



**PGA**

Wisconsin Section

# 2024 WPGA LAS VEGAS PRO-AM

**Sunday-Thursday, March 10-14**  
**Golf - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

## **LODGING**

**MGM Grand Hotel & Casino**

**GOLF COURSES - DIAMOND PACKAGE / DIVISION**

**Cascata • Las Vegas CC • SouthShore GC**

**GOLF COURSES - HEARTS PACKAGE / DIVISION**

**Cascata • Las Vegas CC • Southern Highlands GC**

## **Trip Supported By**



**The Suter Ward Group**  
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# WHAT IS NEW WITH THE 2024 TRIP?

**MULTIPLE DIVISIONS / SEPARATE COURSE OFFERINGS** - In an effort to continue to offer the best quality of golf we can, we will be offering two separate course packages/divisions. All attendees will play Cascata and Las Vegas CC. However for the third course, half the field will play Southern Highlands GC and other half will play SouthShore GC. All attendees will stay at MGM Grand. The entry fee will be the same for both packages/divisions.

**TWO OVERALL CONTESTS** - With the multiple packages/divisions we will be crowning two overall champions. Teams will compete within their division/group from a daily and overall perspective.

**PRICING** - The enhancement of hotel and golf offerings, along with inflation, has resulted in a notable price increase. Pricing is located on the last page.

## THINGS TO KNOW - LOTTERY SYSTEM & REGISTRATION PROCESS

**CAPACITY** - 25 teams per division, 50 teams total.

**PROFESSIONAL LOTTERY** - The past several years demand has exceeded capacity for the WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am. After debuting in 2023 the professional lottery is back for 2024. This past winter the WPGA Tournament Policy Board discussed and revised the lottery system. The lottery this year required professionals to qualify for it.

**Professionals must qualify for the lottery by earning five standard entries.**

**Standard entries could be earned the following ways:**

- 1) Signing up for 2024 WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am lottery.
- 2) Played in one of the past four Las Vegas Pro-Ams – 2019, 2021, 2022 or 2023. (2020 was skipped because the event was cancelled)
- 3) One standard entry for each in-season WPGA event a professional participates in. Up to four entries via this opportunity.
- 4) Host a WPGA, WPGA Junior Foundation or Drive, Chip & Putt event.
- 5) Coach a PGA Junior League team.
- 6) Currently serves on either the WPGA or WPGA Junior Foundation board of directors.

Once a professional qualifies for the lottery with their five standard entries, they could accumulate bonus lottery entries through multiple avenues. Such as being a PGA member, playing in at least 5 Las Vegas Pro-Ams, participating in one of our WPGA Professional Championships, and playing in at least 10 WPGA tournaments in 2023.

**There will be a handful of professionals with guaranteed spots in the field. They will come via sponsor teams, an auction that was run to benefit PGA Reach Wisconsin and the defending champion.**

**The order which names are drawn during the lottery will determine which division a team will be placed in.**

### **IMPORTANT LOTTERY DATES**



- Tuesday, September 19 - The professional lottery will open at 8 am. Professionals will be asked to register online and pay a \$150 fee. The \$150 will be returned to each professional that enters the lottery via a BlueGolf credit, which can be used towards a future WPGA event or seminar registration. Professionals only need to enter once and the time of entry does not factor into the selection process. **Lottery entries will be open for 24 hours.**
- Wednesday, September 20 - Midday - The Wisconsin PGA will conduct the lottery and livestream it.
- Thursday, September 21 - In the morning the registration link will be distributed to all professionals that were selected.
- Thursday, September 21 - Registration will open at 9 AM and run until Monday, September 25 at 11:59 PM. During this timeframe selected professionals will be required to get **two amateurs** from their team to register and pay in full. This will be the team's deposit.
- Tuesday, September 26 - Any professional that does not get their deposit paid in time will have their spot offered to the next team on the priority list.
- Friday, December 1 - Final payment deadline to have teams paid in full.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF DEMAND DOES NOT EXCEED CAPACITY AND A LOTTERY IS NOT NEEDED?**

If 50 professionals that have qualified do not sign up for the lottery, a drawing will still be conducted to determine which division each team will be placed in. The deposit process will then continue to play out during the aforementioned dates. After that deposit period closes, any remaining spots will open for registration on a first come, first serve basis on Thursday, September 28 at 9 am.

### **DEPOSIT - HOW DOES MY TEAM RESERVE A SPOT - LOTTERY OR NO LOTTERY?**

A spot in the field will be reserved when **two amateur entries are received**. The entry fees may be double or single occupancy. If you are unsure of your exact lodging needs the difference in payment can be handled at a later date (Additional charge or refund). Individual entries will not be processed until two amateur entry fees are received.



# WHAT IF I OR WE HAVE TO CANCEL?

## TEAM CANCELLATION POLICY - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Team cancellations before or on December 1 will be assessed a \$250 cancellation fee. Cancellations from December 2 through January 2 will be assessed a \$500 cancellation fee. Cancellations on or after January 3 will be responsible for the entire team trip price unless a replacement team is found (In this case the \$500 cancellation fee still applies if a replacement team is found). If a team cancels after the initial deposit deadline the WPGA reserves the right to replace the team at any point. Invoices for the cancellation fees will be sent to the team professional after the cancellation is received, and will be due one month after the cancellation.

## INDIVIDUAL REFUNDS - PROCESSING FEE - \$120 (Single occupancy) or \$90 (Double occupancy)

Any refund for an amateur entry fee will be subject to a \$120 processing fee for single occupancy fee or \$90 for double occupancy fee, regardless of timing. If the refund is being issued due to a player substitution the refund will only be processed once the entry fee for the substituted player has been received.

## EXTRA NIGHT REFUNDS - \$20 PROCESSING FEE

Any cancellation of an extra night reservation will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$20 (per night). Cancellations will be accepted until January 31. After January 31 cancellations and refunds will require the approval of the group reservations staff at MGM Grand.

TRIP QUESTIONS should be directed to Chris Hoel at [choel@pgahq.com](mailto:choel@pgahq.com) or (414) 443-3572.

# WHAT DO I GET WITH MY ENTRY FEE - TRIP DETAILS?

## TRIP FEATURES

- Four nights at MGM Resort and Casino.
- Three rounds of golf, green fees, range, and golf car  
*Diamond Division - Will play Cascata, Las Vegas CC & SouthShore GC*  
*Hearts Division - Will play Cascata, Las Vegas CC & Southern Highlands GC*
- Lunch each day at the golf courses.
- Daily and Overall team prizes - Over \$27,000 based on 50 teams.
- TaylorMade & adidas tee gifts for Amateurs & Professionals
- A well organized destination pro-am with over 35 years of history.

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## TOURNAMENT COURSES

This year's lineup is stacked with some fantastic courses. All attendees will tee it up at Cascata and Las Vegas CC. Cascata has played host to our trip since 2019 and is ranked second on the Nevada public access courses by Golfweek. Las Vegas CC made its WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am debut in 2023. Attendees had rave reviews about the putting greens.



CASCATA

## DIAMOND DIVISION



As previously stated the 2024 trip will be split into two divisions. Half the field will play SouthShore GC as the third course and the other half will play Southern Highlands GC.

A Jack Nicklaus signature course, SouthShore GC last appeared in our Las Vegas Pro-Am lineup in 2018. It is currently ranked as the 5th best private course in Nevada by Golfweek.

Southern Highlands GC, a Robert Trent Jones Jr. design, opened in 2000 and is presently ranked as the 2nd best private course in Nevada by Golfweek

## LODGING

More Vegas than Vegas. Entertainment is what MGM Grand does. Celeb chefs love to set up shop at MGM Grand. Everything they do at MGM Grand is a spectacle.

The Megaresort and Casino has dining and entertainment options galore. Individuals will be provided a Grand Tower room for their stay.



MGM GRAND

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DIAMOND DIVISION

- Monday, March 11  
Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at SouthShore GC
- Tuesday, March 12  
Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Las Vegas CC
- Wednesday, March 13  
8:30 am shotgun at Cascata, lunch afterward.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HEARTS DIVISION

- Monday, March 11  
Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Cascata
- Tuesday, March 12  
Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Southern Highlands GC
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## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Teams will play one round at each of their designated courses. For each round amateurs will receive 85% of their course handicap.

- SouthShore GC — 1 Net / 1 Gross Best Ball
- Southern Highlands GC — 1 Net / 1 Gross Best Ball
- Las Vegas Country Club — 1,2,3 Net Best Ball
  - Par 3— 1 Net
  - Par 4— 2 Net
  - Par 5— 3 Net
- Cascata — Two Net Best Ball
- Daily team events on each course.
- Professional daily stableford events.
- Skins Games - Pro, Amateur Net & Gross

- Overall team competition for each division.

## MULTIPLE TOURNAMENT YARDAGES

Once again the Wisconsin PGA will offer any senior amateur (50 and older) with a handicap index of 3.0 or higher or any amateur with a handicap index 15.0 or above the option to play an intermediate set of tees instead of the standard tees for the event. WPGA professionals 65 or older will also have this option. Players **MUST COMMIT** to play the intermediate yardage for the **ENTIRE EVENT**. Players may only change which tees they want to play up until two days prior to the event. Professionals will be contacted in early-February to determine if any of their players will use this option. **NOTE - Players utilizing this option will receive 2 to 4 less shots per round.**

**Standard Tees** - 6400-6600 yards approx.

**Intermediate Tees** - 5950-6150 yards approx.

## TEAMS & HANDICAPS

Each team will consist of one professional and four amateurs. All amateurs must have a World Handicap System handicap.

Handicap indexes to be used will be the 11/1/23 or 2/15/24 revision. The lower of the two indexes will be used. Maximum handicap strokes per player is 24.

If an individual has posted 12 scores between 11/1/23 and 2/15/24, the lower of their 1/15 & 2/15 indexes will be used.

- The WPGA reserves the right to modify handicap indexes, based on score history of the past year and past history in this tournament.
- Performance from in-state WPGA pro-ams will also be factored into event handicaps.
- A handicap reduction formula will be in place and it will result in reductions for players during the event.
- Any player that has not posted a score since June 1 will receive a 15% reduction on their index prior to the event starting. Minimum one-shot reduction.
- At the conclusion of the event each individual daily score will be posted to the handicap record of each player.
- Plus handicaps will play to their converted number.

## DAILY COMPETITIONS

Prizes that are awarded for the daily competitions will be distributed at the golf courses each day. The daily competitions from Wednesday will be distributed at MGM Grand that evening.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

- Registration for the trip will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLAYERS REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL.**
- **Each amateur should go through the process and register themselves.**
- Professionals will use their BlueGolf login to register themselves.
- During the process amateurs should enter the name of their team professional, so we can align you with the right team.

## ENTRY FEES

### CHECKING IN SUNDAY / CHECKING OUT THURSDAY

Amateur in double room with fellow participant - \$2,300

Amateur in single room - \$2,600

Professional in single room - \$0

### CHECKING IN SATURDAY / CHECKING OUT WEDNESDAY

Amateur in double room with fellow participant - \$2,410

Amateur in single room - \$2,820

Professional in single room - \$220

No discount will be provided for anyone making their own lodging arrangements.

**Professionals are required to pay a \$150 fee to enter the lottery.** The money will be returned to all professionals via a BlueGolf credit that can be used for a future WPGA tournament or seminar. **The fee is charged even if a professional is not selected in the lottery.**

## ROOM PACKAGE ADJUSTMENT

As noted above the trip will again offer **limited** number of packages for players to check-in Saturday and check-out Wednesday. It requires a higher entry fee because the Saturday night hotel room is significantly more expensive than a weeknight room. As you can see the upcharge is **\$220 more. (The fee gets split in half between two double occupancy individuals).**

Players should select the proper entry fee when registering. Reservations for this package will only be reserved when payment in full has been received from the individual.

**PACKAGE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND HAS SOLD OUT THE LAST FEW YEARS.**

## HOTEL EXTRA NIGHTS

The WPGA has a limited number of rooms held for shoulder nights. **Room availability and rates are limited and may sell out at any time.** No reservations for extra nights will be made until payment is received.

- **Room fee includes resort fees and tax.**
- **Fees are based on per room per night.**
- **During registration double occupancy individuals should have one the occupants pay the entire room fee.**

Friday, March 8 - \$300

Saturday, March 9 - \$375

Thursday, March 14 - \$215

## OTHER NIGHTS

please inquire with Chris Hoel - (414) 443-3572

## PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY & SUBSTITUTIONS

Each team is required to have a Wisconsin PGA member or associate in good standing. They must remain in good standing from the time the lottery entry is accepted until the day the trip concludes.

**Professional substitutions will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances.**

## WPGA LIFE MEMBERS

WPGA Life Members may participate in the Las Vegas Pro-am on a team as an "amateur". The professional must have a World Handicap System handicap and will receive 85% of their course handicap. Any member playing on a team as such will receive the same prizes awarded to the other amateurs on the team and pay the applicable amateur entry fee.

## PROFESSIONALS MEETING

There will be a mandatory virtual meeting for WPGA Professionals before departing for the trip. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the event schedule, formats and rules.

## ROOM COMPS

No rooms in our room block will be eligible for room comps. You may still receive comps for all other activities at the casino's discretion. If you are staying extra nights, you may book those on your own and arrange to have them comped.

## SUNDAY EVENING

This year's package was created without a Sunday evening reception. Entry fee dollars that used to be earmarked for the reception have been rolled into tee gifts, a bigger purse, and to help offset an increase in hotel and green fees.



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