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2017 Spring Membership Meeting

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2017 Spring Meeting Central Counties Chapter – President's Report

Our 2017 Spring Meeting is set for Monday, April 10th, at Center Hills Country Club. We are excited to be making a transition to Blue Golf this year for all tournament registrations and results. We believe this will provide an improved process to our overall tournament program.

Sponsorship for the Chapter is continuing to grow. John O'Connell with Trinity Golf has come on board as the title sponsor for our Spring & Fall meetings in 2017. Other additions to this year's sponsors include: Steve Frost- Page & Tuttle, Jim Ravina- Pukka Headwear, Laura Manchester-Callaway Golf, Chris Grasmick - Golf Cart Services, & Josh Grunden- Srixon Golf.

The Central Counties Chapter Junior Championship is working in conjunction with the Philadelphia Junior Tour and will be held at Mahoning Valley this year. Last year, we had 80 juniors participate at Blue Ridge Country Club. Please get the word out to your junior golfers about this event.

Financially the Chapter continues to move in a positive direction. As with any organizations, membership is the main source of income. If you reside in our Chapter boundaries, I encourage you to join the Chapter as it provides a great opportunity to network with other professionals. We offer a competitive tournament schedule where you can have an opportunity to take your members/customers to play at some terrific venues in a professional setting. Information for joining the Chapter is available by contacting Sue Unger at the Section office or on the Philadelphia PGA Section website.

We hope to see everyone at Center Hills CC in State College, on April 10th and wish everyone a great season for 2017.

Rick Gibney

Central Counties Chapter President

2017 Spring Meeting Philadelphia Assistants Organization Report

The 2017 Season has finally arrived! The PAO Committee has once again been working hard to provide another fantastic experience for all Assistant Golf Professionals and Apprentices in the Philadelphia PGA Section. Our goals for the 2017 season will remain the same; offer quality education and playing opportunities while giving back to the community. After what feels like another short winter we are ready for our 2017 Spring Meeting at Manufacturer's G&CC. Thank you to Coach Bob Kramer for being our keynote speaker. Bob Kramer, a nationally recognized PGA Teaching Professional, motivational speaker, and coach, is a two-time PGA Teacher of the Year, Philadelphia Section PGA, Philadelphia Magazine Best of Philly, a Golf Magazine award-winning golf instructor, and a Golf Digest Best Teacher in your state award winner. It should be a great day for all in attendance.

Tournaments:

We have a new sponsor this year that will be our Premier Partner, Mr. Scott Hutchinson from Lookaway Golf Club. As some of you are aware Mr. Hutchinson was kind enough to sponsor the Tour Championship last year. He has agreed to sponsor that event again this year, as well as becoming our Premier Partner for the entire season. We can't thank Mr. Hutchinson enough for his generosity and support of the PAO. We ask that you all reach out and send Mr. Hutchinson a thank you note; you can send it to Lookaway GC to his attention. Stephen Frederick and his committee have put together a fantastic tournament schedule for 2017 with some of the top facilities in the Philadelphia area and we are looking forward to record turnouts in all of our events. They still have a few dates to fill on the calendar so please contact Stephen if you are willing to host the PAO. The top 30 players on the point list will once again be invited to the PAO Tour Championship. The Tour Championship will have some new requirements to be eligible to participate this year. You must volunteer at a Philadelphia Junior Tour event and you also must participate in a charitable endeavor. The charitable endeavor must be either a PGA Golf Day Marathon, Philadelphia PGA Sponsored Clinic, or another charitable group of your choosing. If you choose to participate in another charitable venture it must be pre-approved by the PAO Board in writing. If you have any questions on these new changes please reach out to Bryan at any time.

Education / Mentoring / Communication:

The Education calendar is shaping up nicely thanks to the hard work of Jeff Sikina and his committee members. For 2017, we have education events with Bob Kramer for instruction, John Bierkan for junior golf, and round table with Head Professionals to talk about interviewing and ways to separate yourself from the field. The mentoring program will move forward as usual.

Finance / Charity / Jr. Golf:

The PAO is excited to get involved with the Philadelphia Junior Tour this year as well as several other charitable groups, Ron Pine and his committee have come up with some great new ideas for this year. We are initiating a new program this year having Assistant Professionals volunteering at many different Philadelphia Junior Tour events throughout the year. We also have added a charity requirement to be eligible to participate in our Tour Championship this year. These two new changes will help to engage at least 45 of our members with the Junior Tour and their own communities throughout the year. During our Spring Meeting we will again hold our "Pros fore Clothes" drive and donate to a local shelter.

We are all looking forward to a great 2017 season! As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

PAO Mission Statement

The purpose of the Philadelphia Assistants' Organization is to prepare the Assistant Golf Professionals of the Philadelphia Section PGA of America for future professional success as a PGA member. We will give Assistant Professionals the opportunities to prepare themselves for the playing ability test, the PGA's Professional Golf Management Program, the golf business, and future PGA membership. This is accomplished with leadership, mentoring, support through education, networking, and tournament competition.

2017 PAO Tournament Schedule

April 10 th	Spring Meeting @ Manufacturer's G&CC
April 17 th	Kennett Square Classic
May 1 st	Combined Event – Taylor Made Stroke Play @ Indian Valley C.C.
May 8 th	Combined Event - DVO @ Concord C.C.
May 22 nd	Combined Event – Conestoga Classic
June 12 th	TBD
June 13 th	Combined Event – Jack Jolly & Sons @ Springford
June 19 th	TBD
June 26 th	Bent Creek Classic
July 10 th	Combined Event - Hyndman Memorial @ Huntington Valley C.C.
August 7 th	Assistants Championship @ Concord C.C.
August 21 st	PAO Classic @ French Creek
September 5 th	PAO Pro-Am
September 11 th	TBD
September 25 th	PAO Tour Championship @ TBD
October 30 th	Fall Meeting @ Trump Philadelphia

Respectfully submitted by PAO Co-Chair – Bryan Kienke, PGA

2017 Spring Meeting Growth of the Game Committee Report

The Player Development Committee has been hard at work this offseason preparing for an exciting 2017 golf season. We had a fantastic 2016 season, and we are looking forward to a great 2017. A special congratulations to Steve Wager of Penn State University. Steve has been selected as the Philadelphia PGA Player Development award winner. Congratulations! Steve has worked on a variety of programming aimed at developing golfers of all skill levels.

The committee focuses on six different objectives to provide player development programs to our members and to the community. If you would like more information on any of the below programs, please feel free to reach out.

1. Consumer Events
2. PGA Junior League
3. College Connection Program
4. Golf in Schools Program
5. Facility Meetings & Member Education
6. Equipment Rental Program

Consumer Events

We have a very busy consumer events schedule, and are always looking for professionals to volunteer their time. These are fantastic opportunities for you to market yourself and your facility, by offering instruction to the masses at unique locations across the region. The North Coast Golf Show is a fantastic example as we had over 1,000 individuals receive a free lesson from a PGA Professional over three days. If you would like to volunteer for any of the below events, please reach out to myself or Leila at the Section office.

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| • North Coast Golf Show, Oaks PA | 1/13 – 1/15 (Thank you to those that volunteered!) |
| • YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Haverford, PA | April 29 th |
| • VA First Swing Clinic, Marlton, NJ | April 27 th |
| • LPGA Shoprite Classic, Absecon, NJ | June |
| • Pennsylvania State Golf Day, Harrisburg, PA | TBD |
| • Phillies Game, Philadelphia, PA | TBD |
| • Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, Williamstown, NJ | October |

PGA Junior League

The PGA Junior League is a phenomenal program to implement at your facility, and everyone has seen tremendous success. Sign up today to be a captain at www.pga.org/PGAJLG. Our growth has been phenomenal in our area with over 120 teams in 2016, and a regional spot, hosted at Ledgerock Golf Club. Thanks to the staff at Ledgerock for hosting! For more information contact Leila Mackie at the Section office.

College Connection Program

2017 will be our fourth year for this program and we are looking to grow even further by reaching out to alumni organizations for additional funding. In 2016, we had 35 business students enrolled and had three facilities able to host the program. We would like to thank Aronimink Golf Club, Philadelphia Country Club, Sunnybrook Golf Club, and Llanerch Country Club for their time and contributions to the program. The program consisted of four Get Golf Ready sessions at these facilities.

Member Education

On January 18th, Leila held a PGA Junior League workshop at Commonwealth National Golf Club. Over 35 members attended the workshop and it was a great way to share success stories, concerns, and ideas about PGA Junior League at different facilities.

Most recently, we also held a Player Development Workshop at Llanerch Country Club on March 7th. The PGA of America's Director of Program Development, Ted Eleftheriou was the guest speaker and offered a very informative presentation to over 40 attendees on player development and revenue growth. This is the second year for this workshop, and hopefully this can continue in the future, as it contains extremely valuable information that each PGA Professional can take back to their facility.

Round Tables

Over the past three years, Leila has done a great job at Member Education and they have started at our District Round Table discussions. These are small, informative gatherings where Leila is able to present on player development, revenue growth and PGA Junior league initiatives, then as a group we can discuss further and share new ideas with each other. These round table discussions have been a very valuable service to the members that attend. We encourage all of you next winter to attend one in your district.

Equipment Rental Program

Did you know that our Section offers equipment rentals for YOUR facility programs? It's true! You can rent Golfzilla, an inflatable hippopotamus, Birdie Ball, SNAG kits, and inflatable nets for your facility programs. Simply call the Section office to reserve your day and time in advance.

Over 55 facilities took advantage of this program in 2016! All of the rental proceeds go to our Philadelphia Junior Golf Foundation.

In conclusion, I would like to invite all of you to pick up the phone, or send an email to myself, Leila or any of the committee members. We are here to be ambassadors for the above programs, and to help you at your facilities grow the game of golf, and increase your bottom line through these programs. We are here to help.

Bob Hennefer, PGA 609-502-4821 henneferb@evesham-nj.gov

Leila Mackie, PGA 215-481-9080 lmackie@pgahq.com

On behalf of the Player Development Committee, I would like to thank Geoffrey and his entire staff for all of the hard work they do on a daily basis and would like to wish everyone a great, healthy and successful 2017 golf season!

Bob Hennefer, PGA

Director of Golf

Indian Spring Golf Course

2017 Spring Meeting

Director of Section Affairs Report

The Director of Section Affairs coordinates various committees, whom are charged with a variety of tasks. The role helps to create member programs, provide member services and extend the Philadelphia Section PGA into the community. The following PGA Professionals volunteer a significant amount of time on behalf of the Section, for whom I'd like to say a sincere "Thank you" for their contribution.

Special Awards Committee:

Bob Hennefer	Chip Richter
Joe Hughes	Eric Schultz
Eric Kennedy	Leigh Taylor
Kerry Mattern	Kevin Wiest
Joey Pohle	Mike Wood

The Special Awards Committee has the unyielding task of determining the most qualified PGA Member from a group of exemplary candidates. We are proud to announce the following Section Members as the *2016 Special Awards Winners* and on behalf of the entire Philadelphia Section PGA, I'd like to extend to you our heartfelt congratulations!

- Golf Professional of the Year: Robert Kleckner, PGA
- Teacher of the Year: Becky Dengler, PGA
- Youth Player Development: Steve Sieracki, PGA
- Assistant Professional of the Year: Bryan Kienke, PGA
- Merchandiser of the Year (Private, Public, Resort):
 - Private: Tom Gilbert, PGA
 - Public: Bob Doria, PGA
 - Resort: Sara Muldoon, PGA
- Horton Smith Education Award: Jeff Kiddie, PGA
- Bill Strausbaugh Award: Joe Hughes, PGA
- Player Development Award: Steve Wager, PGA
- Golf Salesperson of the Year: Mark Krahe

Growth of the Game Committee:

Bob Hennefer – Co-Chair	Becky Dengler
Patrick Shine – Co Chair	Dan Hoban
John Carpineta	Andy Miller
Jerry Davis	Brad Skupaka
Ben Debski	Steve Wager

In closing, I wish to thank the Executive Committee (Ian Dalzell, John Rogers, Jeff Kiddie, Dave McNabb, and John Pillar) for their undoubting commitment to the Section and the District Directors for their support. Additionally, I want to thank Executive Director, Geoffrey Surrette and the Section Staff for their unselfish dedication.

I would like to wish everyone a successful season.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Shine

Patrick Shine, PGA

Commonwealth National Golf Club

Director of Section Affairs

2017 Spring Meeting Instruction Committee Report

The Instruction Committee had very a successful 2016 and we're looking forward to an even more exciting 2017! Moving forward, we have diligently worked to create and prepare a full-compliment of activities designed with the specific intention of enhancing the coaching ability of seasoned teaching professionals, while keeping an eye on those less-experienced, up-and-comers. Twenty seventeen will offer unique opportunities for professional growth. **I strongly encourage all who are teaching golf to attend, participate and learn.**

CONGRATULATIONS! Instruction Committee Member, Rebecca Dengler 2016 Philadelphia Section PGA "Teacher of the Year"

I would be remiss if I didn't start this report by congratulating long-time PGA Member, Becky Dengler. Becky has dedicated many years to the development of her craft. She is a dedicated and caring teacher who genuinely deserves our acknowledgement. Teacher of the Year is an prestigious award and I am happy to report her well-deserved honor! Please be sure to offer your well-wishes.

UPCOMING INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

APRIL 19TH

DR. BHRETT MCCABE, PhD

AUTHOR OF *THE MINDSIDE MANIFESTO*

Dr. Bhrett McCabe is a practicing Sports & Performance Psychologist who works with numerous athletes from the PGA & LPGA Tours, NFL, NBA, MMA, and serves as the sports and performance psychologist for the University of Alabama Athletic Department. Most recently, Dr. McCabe authored, *The MindSide Manifesto: The Urgency to Create a Competitive Mindset in order to help athletes, coaches, and leaders compete to the best of their ability.*

His presentation is entitled **"It All Begins in the Mind – Maximizing Your Coaching Impact"**

The morning will be a "seminar-style" meeting. Dr. McCabe will follow the morning activities by sharing interactive, outdoor activities and drills utilized by his tour players. Each attendee will participate, so bring your sticks! Dr. McCabe will discuss the rationale behind each drill, what to look for in your student's performance and how to help them practice more effectively.

Indian Valley has graciously agreed to host the day. Visit the Section website to REGISTER.

APRIL 25th

FIRST ANNUAL PGA DISTRICT 2 TEACHING & COACHING SUMMIT

This will be the first year that PGA Sections New Jersey, Metropolitan and Philadelphia, will collaborate to offer an amazing Teaching and Coaching Summit. The all-day event will be staged at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club in Bedminster, New Jersey.

Along with **Steve Scott** of the Metropolitan Section and **Tommy Monteverdi** of the New Jersey Section, I have worked hard to conceptualize and plan the event. We have designed the program such that three golf professionals from each Section will present a variety of topics relevant to teachers and coaches.

Michael Hebron will serve as the day's keynote speaker. New Jersey will be represented by Director of Instruction, **Bill Schmedes III** of Fiddlers Elbow, **Debby Murphy**, Teaching Professional at Trump National Bedminster and **Joe Compitello**, Director of Instruction at Plainfield Country Club. The Metropolitan Section share the work of **Darrell Kestner**, Director of Golf at Deepdale Golf Club, **Wendy Modic**, Lead Instructor at Fenway Golf Club and **John Hobbins** of Greenside Golf Academy at Trinity Center. Finally, our Section will be represented by **Eric Handley**, Director-Golf Teaching & Research Center – Penn State, **John Bierkan**, Director of Instruction at Aronimink GC and me, **Elizabeth Granahan**, President & Director of Instruction, The G2 Golf Group.

JUNE 7TH

CLUB FITTING

RICK KLINE, PGA OWNER OF SITTLER GOLF CENTER

At his facility in Kutztown, **Rick Kline** will host a fantastic club fitting event from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. All the experienced and novice teaching professionals and club fitters are strongly encouraged to attend.

In addition to his many awards, nationally, Rick has been recognized by Golf Digest as a Top 100 Club Fitter (2011-2016), and as a PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award winner. For those who may not be familiar with Rick's work, he is extremely knowledgeable and generous with his information. He and his family have built a successful, profitable and respected business. This will be a great afternoon for all who attend.

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

MARCH 28TH

THE BUSINESS OF GOLF: Strategic Development for Teachers & Coaches

MICHELE GAJDEROWICZ, MSM

Hosted at **Merion Golf Club**, this "roll up your shirt sleeves" business development session with award winning, golf industry entrepreneur, **Michele Gajderowicz**, was designed for those who

currently own a teaching & coaching business or those who would like to move in that direction. Participants left the event armed with actionable materials, plans and practices specifically designed to help their academy, teaching & coaching businesses to grow; implementing concrete business practices and increasing revenue. Michele Gajderowicz has won numerous national business awards. She is the President of Academy Golf, Inc and the CEO & Managing Partner of The G2 Golf Group; one of the Philadelphia Business Journal's "Top Women-Owned Businesses."

FEBRUARY 21ST

SWING FLAWS, BIOMECHANICS & GOLF FITNESS

PATTY POST & BRENDON POST

The University of Delaware Fieldhouse played host to this incredible day of golf training. The workshop was designed such that participating golf professionals took part in fitness and indoor swing training exercises and drills. Each was assessed for his/her specific golf fitness and given personalized information relative to their individual needs.

Many thanks to UD Women's Head Golf Coach, Patty Post and TPI Level III Certified Professional, Brendon Post. Their collective experience and expertise was truly inspirational.

SECTION EDUCATION DAYS

Monday & Tuesday, 14-15 NOVEMBER 2016

The Education Committee in cooperation with the Instruction Committee hosted a 2 day, Fall Summit. The event was held at White Manor CC.

The Instruction Committee was thrilled to welcome **Kevin Weeks**, Cog Hill Golf & Country Club. Kevin, a Golf Digest Top 50 Instructor and National Instruction Committee Member who works almost exclusively with tour players, covered putting essentials. While **John Graham & James Ridyrd** shared their research, insight and global tour experience as it relates to ball flight and wedge play. For each, it was their first "official" visit to the Philadelphia Section but hopefully not their last, their time and extensive knowledge was greatly appreciated!

WEBSITE VIDEOS - Update

The committee spent many hours with Ken Sellinger from CCI Video/*Inside Golf* to create professional, video instruction segments for the website. At this writing, I have been in the editing room with Stacey Martin (a master editor) to ensure we have a quality product for the website. I look forward to the finished product soon.

EDUFII - Update

Edufii is a platform which was developed as a means by which coaches may communicate with athletes in a private training space. If you missed the letter of invitation sent on my behalf, please contact Geoffrey at the Section office. He will be able to invite you to join the "team." We hope this will be a way for teachers and coaches to share information and create Section-wide dialog.

PHILADELPHIA GOLF & TRAVEL SHOW

Friday – Sunday, 13-15 January 2017

I would like to thank all of those professionals and Section staff members who donated their time and talent. The weekend would not have been a success without the participation of: Harry Hammond, George McNamara, Andy Miller, Gerry Davis, Eric Kennedy, Rick Flagler, Justin Rinas, Mike Cole, Eric Burnley, Johnny Carpineta, Danial Donohue, Audrey Ziff, Mike Wheeler, Chris Young, David Linkchorst, Rob Shuey, Grant Griffiths, Steve Sieracki, John Allen, Shawn Matthews, John Rudolph, Becky Dengler, Dan Hoban, Patty Post, Mike Paukovits and Bob Kramer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Instruction Committee for their continued involvement and dedication. Our mission to provide growth and development opportunities for fellow Section professionals enriches all of us while enhancing our respective careers.

Eric Cogorno - Teaching Professional, Bethlehem Golf Club / ecogorno@yahoo.com

Becky Dengler - Teaching Professional, Ed Oliver's Golf Club / beckydengler@aol.com

Ed Gibson – General Manager, Makefield Highlands Golf Club / egibsongolf@gmail.com

Bob Kramer - Director of Instruction, Indian Valley Country Club / kramersgolf@gmail.com

Patty Post - Women's Head Golf Coach, University of Delaware / plpost@udel.edu

Chris Young - Teaching Professional, Philadelphia Cricket Club / c.youngjd@gmail.com

Audrey Ziff - Teaching Professional, Five Ponds Golf Club / sms017@comcast.net

It is my privilege to serve. If there is any way in which I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me directly, (c) 215-431-7510 or email egranahan@theg2golfgroup.com

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Granahan, PGA
President & Director of Instruction
The G2 Golf Group

2017 Spring Meeting Junior Golf Report

I hope all of you were able to spend some down time with your friends and family this off-season. Thank you to the many individuals that continue to prioritize junior golf at their facilities with creative teaching and playing opportunities. Below are some highlights for the upcoming junior golf season, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these offerings, and consider introducing them to your facility.

Drive, Chip & Putt

Our Section will be hosting 8 local qualifiers and 2 sub-regional qualifiers this season for the 2018 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. The Championship is open to boys and girls ages 7 - 15. Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions over four age categories. In 2016, 1,131 juniors participated in 8 local qualifiers throughout the Philadelphia Section PGA. For more information, please visit www.drivechipandputt.com.

PGA Junior League Golf (PGA JLG)

PGA Junior League Golf is a great way to grow junior golf programs at your facilities. Designed as a fun, social way to introduce the game to kids ages 13 & under, JLG promotes a popular, less stressful scramble team format. The program is easy to implement and has shown great success as it has increased revenue at facilities across the country. The Philadelphia Section PGA had 125 JLG teams in 2016 and is looking to increase that number for 2017. I encourage you to look into creating a team at your facility and continue to make it a success. Visit www.pgailg.com for more information and to register a team.

Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour

The Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour continues to prosper, with a record high of 916 members and over 80 events for the 2016 season along with 4,304 tournament rounds. Players in 2016 had 17 opportunities to earn national rankings through the American Junior Golf Association's (AJGA) PBE system and/or the Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS). With the help of summer interns, tournament photos, results and press releases were published on the Philly Junior Tour website, Facebook and Twitter pages. The Junior Tour would not be possible without the support of our host professionals and facilities, and the Section would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who hosted events in 2016.

The College Series provides competitive playing opportunities for 17-24 year-old men and women enrolled in secondary education. In 2017, 34 members registered for the season while having 75 playing opportunities around the Philadelphia area. Designed to attract both

collegiate team players and independent amateur competitors, the 2017 season will continue to work in conjunction with the Philadelphia Junior Tour. Select Junior Tour events will have a college division giving collegiate athletes more playing opportunities this season.

Junior Golf Sponsors

The Graham Company will once again be our Title Sponsor for 2017. Tournament partners also include Adidas, Aquafina, Ashworth, BagBoy, Callaway, David Dodge, DiJulia Golf, Golf Galaxy, Golf Performance Institute, Golf Pride, Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, International Junior Golf Tour, Jack Jolly, My Mental Game Coach, Mizuno, Next Generation Golf, Oakley, Penn State University PGA/PGM Program, Perry Weather, Precision Pro Golf, PTE Golf, Skimp, and Thor Guard will help support the Junior Tour's growth in 2017.

Junior Tour Affiliate Program

Motivate & inspire a new junior golfer at your facility by participating in the Junior Tour Affiliate Program. Each year, you can give away a FREE Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour membership (valued at \$150) to a promising junior at your facility. The only restriction is that the free membership must be given to a NEW Junior Tour member, but golf professionals may award the membership however they wish. We are happy to recognize Affiliate Member facilities on www.phillyjuniortour.com.

Philadelphia PGA Section Professionals are the best ambassadors for growing the Philly Junior Tour. Please consider adding a link to www.phillyjuniortour.com to your facility's website.

Junior Committee and Staff

I want to thank all Junior Golf Committee members and they are as follows:

Harry Hammond, Dave Smith, Dan Hoban, Ben Debski, John Dunigan, Kevin Duffy, Eric MacCluen, Dan Mrozinski, Jim Parella and Andrew Barbin. I would like to thank our Tournament Director, Brian Schulte and Assistant Tournament Director, Bobby Howie for their continued efforts in organization of our junior golf programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Shine – Junior Golf Chairman

2017 Spring Meeting Tournament Committee Report

IT'S TIME TO PLAY!!

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing off season and you are ready for another season supporting our game and engaging with your fellow professional and club members in our extensive tournament program. Your tournament committee and section staff has been hard at work to provide you with one of the most highly regarded tournament programs in the country. If you are looking for an opportunity to test your skills against some of the best PGA Professionals in the country, the chance to entertain your members and show them what a good time is all about or simply an opportunity to reconnect with some old friends and enjoy the game we all love, the Philadelphia PGA tournament program is the perfect place!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tremendous support we receive from our Section sponsors. Please keep these folks in mind when you are making the difficult decision of who to support in your golf shops. Additionally, please take the time to reach out to each of them with a personal note expressing your appreciation and gratitude for their support of this and the many other section programs their generosity makes possible.

There are many exciting things on the horizon for 2017. Most notably is the appointment of Brian Schulte as The Tournament Director and Bobby Howie as Assistant Tournament Director. Ellen will continue in her current role as Tournament Coordinator making our Section staff stronger than ever. Please join me in congratulating Brian and Bobbie on their new roles. Also new to the program this year will be the introduction of a Super Senior Division at four events identified by the committee in which players age 60 and over will compete for a separate purse in the hopes of attracting many of our most experienced players back to the program and competitive golf. More information can be found on the tournament page of the website. Thank you for the hard work by our Section staff and our leader Geoffrey Surrence. Without their dedication to our membership, none of these opportunities would be available.

Congratulations to our twelve Section members who will represent the Philadelphia PGA in the PGA Professional Championship at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, OR. on June 18 - 21. Also representing our Section on the national stage, both George Forster and I will be competing in the 76th Senior PGA Championship at Trump National DC, May 25 – 28.

A special thank you to our host facilities, their members and our host professionals; all of whom make many sacrifices so we have a place to play. I respectfully ask that you be mindful of the fact that you are a guest at these facilities and conduct yourself in the appropriate manner. We are fortunate to secure many of the most highly regarded courses in the area on which to compete. Supporting these facilities and thanking the club and their officials for their generosity and sacrifices will go a long way in enabling us to return in the future.... not to mention, it's the right thing to do!

In closing, thank you, the members of the Philadelphia PGA for making this the best Section in the country. I feel fortunate to be associated with many of the finest professionals our association has to offer and more importantly to call you my friends. We are fortunate to get up every morning with the opportunity to go to work and do what we love for a living. While this sometimes gets lost during the many demands we face. I hope you are able to take a moment out of your busy days to appreciate how fortunate and blessed we all are. I wish you all the best for a happy, healthy and successful 2017 season!

Warm Regards,

Dave McNabb, PGA
Director of Tournaments

2017 Spring Meeting Secretary's Report

The role of Secretary is an Executive Officer position within the Section and primarily oversees three main committees in addition to sitting on the Board of Directors – Junior Golf, Education, Membership/ Communications. I would like to take a moment to thank each of those PGA Section Members who have taken the time and put forth the effort to further the cause in each of these areas. I can tell you that each of these individuals has put his best foot forward to try to make our Section better. Here are the Committees and their members:

Junior Golf Committee

Patrick Shine (Co-Chair)	Dan Hoban
Jeff Kiddie (Co-Chair)	Rodney King
Andy Barbin	Eric MacCluen
Ben Debski	Dan Mrozinski
John Dunigan	Jim Parella
Kevin Duffy	Brian Schulte
Harry Hammond	Dave Smith

Education Committee

Jeff Kiddie (Co-Chair)	Kevin Duffy
Robert Kleckner (Co-Chair)	Ned Graff
John Bierkan	Elizabeth Granahan
John Carpineta	Rodney King
Judd Caruso	Brian Kramp
Vince Ciarlone	Scott Reilly

Membership/Communications Committee

Jeff Kiddie (Chair)	Kevin Muldoon
Ryan Carfara	Justin Meyers
Matt Frey	Joey Pohle
Bob Hennefer	Chip Richter
Joe Hughes	Eric Schultz
Eric Kennedy	Kevin Wiest
Anthony Malizia	Mike Wood

The Philadelphia Section PGA would like to inform you of the following changes in membership since the 2016 Fall Meeting:

Attained PGA Membership

Peter G. Clarke, PGA	Taylor G. Graby, PGA
Meg L. Donohue, PGA	Corey M. Melnick, PGA
Jason L. Duckworth, PGA	Garrett M. Wetherbee, PGA

Achieved Half Century Status

Ronald Barrows, PGA	Mike Swisher, PGA
Richard McCall, Sr. PGA	Gene Yanovitch, PGA
Robert Pfister, PGA	

Achieved Quarter Century Status

David Beegle, PGA
Butch Johnson, PGA
Michael Thompson, PGA

Achieved Senior Status (as of 3/14/17)

Eric Koehler, PGA
Eric MacCluen, PGA
Daniel Washleski, PGA

Deceased Members

Richard F. Conti, PGA
Alex McGugan Jr., PGA

Members Who Have Become a Head Professional for the First Time

Matt R. Bonanno, PGA	Patrick Mastrian, PGA
Chris Cerven, PGA	Ryan Shaughnessy, PGA
Brian A. Fedish, PGA	Brian Short, PGA
Todd Love, PGA	

**Members and Apprentices who have transferred into the Section since the Fall Meeting
of 2016 (as of 3/14/17)**

Branden R. Allen, PGA	Daniel Merrell, PGA
Benjamin Austin, PGA	Ralph Migliaccio
Ron DiSantis, PGA	Evan Mitchell
Brian Fedish, PGA	Devin Ryan
Vincent Kobaso	Christian Sheehan, PGA
Kyle Kolarz, PGA	Donald Strassner, PGA
Wayne Leal, PGA	Sung C. Yi, PGA
Sara Lester, PGA	

We would like to recognize all of the PGA Professionals who have completed their Certification in the various categories within the Philadelphia Section since October 2016:

Player Development:

Karan M. Soni, PGA

Teaching & Coaching

Michael Hodges, PGA
Karan M. Soni, PGA
Billy Stewart, PGA

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Kiddie, PGA
Secretary, Philadelphia Section

2017 Spring Meeting Vice President's Report

Overview

I send a very special thank you to the membership for allowing me to serve as your Section's Vice President. Additionally, I extend my thanks to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for dedicating their time and efforts in serving the Section with sound financial decisions.

Financial

The Section continues to find itself in a very healthy financial situation. As of December 31st, 2016, the total restrictive fund balance was \$526,782. The Restrictive fund is broken into two areas: The Haverford portfolio balance was \$393,576 and the CD investment with Univest balance was \$133,206.

The Executive Committee has made an investment back to the Section and its members providing benefit opportunities as well as educational support. The increase in ADP funding has allowed the Section to assist "Growth of the Game" initiatives. This funding also supports in the marketing and promotions for all members and their facility throughout the year.

Our Junior Golf Department continues to shine brightly maintaining over 800 members for many years. For those who have contributed to this very important Section program, we sincerely thank you. This department is a very important area for the future of golf and the exposure that the Section receives from the golfing community.

Club Relations

Jonathan Gold continues to be our Employment Consultant and works in conjunction with Geoffrey Surette to provide quality employment services to our membership. A special thanks to our District Directors for continuing the "lines of communications" to the professionals in their region through seminars, town halls, and round tables. These types of programs keep the professional informed and educated in their own local areas.

Hall of Fame and Playing Legends

In August, the Hall of Fame committee met to select the inductees for the 2016 Philadelphia Section's "Hall of Fame" award. Please join us in congratulating Ted Sheftic and Bob Thatcher for their induction into the Hall of Fame. I would like to thank the following Section members for their contributions to this committee, they are:

Dick Smith, Sr.	John Poole
Jack Connelly	Mike Cole
Leo DeGisi	Pete Mickleright
Harry Hammond	Pete Trenham
Henry McQuiston,	Sue Unger
Geoffrey Surette	

Hall of Fame and Playing Legend awards alternate every other year. The Playing Legend Committee will convene in August to review the nominations for 2017. Nomination forms will be presented to the membership later in the season

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Rogers, PGA
Vice President

2016 Spring Meeting President's Report

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2017 Spring Meeting, - we hope the off-season has been a productive time of planning and preparation for the season ahead. I know the Section staff has been working tirelessly in the areas of educational seminars, tournament offerings, our Junior Tour and our Section Foundation to set the stage for a great year ahead.

Since our Fall Meeting our Special Awards Committee has identified the best and brightest in our Section with our Annual Special Awards Process and I would like to congratulate all of our winners this year – headed up by **Robert Kleckner, PGA** Professional at Linfield National Golf Club. A large thank-you to **Patrick Shine, PGA** and his committee for their diligent efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Jeff Kiddie, PGA** who has been the driver of significant success and development of our Educational programming. In part with our District 2 counterparts – MET and New Jersey Sections – we will be supporting the first ever District II Teaching & Coaching Summit, to be conducted April 25th at Fiddlers Elbow Country Club. We hope you can partake and support this fine initiative.

PGA Junior League Golf will once again feature prominently within our Section, and I would like to acknowledge much of the hard work that goes unnoticed by Leila Mackie as she devotes her time to that initiative. The program has grown every year and that doesn't happen without the critical support and encouragement of Leila.

Lastly, I would like to thank our entire team at HQ for their hard work, dedication and efforts to not only service all of us as PGA Members, but for their tireless efforts and thoughtfulness in growing the game within our communities. Thank you!

Wishing all of you a great season in 2017. Keep it in the fairway.

Sincerely,

Ian Dalzell, PGA
President

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District Breakdown

District 1: New Jersey south of the 40th parallel, and the Trenton Country Club in Trenton.

District 2: All of Delaware and part of Maryland.

District 3: Pennsylvania Counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, and York.

District 4: Pennsylvania Counties: Bradford, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming.

District 5: Pennsylvania Counties: Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks (north of Route 202)

District 6: Pennsylvania Counties: Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and Bucks (south of Route 202).

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