

# Sunday-Thursday, March 9-13 Golf - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

LODGING PARK MGM Hotel & Casino

GOLF COURSES - DIAMOND PACKAGE / DIVISION Cascata • Rio Secco GC • SouthShore CC

GOLF COURSES - HEARTS PACKAGE / DIVISION Cascata • Rio Secco GC • Southern Highlands GC

# **Trip Supported By**



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### **THINGS TO KNOW FOR 2025**

**MULTIPLE DIVISIONS / SEPARATE COURSE OFFERINGS** - In a continued effort to offer the best quality of golf

we can, we will again be offering two separate course packages/divisions. All attendees will play Cascata and Rio Secco GC. However for the third course, half the field will play Southern Highlands GC and other half will play SouthShore CC. All attendees will stay at Park MGM.

**DIFFERENT PRICING FOR EACH PACKAGE/DIVISION** - Due to the difference in golf fees at Southern Highlands GC versus SouthShore CC, the trip will offer different pricing structures. The Southern Highlands/Hearts package will cost \$175 more than the SouthShore/Diamond package. **Entry fees can be found on the next page.** 

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

#### REGISTRATION PROCESS

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

**NEW 2025 - PRIORITY PROFESSIONALS** - The two professionals from the defending champion teams along with professionals that have attended at least 8 of the past 10 Las Vegas Pro-Am are priority professionals for the 2025 trip. Priority professionals will have the chance to reserve a spot in the field before other WPGA members and associates receive the opportunity.

These individuals may officially reserve a spot in the field if they've met the following requirements:

- Accumulate at least 4 standard entries from the lottery list below.
- Register and pay the \$150 professional lottery fee. The payment will turn into a BlueGolf credit that does not expire and is good for tournaments or seminars.
- Have at least two amateurs register and pay during the deposit payment window.

**Priority Professional List** – Mark Bergman, Jeff Bisbee, Michael Crowley, Joaquin Diaz, Rob Elliott, Scott Evans, Mike Gaspard, James Grogan, Ryan Helminen, Curt Larson, Paul LoCicero, Mike Miezin, Mike O'Reilly, Jason Samuelian, Derek Schnarr, Joe Stadler, Gunnar Stapp, Andy Runkel, Mark Voeller

In addition to the priority professionals there will also be a few other professionals with guaranteed spots in the field. They will come via sponsor teams and an auction that was run to benefit PGA Reach Wisconsin.

**LOTTERY DRAWING & COURSE ASSIGNMENT** - After the priority professionals registration window closes and the other guaranteed spots are determined the remaining spots will be drawn via lottery if necessary. After the lottery is conducted a second drawing will be held to determine the package/division for each of the teams in the field. **Professionals will be asked for the package/course preference of their group during their registration.** 

#### **REMAINING SPOTS & PROFESSIONAL LOTTERY**

In order to enter the lottery professionals must qualify by earning five standard entries.

Standard entries can be earned the following ways:

- 1) Signing up for 2025 WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am lottery.
- 2) Played in one of the past four Las Vegas Pro-Ams 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024.
- 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 2024.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF DEMAND DOES NOT EXCEED CAPACITY?

If a lottery is not needed or the waitlist for the event becomes exhausted, any available spot(s) will be offered on a first deposit paid basis. Any WPGA member or associate can reserve these spots. In this case registration would be shutdown and reopened at 8 AM **two days** after the email and text notice is sent out to all WPGA professionals. The earliest this could happen is Wednesday, October 2.



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#### **IMPORTANT REGISTRATION PROCESS DATES**

- Thursday, September 19 The priority professionals will receive the opportunity to register and claim their spot. Priority professionals will receive an invite via email with a link to sign up.
  - Sponsor / Auction and Priority Professional Registration Window Opens on Thursday, September 19 at 8 AM, Closes on Sunday, September 22 at 11:59 PM.
- Monday, September 23 The professional lottery opens for registration at 8 AM. Professionals will be asked to register
  online. The link to register will be sent out via email to all Wisconsin PGA Professionals. Professionals only need to enter
  once and the time of entry does not factor into the selection process.
  - Professional Lottery Registration Window Opens on Monday, September 23 at 8 AM, Closes on Tuesday, September 24 at 11:59 PM.
- All professionals (priority and lottery) will be required to pay \$150 when registering. The \$150 fee will be returned to each professional via a BlueGolf credit, which can be used towards a future event or seminar registration.
- Wednesday, September 25 1 PM The Wisconsin PGA will conduct the lottery and livestream it.
- Thursday, September 26 In the morning registration links will be distributed to all professionals that were selected.
- Thursday, September 26 **Deposit Registration** will open at 9 AM and run until Sunday, September 29 at 11:59 PM. During this timeframe all professionals in the field will be required to get **two amateurs** from their team to register and pay in full. This will be the team's deposit.
- Tuesday, October 1 Any professional that does not get their deposit paid in time will have their spot offered to the next team on the wait list.
- Friday, December 1 Final payment deadline to have teams paid in full.

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

Spots in the field are officially 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.

#### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS/HEARTS ENTRY FEES**

#### **CHECKING IN SUNDAY / CHECKING OUT THURSDAY**

Amateur in double room with fellow participant - \$2,475 Amateur in single room - \$2,775 Professional in single room - \$0

#### CHECKING IN SATURDAY / CHECKING OUT WEDNESDAY

Amateur in double room with fellow participant - \$2,565 Amateur in single room - \$2,955 Professional in single room - \$180

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

#### **SOUTHSHORE/DIAMOND 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 - \$2,390 Amateur in single room - \$2,780 Professional in single room - \$180

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

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

> Four nights at Park MGM Hotel & Casino.

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Three rounds of golf, green fees, range, and golf car.

Diamond Division - Will play Cascata, Rio Secco GC & SouthShore CC

Hearts Division - Will play Cascata, Rio Secco GC & Southern Highlands GC

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> Lunch each day at the golf courses.

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➤ Daily and Overall team prizes - Over \$27,000 based on 50 teams.

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TaylorMade & adidas tee gifts for Amateurs & Professionals. Golf shop gift cards for Rio Secco GC and Cascata.



A well organized destination pro-am with over 35 years of history.





#### **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.

#### **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 **\$180** more. (The fee gets spilt 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 will have one the occupants pay the entire room fee.

Friday, March 7 - \$280 Saturday, March 8 - \$305 Thursday, March 13 - \$145

OTHER NIGHTS - Contact Chris Hoel - (414) 443-3572

#### **TEAM CANCELLATION POLICY**

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 FEES \$130 (Single occupancy) \$100 (Double occupancy)

Any refund for an amateur entry fee will be subject to a \$130 processing fee for single occupancy fee or \$100 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 Park MGM.

#### **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.

#### **COVID-19 WAIVER / DISCLAIMER**

The WPGA Covid-19 Waiver/Disclaimer is in effect. By participating in this event an individual agrees to the terms of the policy. The policy is can be found on the event registration page.

#### TOURNAMENT COURSES

This year's lineup is stacked with some fantastic courses. All attendees will tee it up at Cascata and Rio Secco GC. Cascata has played host to our trip since 2019 and is ranked second on the Nevada public access courses by Golfweek. Rio Secco GC has hosted the Wisconsin PGA numerous times and is consistently ranked in the top 15 of public courses in Nevada.





#### DIAMOND DIVISION







As previously stated the 2025 trip will be split into two divisions once again. Half the field will play SouthShore CC as the third course and the other half will play Southern Highlands GC.

A Jack Nicklaus signature course, SouthShore CC 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

Steps away from T-Mobile Arena and the Park outdoor entertainment space, Park MGM Las Vegas is in the heart of all there is to do on the Las Vegas Strip.



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#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DIAMOND DIVISION**

Monday, March 10 Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at SouthShore CC

Tuesday, March 11 Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Rio Secco GC

Wednesday, March 12 8:30 am shotgun at Cascata, lunch afterward

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HEARTS DIVISION

Monday, March 10 Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Cascata

Tuesday, March 11 Lunch beforehand, Noon shotgun at Southern Highlands GC

Wednesday, March 12 8:30 am shotgun at Rio Secco GC, lunch afterward

#### 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.

#### 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 & rules.

#### **WPGA LIFE MEMBERS**

WPGA Life Members may participate in the Las Vegas Proam 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.

#### 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 CC 1 Net / 1 Gross Best Ball
- Southern Highlands GC 1 Net / 1 Gross Best Ball
- Rio Secco GC 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.

#### 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 Park MGM that evening.

#### **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 11/1/24 or 2/15/25 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 11/1/24 and 2/15/25, the lower of their 1/15 & 2/15 indexes will be

- 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.
- Players need to have at least seven scores posted over the past year (2/16/24 to 2/15/25) or they only receive 75% of their handicap index.
- At the conclusion of the event each individual daily score will be posted to the player's handicap record.
- Plus handicaps will play to their converted number.

#### 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.

#### TRIP QUESTIONS

Contact Chris Hoel at <a href="mailto:choel@pgahq.com">choel@pgahq.com</a> or (414) 443-3572.

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