



# PGA Newsletter

Sun Country Section



## August 2011

## From the Desk of the President

Fellow Members & Apprentices,



I hope the season is shaping up to be a good one. I just finished playing in the Pro Pro at Sandia Golf Club and what a great showing, 32

teams at a great facility. Thanks to Matt Malloy & Matt Long for hosting the event and congratulations to Carlton Blewett and Bill Harvey on winning the event with a great second round.

There is much to cover in this newsletter so I will touch on as much as possible. First off, thanks to all the Professionals that participated in the golf marathon. In all there were 27 Professionals and 3 juniors and together they raised just over \$27,000 with \$11,000 going to local charities and \$16,000 to the junior foundation. The top four fundraisers were Jason Baldwin \$3,755, Juan Jimenez \$2,691, Carville Bourg \$2,530, and Brady Crump \$2,161. Great job by everyone and if you didn't host one this year, ask these guys how much fun they had playing this unique event. Start looking at your calendar now and plan for next year so we can grow it even larger and make a true impact on junior golf in the Sun Country.

Right around the corner is the awards voting. All Class A Members will receive an email with a link to vote so be sure to look for it and cast your vote. Thanks to Matt Malloy and the awards committee. This is a cumbersome process that takes a lot of time and effort. The committee had great participation and compiled a very comprehensive list of candidates for you to vote on. Once again, please be sure to vote when you get the email and let Matt and the Committee know your thoughts so the process can continue to improve.

On Monday, August 22nd there will be a 10am meeting for all the Golf Tourism and Alliance members at the Prairie Star restaurant located at Santa Ana. This meeting will discuss the Tourism Department relations and future plans of the Alliance for 2012 and beyond. I encourage all who can attend to do so. This meeting will be quite informative and will shed light on the importance of our role as a section and individual courses to know the requirements the Tourism Department puts on us. Please join us on Monday, August 22nd.

The Executive Committees of both the SCSPGA and SCAGA are in discussions about a new revenue sharing agreement as the existing one expires at the end of 2011. *continued on page 2*

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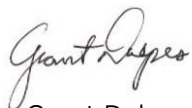
Some very positive scenarios have come about that will benefit junior golf, the Amateur body and the Section. The new agreement should include things such as expansion of our impact in junior golf and possibly golf in schools, as well as incentives for Golf Professionals and hopefully an increase in SCAGA memberships. We will hope to have the agreement in place by the Fall meeting and will share information as it becomes available. I would like to personally thank both our Board and the SCAGA Board for their efforts in growing golf and having an open mind to strive for what is best for golf in our section. This relationship is the only way for our two organizations succeed and I am encouraged by the open and positive discussions.

On the tournament scene we just sent the Boys and Girls Junior America's Cup off to represent us at their respective events and we have the Challenge Cup coming up on August 15th. Also, if you haven't heard, the Inn of the Mountain Gods is sponsoring the IMG Cup which is a season ending tournament to give our members more playing opportunities. A big event in the cup is the upcoming Players Championship (August 7-8) which will be held at the Inn and I encourage everyone to participate as this is the annual tournament that highlights the best Professional and Amateur in the section.

Lastly I would encourage Members to email or call me or your Board with concerns. Too often we hear concerns second hand or in passing. Please feel free to let us know what is on your mind so we can address them or discussion them further at Board meetings or the Annual meeting.

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

Your Sun Country President,



Grant Dalpes

## Position Open at Red Hawk Golf Club

Red Hawk Golf Club in Las Cruces, NM, is accepting applications for the Director of Golf position.

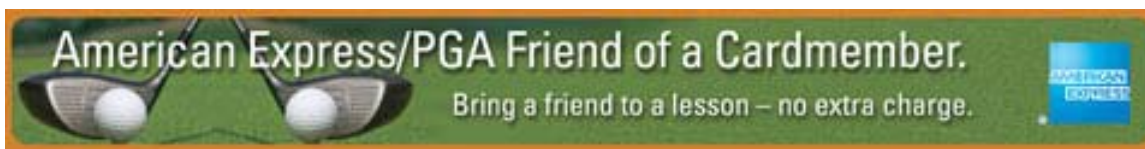
Candidates must be Class A PGA Professionals with golf operations experience, including knowledge of food and beverage.

Contact Bill Eschenbrenner to arrange an interview and learn more details about the job: (915) 549-7515

## AWARDS VOTING

Class A PGA members will receive the awards ballot the week of August 1. As part of the process, each nominee answered questions regarding what they or their facilities have accomplished that qualifies them to receive the award. Please review the requirements for each award, then each nominee's response to the questions (included in the email) and finally, cast your vote accordingly.

The Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet will be held November 13th at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Albuquerque. More details to come!



## Wimberly to be Inducted to the UNM Hall of Honor

Guy Wimberly has been selected by the UNM Alumni Lettermen's Association Hall of Honor Committee to be among the 2011 inductees to the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor. The ceremony will be held September 29 at University Arena.

Guy has played an active role with all things golf in the Sun Country borders. The University of New Mexico, the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association, the New Mexico Golf Tourism Alliance, the New Mexico Activities Association and many others have and still do reach out to Guy for assistance and guidance.

The UNM Golf programs hold a special place in Guy's heart. Whether it's as simple as providing advice and guidance to UNM athletes, or providing them a practice venue or even assisting in UNM events like the Tucker and McGuire Invitationals, Guy's name is synonymous with Lobo Golf.

### About the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor

Established by the University of New Mexico Alumni Lettermen's Association in 1986, the UNM Athletics Hall of Honor serves to perpetuate the mission of intercollegiate athletics at the University of New Mexico. Its goals are to promote a sense of pride among Alumni Lettermen, the University and the community; to preserve UNM's athletics history and traditions; and to recognize annually - by public ceremony - qualified individuals, groups and athletics teams from UNM and to enshrine their collective accomplishments.

In addition, the Hall of Honor helps current UNM student-athletes by allocating financial proceeds in the UNM Alumni Lettermen's Scholarship Endowment Fund so that deserving student-athletes, whose eligibility on the playing field has expired, may complete the work necessary to earn their respective degrees.

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***August 7-8***

***The Inn of the Mountain Gods GC, Mescalero, NM***

***2 day individual stroke play.***  
***This event determines the best player,  
professional or amateur, in Sun Country.***

***Please support the Inn of the Mountain Gods, sponsor of the  
Players and the IMG Cup, by playing in this great event!***

***Sign up online: [www.SunCountryGolfHouse.com](http://www.SunCountryGolfHouse.com)***

## POSITION OPEN AT NM STATE UNIV. GC

Posting #	2011003496	Status:	Regular Full-Time
Date Posted:	July 26, 2011	FTE:	100%
Department:	NMSU Golf Course	Salary:	Grade 05
Position Title:	Golf Pro-Shop, Assistant	Hourly:	\$12.98; Position is contingent upon funding
Deadline:	August 9, 2011		

**APPLICANTS INCLUDING REGULAR NMSU EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE A CURRENT APPLICATION ON FILE WITH THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION. NO TYPING TEST IS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION.**

**Days/Hours worked:** 40 hours per week – Days/Hours vary on season  
This is a bargaining unit position with American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

All offers of employment, oral and written, are contingent on the university's verification of credentials and other information required by federal law, state law, and NMSU policies/procedures and may include the completion of a criminal history check.

### **Qualifications:**

**Education:** High School Diploma or GED certificate

**Experience:** Three (3) years of experience related to the standard duties as outlined

**Equivalency:** Completion of a post-secondary degree or certificate may substitute for years of experience

**Preference:** PGA Apprentice in good standing or PGA Golf Management Student

### **Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:**

Knowledge of all fees and golf course policies. Knowledge of the golf course operational procedures and techniques. Knowledge of public relations and recreational programs promoting golf. Knowledge of golf course security procedures. Knowledge of proper customer service techniques in presenting services to the paying public. Knowledge of scheduling tee times. Knowledge of the game of golf. Skill in the operation of the listed tools. Ability to oversee the work of others. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, supervisors and subordinates. Ability to operate cash registers and conduct credit card transactions. Ability to make minor mathematical calculations. Ability to drive a golf cart.

### **Examples of Duties:**

Greets customers and collects green and rental fees; promotes tournaments, specials, fundraisers, etc. as it relates to the golf course; answers phones and gives directions, pricing and merchandise information; makes reservations for golf tee times; coordinates, oversees and directs operational, procedural, and customer service activities associated with the operation of a golf pro shop; operates a cash register, makes change, balances receipts and prepares bank statement; opens and secures shop which includes unarming and setting alarms; assists customers in the selection of merchandise; inspects pro shop and surrounding areas, using a golf cart, to ensure they are properly cleaned, maintained and presentable to the public; performs various housekeeping duties in other areas of golf course operations; which ultimately affects the overall presentation of the golf course; performs other related duties as required.

### **Benefits Offered:**

Group medical and dental insurance, group life insurance, long-term disability insurance, state educational retirement, worker's compensation, sick leave, annual leave, and unemployment compensation. Opportunity for educational advancement.

### **Reply to:**

**To obtain an application:** Employment Services  
Hadley Hall Room 17  
New Mexico State University  
Box 30001, Dept 3 HRS  
Las Cruces, NM 88003  
(575) 646-8000

Offer of employment is contingent upon verification of individual's eligibility for employment in the United States. NMSU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Section Events & Pro-Ams*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
Aug 2-3	SC Senior Professional Champ	Paa-Ko Ridge, Albuquerque	Entries closed
Aug 7-8	Sun Country Players Champ	Inn of the Mntn Gods, Mescalero	<a href="http://www.suncountry.pga.com">www.suncountry.pga.com</a>
Aug 13	Parent-Junior Team Championship	Desert Greens GC, Albuquerque	<a href="http://www.suncountry.pga.com">www.suncountry.pga.com</a>
Aug 15	The Challenge Cup	Paa-Ko Ridge, Albuquerque	Invitation Only
Aug 18	Angel Fire Pro-Am	Angel Fire, GC, Angel Fire	Pro Shop: (575) 377-4302
Aug 23-24	Callaway Assistant Championship	Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso	<a href="http://www.suncountry.pga.com">www.suncountry.pga.com</a>
Aug 28-29	Western Bank Pro-Member	Artesia CC, Artesia	Pro Shop: (575) 746-6732
Sept 7-8	Senior NM Open	Isleta Eagle GC, Albuquerque	<a href="http://www.nmopen.com">www.nmopen.com</a>
Sept 12	Hard Rock Pro-Am	Isleta Eagle GC, Albuquerque	Pro Shop: (505) 848-1900
Sept 13-15	Santa Ana Star Casino NM Open	Santa Ana GC, Santa Ana Pueblo	<a href="http://www.nmopen.com">www.nmopen.com</a>



### **2011 Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open**

**A 54-Hole Championship**  
**\$85,000 Professional Purse**  
**(based on a full field)**

**Tuesday-Thursday**  
**September 13-15, 2011**

**Santa Ana Golf Club**  
**Santa Ana Pueblo, NM**



### **2011 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Senior New Mexico Open**

**A 36-Hole Championship**  
**\$13,000 Professional Purse**  
**(based on a field of 54 professionals)**

**Wednesday-Thursday**  
**September 7-8, 2011**

**Isleta Eagle Golf Course**  
**Albuquerque, NM**



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# INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CUP

STANDINGS THROUGH THE INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS PRO-SCRATCH, MAY 24

## Regular Point Standings

1. Dominic Curran	558
2. Trent Rommann	547
3. Anthony Romero	443
4. Scott Lieberwirth	344
5. Colby Reddoch	326.17
6. Daniel Nunez	318
7. Mark Gonzalez	250
8. Saul Sanchez	225
9. Bill Harvey	208
10. Mike Singleton	200
11. Luis Delgadillo	191
12. Zach Hoefel	182.5
13. Henry Stetina	170
14. Justin Dahrling	167.5
15. Mike Ciolek	151

## Senior Point Standings

1. Dan Koesters	695
2. Bill Harvey	643.5
3. Dal Daily	604.5
4. Carlton Blewett	566
5. Tom Velarde	458.5
6. Larry Webb	381
7. Mark Pelletier	202
8. Andy Boyd	165
9. Lance McMillan	159
10. Dennis McCloskey	154.5
11. Tad Bourg	154
12. Terry Jennings	148
13. Manny Martinez	145
14. Dave Brown	140
15. Bobby Baca	135

## Apprentice Point Standings

1. David Muttitt	552
2. Eric Chavez	480
3. Chris Thomas	355
4. Mark England	294.5
5. Ramon Valdez	291.5
6. Miguel Bautista	291
7. Kevin Richards	255
8. Ronnie Meng	246
9. Miguel Griego	235
10. Drew Shurbet	140
11. Randy Doerhoefer	111
12. Carville Bourg	110
13. Tim Brundage	107.5
14. Nick Knee	95
15. Jason Baldwin	90

## Exemptions for Tournament Champions

- Pro-President — *Dan Koesters*
- Match Play — *David Muttitt*
- Sr. Match Play — *Carlton Blewett*
- Sr. Section Champ. — TBD
- Players Champ. — TBD
- Assistant Champ. — TBD
- Sr. New Mexico Open — TBD
- New Mexico Open — TBD
- Section Professional Championship — TBD

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[PatriotGolfDay.com](http://PatriotGolfDay.com)



## Sun Country PROfiles



**University:** NM State University

**Year Turned Pro:** 1997

**Facility and Job Title:** Director, NM State University PGA Golf Management Program

**Please give a summary of your background and credentials** BBA in Marketing/PGM, MBA from NMSU. During college and for a few years after, I

worked for the Maloof Company in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Before coming to NMSU, I worked in Phoenix at a private golf course management program. I came to NMSU in the summer of 1993, and have loved every minute of it. I became a PGA member in the summer of 1997.

**What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?** As early as college, I wanted to pursue a career in the golf business and become a PGA member. Once I started at NMSU, I began pursuing the challenge of becoming a PGA member. John Speary always ended his speeches with "I bleed blue and gold." Well, I agree with John in that statement: I too have given a lot to the PGA but in return the PGA and my PGA membership have given back to me in a big way. I am proud to wear the PGA logo every day.

**What is your specialty in the golf business?** Education and Employment. My day to day job is helping to educate some of "tomorrow's golf professionals", while being their employment consultant as well. I also help Apprentices inside our section with education questions and employment assistance. I pride myself in the amount of time I have spent as a Rules Official and PAT Examiner as well.

**Please list any accomplishments** I am truly honored to have been selected 10 of the past 13 years as the Sun Country Horton Smith Award winner. Two years ago, I was a finalist for the National Award. This year, I am again a finalist for the National Award. I just received notification yesterday that I am a nominee for this year's Sun Country Section Horton Smith Award and the Golf Professional of the Year Award.

In 2008, I received the Donald C. Roush Award at NMSU for Teaching Excellence. On July 1st of this year, I officially received my promotion to College Full Professor, inside the College of Business. I have enjoyed teaching students and watching them grow into successful PGA members. The Sun Country Section alone has over 35 of our NMSU alumni as PGA members.

**What was your greatest moment in golf?** Breaking 80 in a Section event! Come on I'm kidding. Even though I am considered "Mr. Donator" in the Sun Country events, I continue to play to support our Section and our Members. Getting back to the question, my greatest moment has to be becoming a member of the PGA of America. Becoming

a member has proven to be one of the smartest decisions I've made, unlike my decision last week at the Pro-Pro to try and clear the 242 yard carry off the tee, sorry Stetina!

**What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?**

This is probably the easiest question I have ever had to answer. The answer is several class-act PGA Members: Herb Wimberly, Paul Brilliant, Dave Donachie, and Howie Tucker all had a huge impact on me early in my golfing career, and for that I will always be grateful. Then later in my professional career it was without a doubt Herb Wimberly (helping me get my start at NMSU) and Guy Wimberly (who spent a lot of time with me, helping me learn the ropes). Many other professionals have also helped me along the way, but the gentlemen listed above started me in this great game and have always been there for me throughout my career.

**Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?** I spend a lot of time with my family. If I'm not working or playing golf, then I'm either spending time with the family or sleeping. All three of my children play a little golf, and are very active in sports so I watch a lot of Little League Baseball and youth football. At the end of the day, for me it's all about having fun and enjoying life. If you have ever spent any time with me, I think you would agree with this statement (just wait until you read further).

**If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?**

Well, normally I would say Augusta National, but lately I have to say Red Hawk GC (the new golf course in Las Cruces). Will it ever open? It is rumored to be the "best golf course in the southwest". Well, let's have a crack at it!

Foursome?? Hmmm, don't play foursomes much, Wolf requires a fivesome. Probably go either one of two ways on this one. Fivesome #1 would be Miguel "Happy" Bautista, Anthony "Grip Change" Romero, Josh "High Right" Salmon, Justin "I Press" Dahrling, and myself. Why them?? Because they can't break 80 and they are easy money. If unavailable, I would pick Jason White, Zach Hoefel, Kenny Meador, Eric Chavez, and myself. Then we could really watch some long drives (very crooked but long).

**If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?**

SHAQ: I would tell him to relax and let the ball flow smoothly out of his right hand. Oops sorry you probably mean golf lesson. It would be Todd Kersting, I would tell him to give up golf and stick to comedy (or vice versa).

**What is your favorite golf instruction tip?** That the grip doesn't matter (Dal Daily, I'm kidding here). As far as instruction and tips, I like to work with people who are struggling with the flat stick. Feel free to call me any time for a great lesson on becoming a better putter. When you only hit it 240 off the tee, you learn to become a great putter.

# Sun Country Birthdays

## ★HAPPY BIRTHDAY!★

<b>August 2</b> J.P. Hayes, PGA	<b>August 13</b> Adam Kase, PGA	<b>August 25</b> Jim Davison, PGA
<b>August 3</b> Robert Hickman, PGA	<b>August 17</b> Chris Moya, PGA	<b>August 27</b> Chris Jones, PGA
<b>August 4</b> Pat Gavin, PGA	<b>August 18</b> Daniel Nunez, PGA	<b>August 30</b> Steven Wickliffe, PGA
<b>August 6</b> Scott Matthews	<b>August 19</b> Ron Doan, PGA Trevor Coghlin, PGA	<b>August 31</b> Check Dunn, PGA Juan Jimenez, PGA Pam Strait, PGA
<b>August 8</b> Tom Moore, PGA	<b>August 23</b> Don Symington, PGA	
<b>August 9</b> Bobby Kaerwer, PGA		



*"Golf, like the measles, should be caught young,  
for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious.  
~P.G. Wodehouse, A Mixed Threesome, 1922*



# Members

## on the Move

### Transfers In

Name	Class	Facility
Rich Smith	A-1	Angel Fire

# WELCOME!

### Newly Elected Members

Name	Class	Facility
Kenneth Meador	A-8	Sonoma Ranch
Trevor Coghlin	A-8	Las Campanas
Samuel Wright	A-8	Las Campanas

### Employment Changes

Name	Class	New Facility
Scott Lieberwirth	A-12	Univ. TX at El Paso

### New Apprentices

Name	Class	Facility
Julio Brodsky	B-8	Marty Sanchez Links

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