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2018 Spring Meeting

Central Counties Chapter – President's Report

Welcome to the 2018 golf season of the Central Counties Chapter!

Membership is the main source of income for our Chapter. Financially, the Chapter remains in stable condition. We need to continue to work on increasing our membership levels. I would like to thank all of our current members for your continued support. I would encourage everyone to get the word out about the positive opportunities the Chapter generates. Our Chapter creates the ability to network with other professionals, gains access to education seminars, and also provides a tournament schedule where you and your amateur partners can compete in a competitive atmosphere. We need all of you to help grow our membership!

Tournament Sponsorship continues to strengthen our Chapter events. John O'Connell and Trinity Golf will again be a major sponsor for our Spring & Fall meetings this year. We are excited to have the following sponsors on board for 2018: Andy Barbin /John Rogers - Victory Golf Pass, Steve Frost- Columbia, Jim Ravina- Pukka Headwear, Laura Manchester-Callaway Golf, Chris Grasmick - Golf Cart Services, Brett Rosenberger -Prudential Life Insurance, Ian Versaw - Club Prophet Systems, Kevin Depaulis - Adidas, Jim Ravina - Pukka Headwear, & Josh Grunden- Srixon Golf. Our Chapter benefits significantly from these relationships. Please take the time to thank our sponsors and support their brands in any way you can. Again, Thank You to all of our sponsors for their continued support of our Chapter.

If you have not participated with the PGA Junior League, I would encourage you to give it a try this year. It provides a great opportunity for adults and juniors to spend some quality time on the golf course and at our facilities, which ultimately results in more revenue for your course. Contact Leila Mackie at the Section office and she will help get you all set up for 2018.

The Central Counties Chapter Junior Championship is working in conjunction with the Philadelphia Junior Tour, and will be held at Pine Meadows this year. Support for this event has been positive during the last two years. Please spread the word to your junior golfers and help make this event successful again this year.

I would like to thank Sue Unger, Barb Creveling, & Geoffrey Surette and the entire Section Staff for all their support of the Central Counties Chapter Membership & Board of Directors.

Good Luck to everyone this season!

Rick Gibney
Central Counties Chapter President

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Philadelphia Assistants Organization Report

As we begin the 2018 golf season, the PAO Committee has been working hard to provide another fantastic experience for all Assistant Golf Professionals and Apprentices in the Philadelphia PGA Section. Our goals for the 2018 season remain the same; offer quality education and playing opportunities while giving back to the community. As we look towards another great season, I would like to thank my committee; Ron Pine, Jeff Herb, and newcomer Sam Ambrose; for all of their help in getting the year started. Also a big thank you to Ian Dalzell and Geoff Surette for their continued support from the board and the section office.

Tournaments

We would like to start off by thanking our Premier Partner, Mr. Scott Hutchinson from Lookaway Golf Club, for continuing to support the PAO for 2018. We can't thank Mr. Hutchinson enough for his generosity and support of the PAO. We ask that you all reach out to Mr. Hutchinson with a thank you note and send it to Lookaway GC to his attention. Ron Pine and his committee are putting the finishing touches on our tournament schedule for 2018 with some of the top facilities in the Philadelphia for our events. They still have a few dates to fill on the calendar so please contact Ron if you are able to host the PAO. The top 30 players on the point list will once again be invited to the PAO Tour Championship. This event continues to be a great event for the players involved at one of the sections premier facilities, getting to experience a special round. The PAO was again victorious at the 2017 Independence Cup against the APA from the Mid-Atlantic Section. We would like to thank the membership and staff at Bear Trap Dunes for their hospitality in hosting us.

Education / Mentoring / Communication

The Education calendar is shaping up nicely thanks to the hard work of Jeff Herb and his committee members. For 2018, we have education events with John Bierkan for Junior Golf and a round table with Head Professionals to talk about interviewing and ways to separate yourself in the job market. The mentoring program will move forward as usual. We have a devoted group of PGA Members who are eager to help anyone in need with gaining PGA Membership. Please visit the PAO webpage to see our Circle of Mentors program. New for this year on the communication front, the committee will be publishing a monthly newsletter. This publication will include news about the PAO, tournament results, assistant professional spotlight, and a head pro mentoring article each month. Thank you to Jeff and his committee for their hard work in creating this newsletter.

Finance / Charity / Jr. Golf

The PAO welcomes Sam Ambrose to the committee as the chair of this committee. Sam and his committee have come up with some great new ideas this year. We will continue to work with the Philly Junior Tour in support of their events. Also this year, the PAO will be focusing on

supporting the PGA HOPE initiative by helping with clinics and events throughout the year. We will also be participating in and hosting several Golf Marathon Events for the PAO members. Please be on the lookout for the date and ways to support our assistants and our charities.

We are all looking forward to a great 2018 season! As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

*My report is respectfully submitted,
Stephen Frederick,
PAO Co Chairman*

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

2018 PAO Tournament Schedule

April 16 th	PAO Spring Meeting
April 25 th & 26 th	Dick Smith Cup – Trump National Philadelphia
April 30 th	*Taylormade Classic – RiverCrest Golf Club
May 14 th	*Delaware Valley Open – Concord Country Club
May 21 st	PAO Waynesborough Classic – Waynesborough Country Club
June 11 th	Jack Jolly/Golf Pride – Trump National Philadelphia
June 18 th	OPEN
June 25 th	OPEN
July 2 nd	*Conestoga Classic – Conestoga Country Club
July 9 th	*Hyndman Memorial – Huntington Valley Country Club
July 16 th	PAO Cedarbrook Classic – Cedarbrook Country Club
July 30 th	Pro-Assistant Pro – Seaview Resort
August 6 th	Assistant Professional Championship – Laurel Creek Country Club
August 13 th	PAO Bent Creek Classic – Bent Creek Country Club
August 20 th	PAO Old York Road Classic – Old York Road Country Club
September 10 th	PAO Hidden Creek Classic – Hidden Creek Golf Club
September 24 th	OPEN
October 15 th	PAO Tour Championship – Site TBD
November 5 th	PAO Fall Meeting – White Manor Country Club

2018 Spring Meeting Growth of the Game Committee Report

It is truly a pleasure to serve as the Chairman for the Player Development Committee for 2018. Bob Hennefer and his committee did a fantastic job the last few years and I think the plans we have now will keep that ball rolling. I would like to start by congratulating Gerry Davis of Flourtown CC for winning the Player Development award for 2018. Gerry is a member of our committee and has volunteered tirelessly over the years at many different events in an effort to grow the game. Gerry, on behalf of all of our members, Thank You!

Joining Gerry and I on the Player Development Committee this year is Sam Ambrose, Dan Mrozinski, John Carpineta, Steve Wager and Leila Mackie.

The Player Development Committee works with and supports a number of programs in the Philadelphia Section including...

Consumer Events - We have many different dates throughout the year for these events and we always need help from you, our membership to make them successful. If every member of the Section donated just one hour of his or her time every three years we would have enough manpower hours to support all of these events. So please, come out and help if you can. If you have any questions on how you can get involved, please call Leila Mackie at the Section and she will help you find the best event to market yourself and your facility while you volunteer.

2018 Consumer Event Calendar

YMCA Healthy Kids Day	April 2018
Girls Golf Fun Day	May 5 th , 2018
PGA HOPE Clinics	May – June <i>*see flyer for dates</i>
LPGA ShopRite Classic	June 8-10, 2018
Golf Marathon Day	August 20 th
Atlantic City Golf Show	December 2018

PGA Jr. League - The Philadelphia Section had 135 teams and 86 leagues in 2017. Our goal is to reach 150 teams this year. There have be quite a few changes to the program for 2018 including improving the post-season model, which I think you all are going to benefit from.

PGA Hope - This year we will be holding clinics at Bensalem Twp. Country Club and Burlington Country Club. We always need volunteers to help with the instruction for this program.

Golf in Schools- Currently we are doing this in 15 different Elementary Schools and have plans to expand this number.

College Connection- This is our fifth year partnering with Villanova University to administer this program. In 2017 over 40 Business Students participated in multiple Get Golf Ready Programs at Llanerch Country Club, Sunnybrook Golf Club and Philadelphia Country Club. We will be using those same facilities this year and greatly appreciate their support.

I have asked that information be put on your chairs for today's meeting regarding the many different player development programs we have going on this year. In addition, we are looking to make a *Best Practices* resource book for the Philadelphia Section. If you have a *Best Practice* that you would like to share with our fellow Professionals please let us know. This could be a player development initiative, membership program, or really anything that has been successful at your facility. We would love to hear what you are doing!

For those of you who attended the District Roundtables this winter, I hope you found them enjoyable and informative. Having been to a few of these, it always amazes me how if the attendees are really engaged then the conversation can go in many different directions and you can learn a lot from the group. I always go into these hoping to pick up one or two new ideas and I end up learning much more than I thought I would.

Included in your paperwork you will find information on our Equipment Rental Program for 2018. I am excited to announce that we have added a Golf-A-Roo this year. Details are quite sketchy on how we actually acquired this new addition but the most popular story involves our esteemed Executive Director winning a Closest to the Pin contest at the Winter ED meetings. Again, there is zero evidence to prove this story but if you hear something enough eventually you think it is true regardless of how impossible it seems.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the staff at the Section Office for their support of this committee and all they do behind the scenes to make every event seem so seamless. Leila Mackie works so hard on developing and growing this game in our area, we all owe her a big thanks for her efforts and her support. I hope you all have a wonderful 2018 season and look forward to seeing you at some of the many events we have going on this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter G. "Chip" Richter PGA
Head Golf Professional
Carlisle Country Club

2018 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:

Jeff Breiner	Anthony Malizia
Kevin Duffy	Dustin McCormick
Jason Gebhart	Brett Nelson
Eric Kennedy	Eric Schultz

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 *2017 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: Bob Hennefer, PGA
- Teacher of the Year: John Dunigan, PGA
- Youth Player Development: David Zimmaro, PGA
- Assistant Professional of the Year: Daniel Mrozinski, PGA
- Merchandiser of the Year (Private): Patrick Shine, PGA
- Horton Smith Education Award: Eric Handley, PGA
- Bill Strausbaugh Award: Thomas Gilbert, PGA
- Player Development Award: Gerry Davis, PGA
- Golf Salesperson of the Year: Jim Ravina

Growth of the Game:

Chip Richter – Co-Chair	Gerry Davis
Leila Mackie – Co Chair	Dan Mrozinski
Sam Ambrose	Steve Wager
John Carpineta	

In closing, I wish to thank the Executive committee (John Rogers, Jeff Kiddie, Patrick Shine, Bob Hennefer and Ian Dalzell) for their undoubting commitment to the Section and the District Directors for their support. Additionally, I want to thank Executive Director, Geoffrey Surette and the Section Staff for their unselfish dedication.

I would like to wish everyone a successful season.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Richter, PGA
Carlisle Country Club
Director of Section Affairs

2018 Spring Meeting Instruction Committee Report

First off, I would like to praise Elizabeth Granahan for the great work she's done the past few years in her role as Chairperson of the Instruction Committee. We are in a great spot because of her efforts! She has helped attract some great people including James Ridyard, John Graham, Bhrett McCabe, and more!!! Kudos to her and her past committee for elevating the menu of offerings for our section.

Here is our Instruction Committee: (I'm REALLY excited about everyone on here!)

John Bierkan – Aronimink Golf Club

Becky Dengler- Ed Oliver Golf Club

John Dunigan- White Manor Country Club

Elizabeth Granahan- The G2 Golf Group

Eric Handley- Penn State Golf Teaching & Research Center

Steve Wager- Penn State Golf Courses

My vision, so to speak, is to look at our instruction educational opportunities a bit differently. For instance....have we ever had anyone come out and talk about how to market yourself in today's social media age? Have we ever had anyone come talk to us about how people learn? Let's face it....golf instruction is changing. I firmly believe that there are skills aside from understanding the golf swing that are essential to the success of a teacher/coach whatever you want to call it! Not saying the mechanics of the golf swing aren't important, however I'm more interested in the things that will help us all become better learners, better communicators, better business people, better coaches, better friends, etc.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions or comments you have about the committee or the educational opportunities we are providing. We're always looking for ideas on how to enhance our offerings!

Gratefully,

Andy Miller

Chairperson, Philadelphia Section Instruction Committee

UPCOMING EDUCATION EVENTS

DAVE PHILLIPS - TPI & SPENCER DENNIS- Edufii



"The Body Swing Connection and a look into the Future of Golf Instruction"

Where: St. Davids Golf Club

When: March 26

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$50

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A look into the swings of today and how they create speed and power. Participants will gain a better understanding of how the body works and why golf swings are so different. Participants will also learn some simple screens to determine if their bodies and those of their students affect their ability to create speed and power. We will also take a look at the future of golf instruction and how technology will change the way we coach the game.

Edufii-Spencer Dennis, Founder and President of Edufii will present the benefits of Edufii and how using such a tool can help everyone in the coach/player relationship.

GameLikeTraining Golf Interactive Workshop with Matthew Cooke & Iain Highfield



Where: Concord Country Club

When: May 30

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$50 PGA Member \$60 Non-Member

Team GLT presents key principles on Mental Performance, Sport Psychology, and Motor Learning.

The goal of our golf coach workshops and seminars is to provide golf coaches a base line understanding of sports psychology and/or motor learning and effective practice in a digestible and practical format. Each attendee will receive instruction crafted to help make better use of the golf range, mentally prepare golfers to play competitive golf, train deliberately, etc., all designed to help golfers enjoy playing golf more while eventually reaching a higher level of performance.

THE FEEDBACK WE HAVE HAD :

We have delivered this clinic at multiple venues across the UK, to college teams, junior golf academies and golf clubs across the USA. The feedback we have received has been 100% positive. Golf coaches always leave with a deeper understanding of golf's mental game and effective practice, and they also leave with practical ways to apply the following –

- A Process Focus
- A Pre-shot routine
- Diaphragmatic breathing
- External focus
- Quiet eye
- Tension and tempo management
- Blocked Vs Random practice
- Interleaved practice
- Game like training
- Self-reflection

In the Works.....GOLF SCIENCE LAB “LIVE”

We're working with Cordie Walker on a Golf Science Lab Live Event for the Fall. If you aren't familiar with Cordie or Golf Science Lab, I would highly suggest checking them out!

<http://golfsciencelab.com/>

<http://golfinthelifeof.com/>

2018 Spring Meeting Junior Golf Report

Hopefully you enjoyed the break with your families and now are all charged up and ready to go. 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 10 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 2017, 1,183 juniors participated in 8 local qualifiers throughout the Philadelphia Section PGA. For more information, please visit www.drivechipandputt.com/.

Junior League Golf (JLG)

Junior League Golf is a great way to grow junior golf programs at your facilities. Designed to better socialize the game for kids 13 & under, JLG promotes a popular, less stressful scramble format. The program is easy to implement, and has shown great success and increased revenue across the country. The Philadelphia Section PGA had 127 JLG teams in 2017 and is looking to increase that number for 2018. I encourage you to look into creating teams at your facility and continue to make it a success. Visit <http://www.pgailg.com/> for more information and to register a team.

Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour

The Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour continues to prosper with 881 members and over 85 events for the 2017 season along with 4,760 tournament rounds. Players in 2017 had 24 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 2017.

The College Series provides competitive playing opportunities for 17-24-year-old men and women enrolled in secondary education. In 2017, 17 members registered for the college season while having 10 playing opportunities around the Philadelphia area. Designed to attract both collegiate team players and independent amateur competitors, the 2018 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 the Junior Tour. Tournament partners also include Adidas, BagBoy, Callaway, David Dodge, Golf Pride, Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, International Junior Golf Tour, Jack Jolly, Steve Sieracki Golf, Oakley, Penn State University PGA/PGM Program, Precision Pro Golf, PTE Golf, and Thor Guard will help support the Junior Tour's growth in 2018.

Junior Tour Affiliate Program

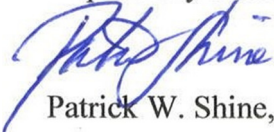
Motivate & inspire a new junior golfer at your facility by participating in the Junior Tour Affiliate Program. Each year, you can give away a FREE Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour membership (valued at \$150) to a promising junior at your facility. The only restriction is that the free membership must be 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, Chip Richter, Duane Lent, Joe Ambrose, Isaac Bickel, JT Holsman, Brian Moose, Donald Strassner, Dan Taylor and Steve Wager. I would like to thank our Tournament Director, Brian Schulte, Assistant Tournament Director, Bobby Howie, Tournament Coordinators Lewis Harry and Ellen Berlinger for their continued efforts in organization of our junior golf programs.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick W. Shine, PGA

2018 Spring Meeting Tournament Committee Report

It's Tournament Season!

It's been a long winter filled with lots of snow storms and Nor'easters and I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing offseason! I hope you are eager to begin the season and we have a great tournament program for you to compete amongst your fellow professionals and entertain your club members. Our calendar of events offers you a variety of options to compete against some of the best PGA Professionals in the country, entertain your members in pro-am events and team events, and a place to meet new professionals and enjoy the game!

Committee Update

I want to thank everyone that expressed interest in joining the Tournament Committee this offseason, and would like to welcome the new committee members. Our Committee is dedicated to serving the needs of the entire membership and enhancing our tournament program to keep it the best in the Country! Special thanks to our new Tournament Committee:

John Appleget	Joe Kogelman
Tom Carpus	Dave McNabb
David Clark	John Pillar
Ashley Grier	Ron Pine
Eric Kennedy	Andy Signor

Thank our Sponsors!

Your tournament schedule is made possible by the support we receive from our sponsors, please take the time to thank them with a personal note expressing your gratitude and appreciation of supporting our tournament program. Each sponsor gets to decide where to allocate their money and product and we are grateful they choose to support the Philadelphia Section. We know every golf shop is different and limited in resources, but we ask you to please keep these sponsors in mind when making decisions about purchasing for your golf shop. The more support we show our sponsors, the greater the return.

2017 Recap

Congratulations to our 96th Section Champion, Terry Hertzog and the 13 PGA Professionals that will represent our Section at the 51st PGA Professional Championship, this June 17-20, 2018 at Bayonet Black Horse in Seaside, California.

2017 marked a new direction for our Tournament Field Staff as Brian Schulte was named Tournament Director and Bobby Howie the Assistant Tournament Director. Together they did

an outstanding job and I would like to congratulate them on a job well done, and I know they will continue their hard work to provide you with a great tournament program every time you tee it up! I would also like to thank our entire field staff for their hard work. They treat every tournament like it is your member-guest and without their dedication, none of these opportunities would be available. I would also like to thank Geoffrey Surette and the entire Section office for their continued hard work and dedication to serving you every day.

2018 Tournament Season is here!

I would like to offer a special thank you to all of our host facilities and PGA Professionals for being part of our 2018 calendar of events. Whether it is a junior event, pro-am, points event, PAT, or championship, we appreciate your facility hosting an event for 2018! Please be mindful of the fact that we are guests of these facilities and you should conduct yourself professionally, just as you ask guests of your members at your facility to be mindful of your facility's policies.

We are extremely fortunate to compete at these facilities; I ask you to please support them by thanking the club officials, the membership, the host professional, and the sponsors for the event. It is the right thing to do by showing appreciation and respect for each facility we visit.

New for 2018 will be a Super Senior Player of the Year points race. Last year we introduced a Super Senior Division at four events identified by the committee in which players age 60 and over competed for a separate purse in the hopes of attracting many of our most experienced players back to the program and competitive golf. We received positive feedback and have expanded the program for 2018, we are excited to announce this added points race to the season and more details will be made available at the Spring Meeting.

Lastly, thank you, the members of the Philadelphia PGA for making this the best section in the country. I am very fortunate to be involved in the Section and work in a great industry and call so many of you my friends. All of our schedules are busy with work and family life and I truly hope you take advantage of our tournament offerings and there is an event on the schedule for you. I look forward to seeing you all out on the golf course this season and wish you all the best for a great 2018 golfing season!

Warm Regards,

Bob Hennefer, PGA
Director of Tournaments

2018 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)	Duane Lent
Chip Richter (Co-Chair)	Brian Moose
Joe Ambrose	Brian Schulte
Isaac Bickel	Donald Strassner
Harry Hammond	Daniel Taylor
JT Holsman	Steve Wager
Bobby Howie	

Education Committee

Patrick Shine (Co-Chair)	Dean Kandle
Jason Calhoun	Hugh Matthis
Gerry Davis	Ryan Shaughnessy
Tom Gilbert	Mike Wheeler
Eric Handley	

Membership/Communications Committee

Patrick Shine (Chair)	Matt Frey
Ryan Carfara	Frank Hesson
Leo DeGisi	Mike Ladden
Kevin Edwards	Meghan Spero
Matthew Episcopo	

The Philadelphia Section PGA would like to inform you of the following changes in membership since the 2017 Fall Meeting:

Attained PGA Membership

Christopher Atkins, PGA	Lewis Harry, PGA
Christopher Duckett, PGA	Jeffrey Herb, PGA
Christopher Filling, PGA	Roger Hoover, PGA
Joseph Gensoli, PGA	Ross Seaman, PGA

Achieved Half Century Status

Tony Perla Jr., PGA	Ted Sheftic, PGA
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Achieved Quarter Century Status

Robert Munkittrick, Jr, PGA
Steven W. Richardson, PGA
John J. Rogers, PGA

Achieved Senior Status (as of 3/14/18)

Duane Lent, PGA	Edward Perrino, PGA
David Lis, PGA	Eric Pevoto, PGA
Ken Ord, PGA	Jim Smith, Jr., PGA
	Geoff Surrette, PGA

Deceased Members

William 'Bill' Bishop, PGA

Members Who Have Become a Head Professional for the First Time

Kevin Bales, PGA	Bradley Nelson, PGA
Gregg Meyer, PGA	Tony R. Perla, PGA
Scott Goldstein, PGA	Kyle Tasselmyer, PGA
Shawn Matthews, PGA	

Members and Apprentices who have transferred into the Section since the Fall Meeting of 2017
(as of 3/14/18)

Andrew Barbin Jr.	Christopher Osberg
Wesley Calderone	Robert Rowe
Timothy Lynch	Michael Shank, PGA
James MacFarlane	Mark Thompson
Bridget McLaughlin	Garrett Urvavitch

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 2017:

Golf Operations:

Eric Schultz, PGA	Kyle J. Zayac, PGA
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Teaching & Coaching:

Brian Moose, PGA
Corey Phillips, PGA
Dustin Wallis, PGA

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Shine, PGA
Secretary, Philadelphia Section

2018 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 energy in serving the Section with sound financial decisions. A very sincere thank-you goes to Geoff Surrette and Barb Creveling for all of their dedicated work and advisement.

Financial

The Section continues to find itself in a very healthy financial situation. As of February 28th, 2018, the total restricted fund balance was \$584,452. The Restrictive fund is broken into two areas: The Haverford portfolio balance was \$449,908 and the CD investment with Univest balance was \$134,544.

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 exposure that the Section receives from the golfing community.

Club Relations

Jonathan Gold continues to be our Employment Consultant and works in conjunction with Geoff Surrette to provide quality employment services to our membership. It was an active winter for employment and these two individuals work hard on behalf of the Philadelphia Section PGA. A special thanks to our District Directors for continuing the "lines of communications" to the professionals in their region through seminars, town halls, and cracker-barrels. These types of programs keep the professional informed and educated "in their own backyard".

Hall of Fame and Playing Legends

Being that it is a Hall of Fame year, the committee will be working together to determine who might be worthy of consideration for the 2018 class. It is one of the most important committees in our Section and we thank all that are involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Kiddie, PGA
Vice President

2018 Spring Meeting President's Report

Good morning fellow Professionals,

It is with great pleasure and honor to be presenting my first report as your 42th President of the Philadelphia Section. I welcome everyone to the Normandy Farms and to our 2018 Spring Business Meeting. It is my hope that the winter of 2017-18 has made us look forward to the Spring and the start of a wonderful season.

Looking into the upcoming season, I am very excited for the many planned activities that the Section will be offering. Our Section staff has been working very hard with the tournament scheduling, education opportunities, and activities highlighting our exceptional professionals.

Our Executive Committee along with our Board have been involved in monthly conference calls to stay engaged with the Section's concerns during the off season. Our Executive Committee traveled to Atlanta in February to interview the candidates for the office of Secretary in this year's PGA of America's election. It turned out to be very informing and educational.

I want to extend a special thank you to the entire Board for their dedication in making our Section one of the best in our Association. Additionally, a special "thank you" for the professionals offering their facility for meetings and tournaments. A heartfelt appreciation is given to our Past Presidents for their insight and experience that we truly treasure. Lastly, to our magnificent staff at the Section office, thank you for your continued efforts in making the Section as good as it can be.

In closing, I wish the communications from our Board and me will grow in a consistent way. I have rekindled the newsletter, "A report from the President" which will begin as a quarterly publication. In that same report, I have started a section devoted to a selected Past President to get a perspective from their time as the leader of the Section and how things have changed over the years. In February, Jim Smith, Jr. kicked off this report with his take on the golf business and our industry. PGA professional Harry Hammond will contribute next with his report in May 2018.

Regards,

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