



PGA Newsletter

Sun Country Section



April 2011

From the Desk of the President

Sun Country Members & Apprentices,



I just returned from our first ever Sun Country Education Summit which we held in Las Cruces on the NMSU campus. In my estimation it was highly successful as it

achieved one of our main goals of 2011 which was to give our membership extra ways to ensure they reached the MSR requirements. I can happily report that a majority of the membership has done just that.

The morning was filled with great education programs by several of our members. Thanks to Derek Gutierrez, Matt Molloy, Rob Lowry, Pat Gavin and Bill Keys for their contributions as instructors. Along with the education we also had a chance to publicly congratulate Guy Wimberly for his induction into the PGA of America Hall of Fame. This is a great accomplishment for a great man who has had tremendous impact on our section, PGA national education and the game of golf as a whole. Once again, congratulations, Guy!!

We also rolled out the guidelines for election of our next District Director and had a chance to hear from Dan Koesters on his bid for that position. We discussed the upcoming resolutions for the National PGA Spring Leadership Conference and had updates on finance, section programs, national programs and much more. And most importantly, we also had a chance to welcome back Chris Moya.

After a long health battle it was great to see our fellow professional back with us and participating again. Chris, it is great to have you back!!

Going forward: this week your executive board and national committee members will travel to St Louis for the PGA Spring Leadership Conference. There, the delegation will address two resolutions; one for modifying the "F" Class recovery process and one for modifying the time a member can remain in Class "F" status. We will also be presented with a new "strategic plan" for the PGA. This is an important time for us as Sun Country members and the PGA as a whole. The membership discussions at our recent Summit, as well as comments from Roger Martinez on the National PGA's stewardship of our funds gives the executive board a clear direction in which our membership wants us to go. I can assure you that our voice will be heard and hopefully a difference can be made.

In closing, I hope each of you has had a chance to visit the section website and see the section blog that has been created for your feedback. All committee minutes and updates will be posted on this blog and I encourage you to respond with your concerns and opinions.

Until next time....Get out and Play!!

Your Sun Country President,

Grant Dalpes, President

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MARK SWANSON JOINS GOLF HOUSE STAFF

The Sun Country Golf House is pleased to announce that Mark Swanson, PGA has been hired as the Senior Director of Rules and Competitions for the Sun Country Golf House. Mr. Swanson was a near perfect fit for the position and will join the Golf House staff in mid-April.

"Mark is going to be a great fit for the Golf House," said Matt Williams, Executive Director of the Sun Country Golf House. "Our staff is so small relative to other Sections that we really need individuals that have flexibility and diverse expertise in order to implement the dif-



ferent programs of the Golf House entities. Mark's experience in conducting Rules Education classes, growing Women's golf through the Albuquerque Women's City Championship, and his experience organizing volunteers for the PGA Professional National Championship are great baseline skills for the position. There is no doubt that Mark will have a tremendous impact on our various programs and bring a level of professionalism to our events that only a PGA professional can deliver."



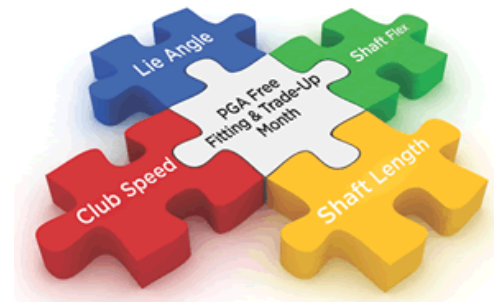
Final Notice: District 12 Director Position

Anyone interested in running for District 12 Director must contact President Grant Dalpes by May 1, 2011.

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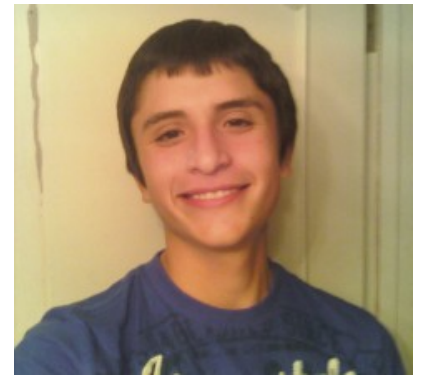
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2 MSR upon completing the follow-up survey

BERGER, MARMOLEJO HEAD TO RYDER CUP JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY

Sun Country Junior Tour Members Shania Berger (15) of Socorro and Christopher Marmolejo (17) of El Paso have been selected to represent Sun Country this summer at the inaugural PGA Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy. They were chosen for their academic excellence, leadership potential, and desire to excel in competitive golf.

In response to recommendations from past United States Ryder Cup Team Captains, the PGA of America created the new initiative, which is designed to expand the outreach of the Ryder Cup and provide aspiring young players, who otherwise could not financially afford to attend, the opportunity to experience an elite player development academy. The primary emphasis of this program will focus on playing and competing in both stroke- and match-play formats.

The Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy will kick-off its inaugural year this summer with scheduled programs June 6-12 and July 11-17, at the PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance. The unique golf academy experience will include instruction from award-winning PGA Professionals, an opportunity to meet past Ryder Cup Team Captains, and on-course playing experiences.



GET GOLF READY MESSAGE TO PGA PROFESSIONALS



Get Golf Ready is the featured Play Golf America Program designed to bring new golfers into the game through a fun and affordable approach. Get Golf Ready has been proven to attract new people to the game and more importantly, teach them how to have fun and keep them active in the game. Take a few minutes to [watch this video](#) on how PGA Professionals are creating new golfers, increasing compensation, generating rounds, and enhancing their worth to their employers through this program.

MESSAGE BOARD

A NOTE FROM JOHN & ROSALIE SPEARY

To All Sun Country Section PGA
Members and Apprentices,

My wife and I recently returned from a 7-day cruise of the Eastern Caribbean. I would like to take this moment to thank all of the PGA Members and PGA Apprentices of the Section for this great retirement gift. We sailed on the largest cruise ship in the world, the Allure of the Seas on Royal Caribbean. It was a great adventure and a vacation we will remember for a long time.

Thanks so much again and we wish all, the best golf season ever in 2011,

All the Best,

John and Rosalie Speary



Pro-Am Information Available Online

In an effort to relay as much information as possible to our membership, the tournament committee now requires pro-am hosts to submit detailed information on their events, including how the money is to be disbursed. This information will be posted on each pro-am's event page (under Championships & Events>All Events) at least 30 days prior to the event. This information should allow potential players to review how their entry fee is being used and decide on that basis whether they want to play in the event.

POSITION OPEN

Name of Club: Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort

Position Title: First Assistant Professional (Seasonal, Mar - Nov)

Date Position Available: March 16, 2011



REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 2 years of experience

Computer skills

Knowledge of TPP or other tournament software

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$24,000 per year, DOE

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Hello Sun Country Section;

I just wanted to write a quick letter to wish each of you good luck with the upcoming year. The weather is starting to turn, the Master's is right around the corner and this is normally a good indicator that the golf season is upon us.

Thank you for allowing Yamaha Golf Cars to be part of your section events in 2010. This was the first time anyone has ever done a 10 tournament "closest to the pin" series and from your feedback it seemed to be very well received. I wanted to let you know that Yamaha Golf Cars is looking forward to continuing our Sun Country Section - Tournament Sponsorship in 2011 by again sponsoring the Senior / Junior Event and continuing the "Closest to the Pin" series at 10 tournaments this year. Good luck to everyone and I hope that we can put a little "cash" in your pocket!!

I wanted to also take the time to say welcome to many new courses that have joined the Yamaha Golf Car family in 2010.

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| * Los Alamos Golf Club | * Desert Greens Golf Club |
| * Valle del Sol Golf Club | * Yoakum County Golf Club |
| * Lone Star Golf Club | * The Lodge Golf Club |

Each of these courses brought in a new fleet of Yamaha Drive Golf Cars in 2010 and I am looking forward to adding Albuquerque Country Club, Pendaries Golf Club and New Mexico Military Institute to our family of Yamaha courses in 2011. The number of Yamaha Courses is growing in the Sun Country Section and I look forward to continuing to grow this number in the upcoming years.

If you are coming towards the end of your golf car lease and would like to get more information or demo the new Yamaha Drive Golf Car please give me a call or send me an email. All my contact information is listed below. I know many of you are also at smaller facilities that purchase or lease used fleets. Yamaha has numerous used golf cars, utility cars, beverage cars and range pickers that we take in on trade from courses. If you are looking for a refurbished car or utility car please let me know and I'm sure we can put something together for your facility that will save you money!

Thank you again for supporting Yamaha Golf Cars and I look forward to seeing all of you this year at the section events and your facilities.

David Stewart
PGA Professional
Yamaha Golf Car
District Sales Manager
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Sun Country PROfiles



University: University of Arizona

Year Turned Pro: 1979

Facility and Job Title: San Juan Country Club, Head Golf Professional

PGA Member 1983; HP San Juan CC 2010-present; HP Knollwood CC (Michigan) 2001-2006; HP Flint Golf Club (Michigan) 1989-2001; Champions TOUR 2008 & 2009; Married,

Maureen 23 years; Kids Jeffrey 23, Justin 19, Michelle 16, Megan 14

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional? Create a career from a passion, for playing the game & teaching the game and developing relationships, with people that share the same love of the game I as do!

What is your specialty in the golf business? Creating-motivating-promoting EXCITEMENT for GOLF, to those I come into contact with and serve in my position. Having the ability to teach and play the game well helps me create, and sustain, the credibility needed for allowing me the opportunity to use my experience and skills to elevate their golf experience. Merchandizing the Golf Shop, golf instruction, tournament administration, policing the rules and regulations of the club, meeting with Member Committees....are all enhanced by the ability to teach and play the game well!

I have owned and operated my own business of the golf shop, as well as managed golf shops. Extensive success in revitalizing slumping golf programs, and have a track record of creating new golf events.

Please list any accomplishments: 2004 U of Arizona Golf Hall of Fame; 2005 Michigan Golf Hall of Fame;(14) Michigan PGA Section MAJORS, 2nd all-time;(3) PGA Cup Teams; (5) PGA Championships; (4) Senior PGA Championships; (1) Senior US Open; \$150,000 + won PGA TOUR sanctioned events; 1993 National Club Professional Champion; 1987 National Club Professional runner-up; BEST TOUR FINISHES: 13th ACE Group Classic 2008; 17th US

Senior Open 2010; 21st AT&T Classic 2009; 24th First Tee-Walmart Open 2008; 31st Buick Open 2000; 33rd Buick Open 1999

What was your greatest moment in golf? Tie for first playing in 1998 with Arnold Palmer (just he and I) as we played together opening a golf course in Northern Michigan. Sharing the day with the KING; warming up, playing, the conversation, spending literally 8-9 hours with him.....and the 500 or so media, and invited guests of the owner! Got it all on video tape too!

1996 PGA Cup Matches; winning the final four holes of my singles match after being 2 down thru 14; thus winning the clinching point for our US Team to beat the Europeans! Our match was the only match left on the course.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career? My wife Maureen- she has given me the stability, direction and motivation to go after everything I've been fortunate to have from my golf career! She is a role model for always "doing the right thing" spiritually and in life.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy? FAMILY

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome? Monterey Peninsula CC- sons, Jeff and Justin with my father, Bob

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give? The typical average golfer: spend 60% of our time from 60 yards in and the rest of the time 15% refining their swing 25% learning to play on the golf course. GENERALLY: too much emphasis is directed making the perfect swing. "A great golf swing does not produce great scores....a great short game and great course management will."

What is your favorite golf instruction tip? Mastering hitting golf balls off a golfer's front leg! (draw the back leg back) Any shot; chip/pitch, full-swing iron shots and even with a driver. Teaches hitting the golf ball first; promotes great rotation, ensures improving the golfer's impact position, and enhances a golfer's chances of hitting good golf shots off of awkward un-even lies (balance).

Want to be featured in a PROfile?

Contact Shirly Glesil at sglesil@pgahq.com

Sun Country Birthdays

★HAPPY BIRTHDAY!★

April 1 Lance McMillan, PGA Herb Wimberly, PGA	April 9 Crae Fields, PGA	April 19 Mark Zapach, PGA	April 28 Dominic Curran, PGA Donnie Torres, PGA
April 2 Jill Trujillo, PGA	April 11 Dave Brown, PGA	April 21 Al Forrester, PGA	April 29 Kent Beatty, PGA
April 4 Luke Thompson, PGA	April 13 George Brazil	April 23 Chris Thomas	April 30 Bob Lowry, PGA Dustin Risdon, PGA
April 5 Dick McGuire, PGA	April 15 Shane Crabtree, PGA	April 26 Dan Koesters, PGA Steven Moreno	

Members

on the Move

Newly Elected Members

Name	Class	Facility
Trent Rommann	A-8	Painted Dunes

New Apprentices

Name	Class	Facility
Ronald Meng	B-13	Desert Greens GC

Transfers Out

Name	New Section
Alex Alvarez	South Central

Congratulations

AWARDS RECOMMENDATION



Know someone deserving of an award? Make a recommendation to the Awards Committee (recommendations do not constitute a nomination, but will be submitted to the Awards Committee for consideration).

Login into the member only side of our website then go to About Us > Awards > Recommendations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Section Events & Pro-Ams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
April 11	Los Altos Spring Pro-Am	Los Altos GC, Albuquerque	Pro Shop: (505) 298-1897
April 21-22	Club Car Pro-President	El Paso CC, El Paso	Pro Shop: (915) 584-0511
April 25	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Pro-Am	Isleta Eagle GC, Albuquerque	Pro Shop: (505) 848-1900
May 2	Desert Greens Pro-Am	Desert Greens GC, Albuquerque	Pro Shop: (505) 898-7001
May 3-5	The Nike Matches	Desert Greens GC, Albuquerque	www.suncountry.pga.com
May 16	Spring River Pro-Am	Spring River GC, Roswell	Pro Shop: (575) 622-9506
May 23-24	IMG Pro-Scratch	Inn of Mntn Gods, Mescalero	Pro Shop: (575) 464-7941

Other Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
April 12	Playing Ability Test	NMSU GC, Las Cruces	(Closed)
May 17	Playing Ability Test	Isleta Eagle GC, Albuquerque	PGALinks.com (Deadline May 3)

Golf Fitness Tip

By Steven Koch, Southwest Sports Institute



The slide is any excessive lower body lateral movement toward the target during the downswing. The swing characteristic makes it very difficult to stabilize your lower body during the downswing, which will eventually rob you of power and speed from your upper body through impact. The primary muscle groups that need to be addressed are the glut medius and maximus. One easy exercise to strengthen these two groups is called a Bridge.

Instructions: Lying on your back with your knees bent, pelvis in a neutral tilt position and the feet flat on the ground with a 90 degree bend in your knees. Place your arms out to the side and lift the pelvis off the ground. The contraction should be in the glutes. Try to minimize the hamstring contractions, then lower. Repeat the movement with the arms extended up in the air to minimize support.



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Dear Industry Partners,

The Tourism Association of New Mexico is once again hosting a golf tournament in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Tourism, this year to be held Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course in Las Cruces. We're proud to present this event, as it promises to be the premier golf event for New Mexico's tourism and hospitality industry this year. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit The Tourism Association of New Mexico programs.

We are asking for your consideration in helping to sponsor this event and encourage you to become involved. It will not only provide support for the Tourism Association of New Mexico, but your company will benefit from the outstanding exposure you gain in the tourism industry statewide. Sponsorship is essential to the success of this tournament and we hope that you will consider being a key supporter of this event.

Support can be given in two ways: choosing a sponsorship package and/or playing golf (individual and team registration available). To show our appreciation for your involvement, we will guarantee that your business will be recognized during the tournament, at the 2011 Governor's Conference on Tourism, in the Tourism Association email newsletter and on the TANM website.

If you'd like to support the tournament or have further questions, please contact Dave Hayduk at 505-995-6334 or david@hkadv.com The registration form is on the TANM website: www.tanm.org.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing your level of participation. Thank you for your support of the Tourism Association of New Mexico!

Sincerely,

Sharon Schultz, CEO
Tourism Association of New Mexico



Sincerely,

Dave Hayduk, Tournament Chair
President TANM Board of Directors



The Voice of the Industry.

2011 Golf Tournament

TO: MANAGER OR GOLF PRO

FROM: Tourism Association of New Mexico

RE: PRIZES FOR OUR GOLF CLASSIC

We are having our Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism Golf Tournament on April 10, 2011 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course in Las Cruces, NM and are in need of donations.

Would you like to gain valuable recognition to our audience golfers from all over New Mexico, either gifts from the pro shop or a round of golf at your course?

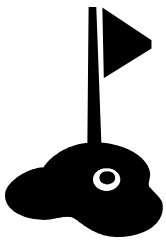
If you are able to donate, please fax back your response to 505-345-5373 FAX.

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Tourism Association of New Mexico – ask for Gretchen (Gretchen@tanm.org)
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Tourism Association of NM ~ Golf Tournament SPONSORSHIP / REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday, April 10, 2011 @ noon

Location: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course ~ Las Cruces



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2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

TOTAL Amount Due \$ _____ (tournament registration only)

Method of Payment: Check enclosed with mail in registration

Credit Card: # _____ Exp Date _____

**Return registration to the TANM office before 5pm, Friday, April 1, 2011 via email or fax
TANM: 6121 Indian School Rd NE, Suite 216, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Telephone: 345-5553, Fax: 345-5373, Email: gretchen@tanm.org**



NOTE: This commitment form acts as your contract for participation in the event and secures your sponsorship / golf registration

Payment is required upon registration and must be received before the deadline date/time.