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2019 Spring Meeting Central Counties Chapter – President’s Report

Welcome to the 2019 Golf Season of the Central Counties Chapter PGA.

2019 is bound to be a great year in the Chapter and will have far fewer rainouts and weather issues. I am sure we all agree that will be a nice change.

We saw a stable membership number in 2018 and are hoping to add a few members in 2019. Membership and participation in Chapter events is clearly what the Board works on constantly. The Chapter covers a very large geographic area and we also continue to work to move our vents around to the different areas of the Chapter. This year our Spring Meeting is being held at Mountain View Country Club just outside State College and our Autumn Meeting will be at Heidelberg Country Club just outside of Reading. Attending these meetings will give you the opportunity to network with fellow professionals, enjoy creative educational seminars, and play for a nice prize pool in the afternoon if you wish thanks to our wonderful sponsors.

On the subject of our sponsors, thanks to John O’Connell from Trinity Golf, Laura Manchester from Callaway Golf, Steve Frost from Columbia Sportswear, Chris Grasmick from Golf Cart Specialties, Ian Versaw from Club Prophet Systems, Kevin Depaulis from Adidas, Josh Grundon from Cleveland/Srixon and Ed Mann from Mann Merchant Systems. Thank you all so much for your support of the Chapter.

The new Board for the Chapter includes the following individuals. I am so appreciative for the time they all give to serve the Chapter and appreciate all their efforts.

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| Peter “Chip” Richter | President | Carlisle Country Club |
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| Andy Signor | Secretary | Pine Meadows Golf Complex |
| Jason Gebhart | Tournament Dir. | Out Door Country Club |
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| Jamison Wallace | District I Director | Chambersburg Country Club |
| Jeff Breiner | District II Director | CC of Harrisburg |
| Rick Gibson | District III Director | Lancaster Country Club |
| Brian Short | District IV Director | Penn State Golf Courses |

We are thrilled to have a PGA Hope Chapter coming into the CCCPGA in 2019. Thanks to Jeff Breiner, John Carpineta and Leila Mackie for all your help in getting this done. Anyone who would like to help our wonderful Veterans and grow the game to this special group we would love to have you. These clinics will be on Wednesdays beginning April 17th from 2:00-4:00 at the Country Club of Harrisburg. They will begin at 2:00 and end at 4:00. Please, please please come help us make this endeavor a successful one. Jeff can provide any more details you may need.

PGA Junior League has continued to grow in the Chapter. This program is one of, if not the very best I have seen the PGA roll out. I have two daughters both of whom participated in PGA Junior League and they are both golfers still today. It is a great way to get kids started in the game. We are also happy to have the East Regional for the Philadelphia Section held in the Chapter at Out Door Country Club in York. Out Door is also hosting the Central Counties Junior Championship this year on June 2nd. Thanks to Jason Gebhart and the members at Out Door for opening your club to our Junior Golfers.

Lastly, I would like to thank Sue Unger, Barb Creveling, Geoff Surrette and all the people in the Section Office for all they do for us every year. We appreciate all their efforts, which make things run so smoothly.

I hope everyone has a wonderful season in 2019!

Peter G. "Chip" Richter PGA
Central Counties Chapter President

2019 Spring Meeting Philadelphia Assistants Organization Report

As we begin the 2019 golf season, the PAO Committee has been working hard to provide another fantastic experience for all Assistant Golf Professionals and Associates in the Philadelphia PGA Section. We will continue to strive towards our goals; offer quality education and playing opportunities while giving back to the community. As we look towards another great season, I would like to thank returning PAO Tournament Chair, Ron Pine, for his assistance in setting up another quality schedule for 2019. We are excited to welcome Ashley Grier and Michael Congdon to the PAO board for this year. They have already brought some exciting ideas to the PAO. Also big thanks to Ian Dalzell and Geoff Surette for their continued support from board and the section office.

Tournaments

We would like to start off by thanking our Premier Partners Scott Hutchinson and Conrad JJ Radcliffe, Esq. for continuing to support the PAO for 2018. We can't thank Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Radcliffe enough for their generosity and support of the PAO. Ron Pine and his committee are putting the finishing touches on our tournament schedule for 2019 with some of the top facilities in the Philadelphia for our events. We will be kicking off our 2019 season with the PAO Spring Meeting at Whitford on Monday, April 15th. There are still 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.

Education / Mentoring / Communication

The Education calendar is shaping up nicely thanks to the hard work of Ashley Grier and her committee. For 2019, we will be focusing on rules, with Jeff Kiddie speaking at our spring meeting. We will also be hosting a round table with Head Professionals to talk about interviewing and ways to separate you in the job market. The mentoring program will move forward and 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. Ashley has revitalized the PAO Facebook page, and will continue keep that up to date with the latest news and results. We will be continuing the PAO monthly newsletter as well. This publication will include news about the PAO, tournament results, assistant professional spotlight, and a head pro mentoring article each month. Thank you to Ashley and her committee for their hard work in creating this newsletter.

Finance / Charity / Jr. Golf

Michael Congdon will be replacing Sam Ambrose as the chair of the Finance/Charity/Jr. Golf Committee for 2019. 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 date and ways to support our assistants and our charities.

We are all looking forward to a great 2019 season! As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

My report is respectfully submitted,

PAO Co-Chair – Stephen Frederick, PGA

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

2019 PAO Tournament Schedule

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| April 15 th | PAO Spring Meeting – Whitford Country Club |
| May 13 th | *Delaware Valley Open – Radley Run Country Club |
| May 20 th | PAO Old York Road Classic – Old York Road Country Club |
| June 17 th | PAO Indian Valley Classic – Indian Valley Country Club |
| June 24 th | *Conestoga Classic – Conestoga Country Club |
| July 1 st | *Pro-Assistant Pro – Seaview Resort |
| July 8 th | *Hyndman Memorial – Huntington Valley Country Club |
| July 15 th | OPEN |
| July 29 th | PAO Cedarbrook Classic – Cedarbrook Country Club |
| August 5 th & 6 th | Assistant Professional Championship – Chester Valley Golf Club |
| August 12 th | OPEN |
| August 19 th | PAO Bellewood Classic – Bellewood Country Club |
| September 9 th | *TaylorMade Classic – Laurel Creek Country Club |
| September 23 rd | OPEN |
| September 30 th | PAO Bent Creek Classic – Bent Creek Country Club |
| October 14 th | PAO Tour Championship – Site TBD |

2019 Spring Meeting Player Development Committee Report

The Player Development Committee is off to another great start in 2019. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities this year to become involved and help to grow the game. With the new PGA REACH Philadelphia foundation launch, 2019 will bring many consumer events to the calendar including the expansion of a new PGA HOPE Chapter and more. As in years past, Gerry Davis has been a huge help to the committee and I would like to congratulate him for winning his second consecutive Player Development award. Gerry volunteers at many events every year and he is a very deserving winner.

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

Consumer events are a big part of the Player Development Committee. We have many different dates throughout the year for these events and we can always use more help from our membership to make them successful. On the section website there is a link at the top of the home page for Player Development that includes information on best practices, equipment rental, community outreach, and volunteer opportunities. This section staff does a nice job of keeping this updated so if you ever feel like you would like to get out and help we have plenty of opportunities for you.

2019 Consumer Event Calendar to date

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| YMCA Healthy Kids Day | April – TBD 2019 |
| PGA Hope Clinics (compensated for your time) | May – June *see flyer for details |
| LPGA Shoprite Classic | June 7 th - 9 th |
| Golf Marathon Day | Date TBA |

PGA Junior League within our section is off to a fast start again this year. Last year we had 135 teams and 86 leagues within the Philadelphia section. Our goal for this year is to get over 150 teams. There have been some slight changes to the postseason model which I think are for the better and we hope you seriously consider offering this program if you are not already.

As always PGA HOPE is one of our most remarkable and talked about programs. This year we have added a new chapter in Harrisburg to go along with Indian Spring and Bensalem Township. It is great to see PGA HOPE continue to grow.

We were fortunate to have six district roundtable events within the section boundaries during the off season. These events are always engaging, interesting and seem to take a path of their own which turns out to be educational and enjoyable. During these discussions it is amazing how many good ideas come out. If you think you are doing something unique at your club that is helping to grow the game why not write it down and send it in to us as a best practice? Leila

is currently trying to put together a book of best practices from the Philadelphia section and we would love to hear what you are doing at your home club.

I thought the new format and additions to the agenda for the roundtables including the use of Ted talks etc. was outstanding and everyone else I talked with agreed. Thank you so much to Leila, Geoff, Courtney and Joe for all their work in making these successful.

The Golf in Schools program continues to expand and we are looking at activating 30 different schools around the Philadelphia section in the upcoming year. This is another great growth of the game initiative that is very easy to get involved with if you would like.

Other ways that you can get involved would be to host a program at your facility. You can take a more active role in foundation fundraising by promoting PGA REACH at your facility. We would love to have more people participating in or hosting golf marathon events. If you feel like there are potential donors at your club please talk to them about the things we are doing and if they seem interested let us know. Joining the annual giving program as well as participating in our annual **PGA REACH Philadelphia Pro-Am** which this year will be at **Green Valley Country Club** on **October 2, 2019** would also be very helpful.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the staff at the section office for their support of this committee and all the work they do to make everything go so seamlessly throughout the year. I hope that you all have a wonderful 2019 golf season which hopefully brings much less rain than last season and many more people having fun on the golf course enjoying this great game.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter G. "Chip" Richter PGA

2019 Spring Meeting Director of Section Affairs Report

The Director of Section Affairs oversees various committees including the Special Awards, Instruction and Player Development Committees. The role helps to create programs and opportunities for the PGA Professionals in our section, as well as to extend our reach into the community. The PGA professionals listed in this report have all helped greatly and volunteered a significant amount of time and I am very thankful for their service.

Special Awards Committee Members

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| Jeff Breiner, PGA | The Country Club of Harrisburg |
| Brian Kramp, PGA | Chesapeake Bay Golf Club |
| Eric Kennedy , PGA | Overbrook Golf Club |
| Eric Shultz, PGA | Philmont Country Club |
| Anthony Malizia,PGA | Bidermann Golf Club |
| Kevin Duffy, PGA | Riverton CC |
| Brett Nelson, PGA | Moselem Springs Golf Club |
| Jason Gebhart , PGA | Outdoor Country Club |
| Dustin McCormick, PGA | Glen Brook Country Club |

On December 3rd of 2018 the Committee met at the Section office. Congratulations to the following winners who were selected for their respective awards.

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| Golf Professional of the Year | Patrick Shine, PGA |
| Teacher of the Year | John Bierkan, PGA |
| Youth Player Development | Andy Miller, PGA |
| Assistant Golf Professional of the Year | Ashley Grier, PGA |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Resort) | Sara Muldoon, PGA |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Public) | Dustin McCormick, PGA |
| Horton Smith Education Award | John Dunigan, PGA |
| Bill Strausbaugh Award | Dean Kandle, PGA |
| Player Development Award | Gerry Davis, PGA |
| Patriot Award | John Carpineta, PGA |
| Salesperson of the Year | Kevin McClellan |

As a special note of interest there has been a change to the submissions process from PGA Headquarters regarding national awards. In years past the section submitted two names to the PGA for consideration for national awards, which was the current winner as well as one other name selected by the committee from our membership at large. Beginning in 2018 PGA HQ is only allowing one name per award category from each section. The Board will be discussing this over the rest of the year with respect to how we want to handle submissions to PGA HQ and we will keep you posted if there are any changes to our process.

In closing I would like to thank the District Directors and the Executive Board for all their support and guidance with the Section Affairs Committee. I would also like to thank Sue Unger for all of her work with this committee and the entire Section Staff for all they do for us on a daily basis.

I hope everyone has a wonderful season in 2019.

Peter G. "Chip" Richter PGA
Carlisle Country Club
Director of Section Affairs

2019 Spring Meeting Instruction Committee Report

Another year brings with it more opportunities to learn! I'd like to think our 2018 Instruction Educational opportunities were solid. We had some great speakers including Dave Phillips, Spencer Dennis, Iain Highfield, Matthew Cooke, Scott Fawcett, and Will Wu just to name a few! We're hoping to raise the level of interest this year by possibly offering a season long pass. Stay tuned for details on that front. We can't let these amazing opportunities go to waste! We can all do a better job honing our craft. Growing the game of golf should be everyone's primary objective and improving our skills as teachers of the game is a great way to do that! Not to mention that it makes us more valuable and attractive to our employers and could potentially impact our compensation. Knowledge is power!

Here is our 2019 Instruction Committee:

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

Let's all make it a point to invest in ourselves in 2019. Our committee takes great pride in providing educational opportunities that are unique and valuable. We spend a lot of time talking about what types of events will be beneficial to our membership. However, these opportunities seem to be underattended for one reason or another. Just remember, money spent on your education is never wasted, and we can all embrace the idea of being continuous learners.

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

2019 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 2019 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. The qualifiers are open to boys and girls ages 7 – 15. Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions over four age categories. In 2018, 1,334 juniors participated in 10 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 135 JLG teams in 2018 and is looking to increase that number for 2019. I encourage you to look into creating teams at your facility and continue to make it a success. Visit <http://www.pgajlg.com/> for more information and to register a team.

Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour

The Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour continued to prosper with 792 members and over 85 events for the 2018 season along with 4,088 tournament rounds. Players in 2018 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 2018. The 2019 Junior Tour Tournament Schedule is currently on Phillyjunortour.com and all events are open for registration.

The College Series provides competitive playing opportunities for 17-24-year-old men and women enrolled in secondary education. In 2018, 32 members registered for the college season while having 11 playing opportunities around the Philadelphia area. Designed to attract both collegiate team players and independent amateur competitors, the 2019 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, Visit Valley Forge and Montco Golf will once again be our Title Sponsors

for the Junior Tour. Tournament partners also include Adidas, BagBoy, CaddieNow, David Dodge, Earth Networks Golf Pride, Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, International Junior Golf Tour, Jack Jolly, Nike Junior Golf Camps, Steve SierackiGolf, Oakley, Penn State University PGA/PGM Program, Precision Pro Golf and Under Armour/Gear for Sports will help support the Junior Tour's growth in 2019.

Junior Tour Affiliate Program

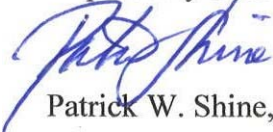
Motivate & inspire a new junior golfer at your facility by participating in the Junior Tour Affiliate Program. Each year, you can give away a FREE Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour membership (valued at \$150) to a promising junior at your facility. The only restriction is that the free membership must be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

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick W. Shine, PGA

2019 Spring Meeting Tournament Committee Report

Tournament Season is back!

I hope everyone had a relaxing offseason and you are eager to begin the 2019 season! 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

Your Tournament Committee has been hard at work this offseason adjusting our Hard Card, revising our Rules and Regulations and getting up to date on the new USGA Rules of Golf. 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 committee members:

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| 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.

2018 Recap

Rain, Rain, go away! The 2018 golf season was markedly wet and the worst season I can remember as a PGA Professional. Not only did our program suffer, but I know each and every one of your clubs felt the pain as well. Hopefully 2019 is much drier and we can all enjoy a little more golf.

Congratulations again to our Player of the Year winners from 2018, Billy Stewart, Dave McNabb, Brian Bergstol and George Forster!

2019 Tournament Season is here, please no more rain!

We have a great schedule of events for this year and I would like to thank Brian Schulte and the entire Tournament Department for their hard work. Special thanks to Union League GC at Torresdale and Riverton Country Club for hosting our 2019 Section Championship; it should prove to be a fantastic venue.

USGA Rules of Golf & newly revised Hard Card

It's no secret that this year will prove to be different for all of us running an event or playing competitively with the new USGA Rules of Golf. As you have all seen on TV, there are some drastic changes, please take every opportunity to educate yourselves on the new rules, review our Hard Card, and if you have any doubt as to a procedure while playing, please ask for a rules official.

Revised PPGA Rules & Regulations

Another change this year, is a slightly revised Rules and Regulations document. Please take the time to review this on our website and ask us if you have any questions. Many of these changes were simply revising the language, and eliminating redundancies, but please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

I would like to offer a special thank you to all of our host facilities and PGA Professionals for being part of our 2019 calendar of events. 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.

Lastly, thank you, the members of the Philadelphia PGA for making this the best section in the country. 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 2019 golfing season!

Warm Regards,

Bob Hennefer, PGA
Director of Tournaments

2019 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 their best foot forward to try to make our Section better. Here are the Committees and their members:

Junior Golf Committee

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| Patrick Shine (Co-Chair) | Duane Lent |
| Chip Richter (Co-Chair) | Brian Moose |
| Joe Ambrose | Brian Schulte |
| Isaac Bickel | Donald Strassner |
| Harry Hammond | Daniel Taylor |
| Lewis Harry | Steve Wager |
| JT Holsman | |

Education Committee

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

Membership/Communications Committee

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| 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 2018 Fall Meeting:

Attained PGA Membership

Trevor Freeman, PGA Cameron Small, PGA
John B. Kelly, PGA Robert Wolfers, PGA

Achieved Half Century Status

Harry Heagy, PGA
Fred Pacacha, PGA

Achieved Quarter Century Status

Brian Boyle, PGA Kirk W. Manges, PGA

Achieved Senior Status (as of 3/12/19)

Gerry Davis, PGA Bill Fromholzer, Jr.
Stephen DiFerdinando, PGA Butch Holtzclaw, PGA
Ken Dixon, PGA Hugo Mazzalupi, PGA

Deceased Members

Michael Ciabattoni, PGA

Members Who Have Become a Head Professional for the First Time

Sam Ambrose, PGA
Andrew Turner, PGA

Members and Apprentices who have transferred into the Section since the Fall Meeting of 2018
(as of 3/12/19)

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| Trevor Alexander, PGA | Ross Holtzclaw, PGA |
| Jonathan Arthur, PGA | Bryan Klinder, PGA |
| Nate Baadte | Kyle Kozak |
| James Brod, PGA | Johnathan Martin, PGA |
| Robert Carbone | Jeff Massa |
| Thomas Cooper, PGA | Mark McCartney, PGA |
| Scott Delair | Parks Price, PGA |
| Brian Denaro | Wade Sander |
| Sean Duggan | Christopher Smith |
| Jonathan Flint | John Waters III |
| Zachary Halvonik, 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 2018:

Golf Operations:

Michael Caldwell PGA Keith Clawson, PGA

Teaching & Coaching

Jeremy Todd, PGA

Player Development

Jeremy Todd, PGA

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Shine, PGA
Secretary, Philadelphia Section

2019 Spring Meeting Vice President's Report

Overview

I feel obligated to first thank the membership of the Philadelphia Section PGA for allowing me to serve as your Vice President. Additionally, I am grateful to the Executive committee and the Board of Directors for dedicating their time and energy in serving the Section with sound financial and strategic decisions. A very sincere thank-you goes to Geoff Surette and Barb Creveling for their dedicated work and advisement.

Financial

The Section continues to find itself in a very healthy financial situation. As of December 31st, 2018, the total restricted fund balance was \$479,905. The Restricted fund is broken into two areas: The Haverford portfolio balance was \$344,009 and the CD investment with Univest balance was \$135,896.

The increase in ADP funding has allowed the Section to assist "Growth of the Game" initiatives. This funding also supports the marketing and promotion for all members and their facilities throughout the year.

Our Junior Golf Department continues to shine brightly with an average of 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 Surette to provide quality employment services to our membership. The employment service landscape has become more competitive in recent years and these two individuals work hard on behalf of the Philadelphia Section PGA members. A special thanks to our District Directors for continuing the "lines of communications" to the professionals in their region through seminars round tables. 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 Playing Legends year, the committee will be working together to determine who might be added to the distinctive group. 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

2019 Spring Meeting President's Report

Good morning fellow Professionals,

It is with great pleasure and honor to present my President's report for the Spring of 2019. I am excited in starting my second year of my two-year term as your President. The last year has given me a greater insight on the operational piece of this Section and to see firsthand why we are considered as one of Association's top Sections. It is my sincere wish that all Section members take full advantage of the programs and events offered to have you more involved in becoming a better Professional.

I want to inform our membership that throughout the off-season, our Board involves themselves in monthly conference calls to keep connected to business and Section concerns and issues. I would like to thank all Board members and Independent Directors for their commitment to our causes. Additionally, I thank the Executive Committee for their sincere involvement in the election process of the PGA of America's Secretary selection held in California in November.

It is my request that I ask each and every Section member to strongly consider a new pattern for 2019. I ask that you get involved just a little more from year-to-year. I ask you to:

- volunteer yourself to our Junior Golf Tour, PGA Junior League, and Section Player Development events needing assistance
- participate in any PGA HOPE and PGA REACH programs
- engage yourself in committees or education seminars
- play in more Pro-Ams and Section tournament functions

All in all, the Section certainly provides many platforms for improving yourself as a Professional, please find an area that you would like to excel. I am very confident that getting further involved will prove to be an asset and you'll feel good about your efforts.

As I close, I ask that when you get a moment, say hello and thank all of our Section staff for their efforts in making our office run so smoothly and efficiently throughout the year. Also, take a second and introduce yourself to the Officers of the Section, Board of Directors, and Past Presidents in attendance and thank them for their service and devotion to our Section over the years.

Have a great golfing season!

Regards,

John J. Rogers, PGA
President, Philadelphia Section PGA

2019 Spring Meeting Executive Director's Report

I hope this note finds everyone enjoying the end of the off season as I am sure we are all looking for a better start to 2019!

As you have read in the Officer and Committee reports above your leadership has been busy getting our programs ready for the upcoming season. I want to thank all of them for their continued support and dedication to the Section and the staff. We are in very good hands.

I just wanted to add a couple of my own thoughts as we kick-off another year;

- I would like to welcome Courtney Curcio and Colin Marshall to the Section staff. Courtney has been an intern for the last 2 years and has done a fantastic job. She is now working with us full time helping the launch of PGA REACH Philadelphia. Colin is new to the team coming from his latest stint at the Delaware State Golf Association. He is joining our tournament team and I look forward to great things from him as we move through his first season. If you get the chance please reach out and welcome them to the staff.
- You have hopefully seen and read about the launch of PGA REACH Philadelphia. Behind the work of Leila, Barb, Courtney and Joe we are extremely excited about our first full year under our new banner. With our core programs of PGA Jr League, Golf in Schools and PGA HOPE there are many ways in which our Section membership can help drive and support these wonderful initiatives. We are looking for some ambassadors at the club level to help drive our mission so if you are interested in helping out please reach out to Leila or Courtney at any time.
- Please take the time to recognize and if you can, support our partners. We have a great collection of companies and professionals that support our programs. Some are new and some have been with us for over 20 years. They see a value in our group and I would ask that you do what you can to give them the opportunity at your business when there is an opportunity. In my perfect world only companies that support us would be able to do business in the Section. I know that is not reality but just think about the kind of environment we could build with our partners if they knew it was integral to their business to support our programs.
- Educate yourself on the Rules of Golf! We have created a number of opportunities throughout the section to get information on the changes to the Rules. You are going to be expected to be the expert on the Rules at your facility. Please be prepared and do what you can to get up to speed on all of the changes. It's going to be an awkward first year for all of us, make it a little easier on yourself and invest some time in your education.
- We are extremely lucky to have an amazing staff working on your behalf. I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued hard work and support. Because we

have been able to retain these wonderful folks I believe it has brought a great sense of stability and comfort to the membership. I hope you all feel the same way!

With all of that said I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting and throughout the season. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Surrette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "G" and "S".

Geoffrey Surrette, PGA
Executive Director

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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)

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