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Vincent Kabaso, the first native of Zambia becomes a member of the PGA of America

The Philadelphia Section PGA is celebrating one of its newest and truly trailblazing members, Vincent Kabaso, who hails from the country of Zambia on the continent of Africa. Kabaso, a PGA Professional at Talamore Country Club in Ambler, PA, is the first among a population of 17 million people to earn membership in the PGA of America.

“In a country with just 25 golf courses, Vincent Kabaso’s path to PGA Membership is amazing,” said Geoff Surrette, Executive Director, Philadelphia Section PGA. “His dedication to becoming the first PGA Member among such a massive population, and in a country with limited golf opportunities, is a true inspiration.”

Kabaso, who grew up in a small Zambia mining town called Luanshya that didn’t offer much activity for youngsters, was lucky to have one of the country’s few golf courses nearby which allowed him to learn the game.

“We didn’t really have any after school activities so, prior to golf, I was shooting birds and mice with catapults or swimming in a nearby snake and disease infested stream,” said Kabaso.

[Complete Story](#) / VIDEO - [Kabaso Recognized on the House of Representatives Floor](#)

Volunteers Needed - Philadelphia Golf Show

Once again the Philadelphia PGA will be attending the Philadelphia Golf Show at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. We are in need of teachers to donate their time and fill the spots during the show. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your teaching talents, promote your brand and help showcase the Philadelphia PGA. All volunteers will earn MSRs for their time spent at the Philadelphia Golf Show.

The show dates and volunteer shifts are as follows:

Friday, February 8 | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

11 AM to 2 PM (2 volunteers needed) / 2 PM to 5 PM (3 volunteers needed)

Saturday, February 9 | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

10 AM to 2 PM (1 volunteer needed) / 2 PM to 6 PM (4 volunteers needed)

Sunday, February 10 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

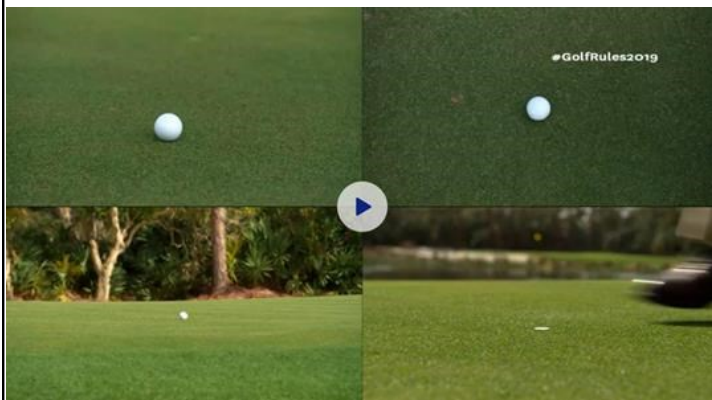
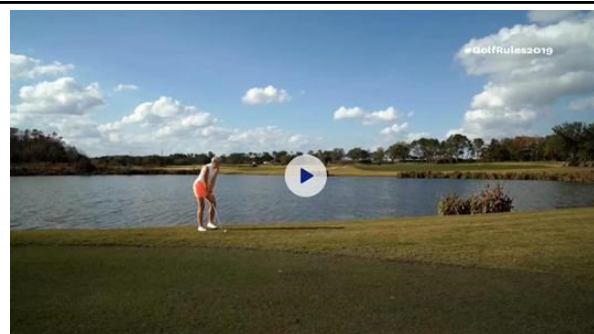
10 AM to 1 PM (2 volunteers needed) / 1 PM to 4 PM (4 volunteers needed)

Anyone interested in volunteering for one or more of the shifts please contact:

Andy Miller - andymiller@ledgerrockgolf.com or Joe Monforto - jmonforto@pgahq.com.

Helping to Understand the New Rules of Golf

As of January 1, 2019 there have been changes made to the Rules of Golf. To help our Professionals, our junior golfers and the golfing public we have uploaded videos to our [Rules Corner](#) page that are believed to have to most impact on the game and will be of most interest to golfers. These videos will remain on our website and could be a valuable resource for you as you navigate the rules changes.



Additionally, we will be sending out a series of emails over the next few weeks highlighting these significant rules changes. We will also be sharing the information through our social media channels during that time as well.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or for further information on the Rules of Golf, please visit www.USGA.org.

[Philadelphia PGA Rules Corner](#)

PGA of America Compensation Survey

The PGA of America requests your participation in helping to ensure that one of our Association's most powerful employment tools remains effective for you and other PGA Professionals.

By completing the [2019 PGA Golf Professional Compensation Survey](#) by March 31, 2019, you can receive up to two (2) Member Service Requirement (MSR) credits. MSR credit is automatically applied upon completion of the survey with a summary of your responses available for your records.

All survey responses continue to be treated confidentially with results being reported only if there are five or more responses. To ensure your confidentiality, results continue to be shared in an aggregated format and not by individual.

Your participation is key to ensuring that your Section's compensation information is valid and meaningful. Your support of this important PGA initiative is greatly appreciated.



[TAKE SURVEY](#)

Tournaments

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TPD and Hole-in-One Registration Now Open



Online Registration is now open for [Tournament Players Division \(TPD\) Membership](#) and [Hole-in-One Club](#). To register for either of these programs, please click the links above.

Special congratulations go out to last season's Hole-in-One club winners: Dustin McCormick and Kevin Nicholson. Dustin recorded his hole-in-one on the 2nd hole at Trump National Golf Club - Philadelphia during the Jack Jolly / Golf Pride Championship on June 11 while Kevin accomplished his feat at the season's first event, the Pro-Pro Scramble following the Spring Meeting on April 9 when he aced the 10th hole at Blue Bell Country Club.

The pair split the pot of \$3,060 with each taking home a winner's share of \$1,530.

[TPD Registration Now Open](#)

[Hole-in-One Club Registration Now Open](#)

2019 Philadelphia PGA Tournament Information

Online registration for 2019 PPGA tournaments will soon be available. In the meantime please [click here](#) to view the most up to date PPGA tentative schedule, or visit the Tournaments Homepage www.PhillyPGA.com.

2019 Sanctioned Event Information

A Sanctioned Event is defined as: Any competition held within the Section Boundaries in which five (5) or more Philadelphia Section Professionals are participating.(see Section 7.01 of the Tournament Rules and Regulations) [Download 2019 Sanctioned Event Form](#)

2019 Tournament Withdraw Form

To withdraw from any tournament that you have registered for, please complete the following information and fax back to the Section Office at least 7 days prior to the tournament date. All withdrawals after the 7-day withdraw deadline will forfeit the tournament entry fee. (As per the 2018 Philadelphia Section PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations) [Download Withdraw Form](#)



Employment

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Nate Baadte, is the new B-13 at Honey Run GC; Nate was most recently with the Middle Atlantic Section. **Connor Bergman**, PGA, is transferring into the Minnesota Section; Connor was most recently the A-8 at Philadelphia Country Club. **Robert Carbone** is a new Associate to the PGM program, and B-6 at GolfTEC - Moorestown. **Travis Contres** is the new B-1 at Bon Air CC; he was formerly the B-8 at Bon Air. **Scott Delair** is the new B-8 at Sittler Golf Center; Scott was formerly with the New York Section. **Jonathan Doctor**, PGA, is transferring to the Western New York Section; Jonathan was formerly with Chester Valley CC. **Steve Farrell**, PGA, is the new A-1 at Frog Hollow GC; he was formerly with Sussex Pines CC. **Ross Holtzclaw**, PGA, is the new A-8 at Saucon Valley CC; Ross was most recently with the New England Section. **Jeff Massa**, PGA, is the new A-8 at White Manor CC; Jeff was most recently with the Southern California Section. **Christopher Miller** is the new B-6 at Scranton Golf Center; Chris was formerly with The Club at the Highlands. **Ron Pine**, PGA, is the new A-8 at Aronimink GC; Ron was formerly the A-8 at Whitmarsh Valley CC. **Brad Sanders**, PGA, is the new A-8 at Sunnybrook GC; he was formerly with Tavistock CC. **Derrick Sandritter**, PGA, is the new A-13 at Reading Country Club; he was most recently with Golden Oaks GC. **Steve Sieracki**, PGA, is the new A-14 at Woodcrest CC; Steve was formerly the A-14 at Indian Springs CC. **Cameron R. Small**, PGA, was elected to membership on 1/4/2019; Cameron is the A-8 at Aronimink GC. **Daniel Taylor**, PGA, is the A-1 at Eagles Mere CC; Daniel was formerly the A-8 at Wilmington CC. **Andrew Turner**, PGA, is the new A-1 at Sunnybrook GC; Andrew was formerly the A-8 at this facility. **John Waters III** is a new Associate to the PGM program, and B-8 at Atlantic City CC. Congratulations go out to **Michael Caldwell**, PGA, and **Keith Clawson**, PGA, who both have become PGA Certified in Golf Operations.

Philadelphia PGA Financial Education Series

In the coming weeks, the Philadelphia PGA will be working with our friends at Morgan Stanley to tackle some of the most important financial topics that everyone faces in the ever changing financial landscape. [Meet the team at The SVS Wealth Management Team at Morgan Stanley](#)

January 30, 2019 - Fundamentals of Investing - Indian Spring GC - [Register Now](#)

February 13, 2019 - Retirement Income Planning - Llanerch CC - [Register Now](#)

March 12, 2019 - Cyber Security & Fraud - Commonwealth Nat'l GC - [Register Now](#)

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Education

The Philadelphia PGA Instruction and Education Committees are excited to announce the upcoming additions to the 2018-2019 Education calendar. These programs are designed to give all Philadelphia PGA Professionals ample opportunities to continue their education and earn MSR credits. Please note this calendar will be changing constantly so be sure to check the [Education Page](#) on the Philadelphia PGA [website](#).

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Rules of Golf Seminars

Join Current Members of the PGA Rules Committee in an in-depth discussion on the upcoming changes to the Rules of Golf. With the sweeping changes to the Rules it is imperative that our PGA Members and Associates become familiar with the new language and procedures. Our club members are going to expect their professionals to be able to understand and operate events at each of our facilities. We would like to also invite you to bring a member or two to join the presentation.

February 21, 2019 - Union League Golf Club - [Register Now](#)

March 6, 2019 - The DuPont Country Club - [Register Now](#)

Upcoming District Roundtables

February 7, 2019 - District 3 - Out Door Country Club - [Register Now](#)

February 19, 2019 - District 2 - Bidermann Golf Club - [Register Now](#)

February 26, 2019 - District 6 - Philadelphia PGA Offices - [Register Now](#)

For more information contact Leila Mackie, PGA - lmackie@pgahq.com

Community Bulletin Board

Flight Scope for Sale for information please contact Matt Pulgini - mattpulgini@gmail.com

Click the following links for images of the available Flight Scope:

[Image 1](#) / [Image 2](#) / [Image 3](#) / [Image 4](#) / [Image 5](#) / [Image 6](#) / [Image 7](#)



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2019 KOHLER PRO-AM

OCTOBER 6-9, 2019 | KOHLER RESORT

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This package will include:

- 3 nights lodging at the Inn on Woodlake. Located on the shore of picturesque Wood Lake, this serene 138-room hotel boasts boutique-style guest rooms. Along with WiFi and flatscreen TVs, you will enjoy the classic comfort and hospitality you would expect from an inn. Not to mention a signature KOHLER® shower experience that is nothing short of sensational.
- Golf: Blackwolf Run® and Whistling Straits challenge the pros while providing the amateur golfer a fair and unforgettable test. All four courses between the two venues were chosen for 2017/2018 America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest. Created by legendary golf course designer Pete Dye, they have hosted three PGA Championships, the Andersen Consulting World Golf Championships, a U.S. Senior Open and two U.S. Women's Opens. In 2020, The Straits at Whistling Straits will host the Ryder Cup Matches. 1 practice round and 3 tournament rounds of golf. The final tournament round will be played on the Straits Course.
- Course Rotation: Practice Round - Blackwolf Run: The Meadows Valley | Round 1 - Whistling Straits: The Irish | Round 2 - Blackwolf Run: The River | Round 3 - Whistling Straits: The Straits
- Opening night Welcome reception and final day awards lunch, along with lunch each day.
- Tee gift package for all players.
- Team: 1 Professional + 3 Amateurs (All amateurs must have a valid USGA Handicap)
 - ~Team Pro-Am format of 1 Gross Ball + 1 Net Ball of the Team
 - ~Team Prize Purse
- Amateur pricing:
 - ~\$2,750 per amateur for Double Occupancy—Inn on Woodlake
 - ~Add \$400 for Single Occupancy—Inn on Woodlake
 - ~Add \$300 for Double Occupancy—American Club
 - ~Add \$1,000 for Single Occupancy—American Club
 - ~Deposit of \$1,000 per amateur due by June 1, 2019
 - ~Full payment due by September 1, 2019

If you are interested in putting a team together please contact Brian Schulte at the Section Office (215) 481-9087 or at BSchulte@PGAHQ.com. Please click [here](#) for more information and/or to register.

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