 Special Awards Nominations

Annually, the Wisconsin Section recognizes deserving PGA members and associates for great accomplishments for various aspects of their career. The 2023 Special Awards process is in motion with a deadline to submit nominations of November 7, 2022. Please take a moment to nominate deserving PGA members/associates from around the state. The nomination process is extremely efficient and is online at wisconsin.pga.com/special-awards.

On the website, please note that the formal application reports are included so you can see more precisely the nature of accomplishments necessary to receive each award. Regarding your nominations, please consider your experiences with deserving individuals who you may know through interactions from the current and past years. Although the awarding is weighted on more recent career accomplishments, there are also important considerations of experiences and skills demonstrated from prior years. The award winners will be recognized at the 2023 Special Awards banquet to be held early next year. We greatly appreciate and thank the Wisconsin Golf Salespersons Association and PGA National Resort for their continued sponsorship. I hope you have an opportunity to attend this significant event.

Thank you for those who have already completed the online nomination form. For others, thank you for your consideration of participating in this important process!

2022 Nelthorpe Cup

This year's matches were held at Meadowbrook CC on August 5th. The WPGA Team came out victorious over the WSGA Team 47.5 to 40.5. Michael Crowley and Jim Schuman led the way for the WPGA in scoring recording 8 points each. Congratulations on another victory! The WPGA now leads the series 35 to 20.

Thank you to our host professional, Jason Samuelian, PGA, for making the entire day special for both teams!

David Bach	Brian Brodell	Michael Crowley	Craig Czerniejewski
John Freeman	Andy Hansen	Ryan Helminen	Joe Leonard
Kurt Mantyla	Chad Sandee	Jim Schuman	Mick Smith
Erik Stenseth	Andrew Troyanek	Mark Voeller	Jake Wisniewski

Jeff Ellingson, PGA
General Manager, Edelweiss Chalet Country Club
Honorary President, Wisconsin PGA

PGA Scholarship Report – 2022 Fall Meeting

WPGA Recipients

Allison Kennedy - \$2,000 - Scott Kennedy, PGA Parent

Lucas Burry- \$2,000 - Matt Burry, PGA Parent

Pamela Becker - \$2,000 - Travis J. Becker, PGA Parent

Max Whalen - \$2,000 – Allan Mitchell, PGA Grandparent

Academic Scholarships for College

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. Since its inception, the PGA of America has awarded over 3,200 scholarships totaling \$7,955,500. For the 2022 school year, 185 students were awarded academic scholarships totaling over \$400,000.

Important Dates

- December 9, 2022 – Application link live
- April 10, 2023 – Application deadline
- June 2023 - Notification of Selection Results
- July 2023 - Funds Disbursed