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From the Desk of the President



Sun Country Members & Apprentices,

Thank you to all the members and apprentices who participated in the PGA Free Lesson month. We were sixth in the country for member participation (35.6%) and eighth overall for members and apprentices (29.2%). We didn't even make it into the top ten for Free Lesson Month last year, so thank you to all the professionals who signed up. I hope you have already signed up for June's promotion: American Express Women's Golf Month.

The section's two Play Golf America Days are coming up on June 27 at Lone Star GC and July 11 at Sandia GC. I strongly encourage you to volunteer your time in giving free lessons at these events. Not only does it support your section, it can also be a great marketing tool for bringing new golfers to your facility for rounds and lessons. Call Andrew at the section office to sign up for either or both of these events.

In addition to these Play Golf America programs, the section's junior foundation and the New Mexico Sports Authority will be putting on a Native American Youth Golf Clinic in conjunction with the Professional National Championship at Twin Warriors. Past PNC Champion Tim Thelen of Texas will conduct the clinic. We are expecting 150 juniors from the Albuquerque area to turn out at the Twin Warriors practice facility on Saturday, June 27 from 2:30-4:00 p.m., and we need volunteers to give lessons. If you can help, please contact John at the section office.

Junior Tour events start this month. Although registrations are not as high as last year, we still have very solid numbers, considering the current economic state. Please continue to encourage your young golfers to sign up and thank you for helping with a program that is vital to our section's success.

John Speary and Secretary of the Board Derek Gutierrez were down in Port St. Lucie, FL, in May for the annual Leadership Conference. They were able to attend many informative national committee meetings, as well as the District 12 meeting. On behalf of Sun Country PGA, I'd like to welcome Ronny Glanton, who will be our District 12 director starting in 2010. A big thanks to outgoing Director Alan Wooley for his dedication and service over the years. We appreciate all you do for the PGA of America!

Finally, we are excited to join in a partnership with 101.7 The Team. We'll be doing a series of radio broadcasts over the next few months. See page 3 for more details.

Sincerely,

Mike Ciolek, President



The Nike Matches

Sun Country PGA Match Play Championship

Presented by



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (May 7, 2009) – Arroyo del Oso Head Professional Bill Harvey served up a good dose of home cooking to the rest of the 2009 Nike Matches field as he held serve on his home course to claim this year’s match play championship. The Albuquerque resident defeated Las Campanas assistant professional Bob May 1 Up during Thursday’s championship round.

Harvey outlasted a field of 32 in the championship bracket which included a stroke-play qualifier on Tuesday and five rounds of match play following. The three-time Sun Country PGA Player of the Year got an early start on this year’s march to his fourth consecutive Player of the Year title.

Newly appointed Spring River Golf Club Head Professional Carlton Blewett claimed the Senior Championship Bracket having downed defending senior champion Mark Pelletier of El Paso Country Club 2 & 1.

Complete results are available on the Sun Country website: www.suncountry.pga.com

Championship Bracket		
Name	Overall	Thru
B. Harvey	1 Up	F
B. May		

Sr Championship Bracket		
Name	Overall	Thru
C. Blewett	2 & 1	F
M. Pelletier		

Consolation Bracket		
Name	Overall	Thru
K. Price	4 & 2	F
J. Dahrling		

Sr Consolation Bracket		
Name	Overall	Thru
G. Noble	2 Up	F
C. Maciel		

2009-2010 Dues Billing

Dues invoices have been released to PGALinks. Everyone with an email address has received an email notification that they can view, print and/or pay the 2009/2010 dues online. Those with an email address will not receive a printed invoice. Those individuals without an email address were sent a printed invoice the week of May 4, 2009.

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, they should log onto PGALinks to print an invoice to submit to their employer. Anyone who plans on paying by check needs to have their member/apprentice number included in the "Note" portion of the check and/or on the check stub.

The due date for this invoice is June 30, 2009 to avoid suspension and late fee assessment.

IMPORTANT - Payment by check should be mailed to: PO Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089.

Sun Country Signs Radio Deal with 101.7 The Team

Be sure to listen to 101.7 FM The Team for the next five months as the Sun Country PGA has signed an agreement to provide content for a weekly segment from now through September. The station, available on 101.7 FM and online for free at www.1017theteam.com, will run their weekly segment on Wednesdays at 5:05pm (Drive Time!) featuring Sun Country members, programs and other miscellaneous information on the world of Sun Country golf. The Team will also be running commercials driving traffic to www.playgolfamerica.com, so if you haven't signed your programs up on the site, now is the time to do so. Finally, The Team will also be hosting live shows on-site at our July 11 Play Golf America Day event and at the New Mexico Open in September. If you haven't yet, please turn the dial over to 101.7 FM and give it a listen and let us know what you think of it.

Club Car Renews Pro-President Sponsorship

Thank you to Scott Summers and Club Car for renewing their sponsorship of the Pro-President Team Championship at El Paso Country Club. Club Car will remain the sponsor for the 2010-2012 events. Club Car has been a strong section supporter for many years and we appreciate their dedication.

Sun Country Golf Magazine to Publish Holes-in-One

The Sun Country Golf Magazine is picking up the baton in the world of hole-in-one listings. We know the local papers haven't been all that successful with it, so this opportunity will give golfers a chance to see their accomplishments in a paper and website that is available to the entire Section, not just a limited area. Therefore, Sun Country members are asked to forward all of their hole-in-one information to Dan Vukelich at dvukelich@comcast.net. You will notice the information in upcoming issues of the magazine and is already available at www.suncountrygolf.com.



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PAT at Isleta Canceled

Due to lack of participation, PAT #12593 at Isleta Eagle Golf Course, Albuquerque, has been canceled.

Site Change for Senior Section Championship

Picacho Hills CC in Las Cruces will host the Senior Section Championship and Senior PNC Qualifier on July 27-28. Sign up at www.pgatournaments.com



MSR Opportunity: Rules Officials Needed for the San Juan Open

PGA members can earn 1 MSR credit per hour of participation (max of 8 per day) for working as a rules official for the San Juan Open, June 25-28. **Contact head pro David Zalbowitz at San Juan CC: (505) 325-6276**



Section Championship Registration

Section PGA Professional Championship
Entry information available May 22
Registration begins May 27
Entry deadline: July 8

Senior Section Championship
Entry information available June 1
Registration begins June 3
Entry deadline: July 15

Section Callaway Assistant Championship
Entry information available June 8
Registration begins June 10
Entry deadline: July 22

Visit www.pgatournaments.com to register

Upcoming Events

Pro-Ams and Opens

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
June 1-2	Senior Socorro Open	NM Tech GC, Socorro	Pro shop: (575) 835-5335
June 3	Socorro Pro-Am	NM Tech GC, Socorro	Pro shop: (575) 835-5335
June 4-6	Socorro Open	NM Tech GC, Socorro	Pro shop: (575) 835-5335
June 8	Santa Ana Star Benefit Invitational	Santa Ana GC, Bernalillo	By invitation only
June 9-11	Pistolero Open	Black Mesa GC, Espanola	Pro shop: (505) 747-8946
June 12	T-Bone Open	Lone Star GC, El Paso	Pro shop: (915) 591-4927
June 15	Cree Meadows Pro-Lady	Cree Meadows CC, Ruidoso	Pro shop: (575) 257-5815
June 25-28	San Juan Open	San Juan CC, Farmington	www.sanjuanopen.com
July 6	Paa-Ko Ridge Pro-Am	Paa-Ko Ridge, Sandia Park	Pro shop: (505) 281-6000

Section Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
June 22	Sun Country Pro-Scratch	Tanoan CC, Albuquerque	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
June 27	Play Golf America Day	Lone Star GC, El Paso	Free onsite registration
July 11	Play Golf America Day	Sandia GC, Albuquerque	Free onsite registration
July 14-15	PNC Qualifier	Sandia GC, Albuquerque	www.pgatournaments.com

JUNE IS WOMEN'S GOLF MONTH



- Free golf lessons and clinics
- Networking receptions
- Golf rules and etiquette seminars
- Fashion shows
- On-course playing opportunities
- On-course golf instruction
- Luncheons

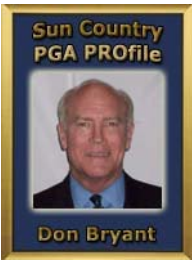
Now in its fifth year, American Express Women's Golf Month is a precedent-setting collaboration of the top golf organizations aimed at increasing the participation of women in golf. Scheduled to be held at golf facilities nationwide, American Express Women's Golf Month will offer people 14 years of age and older free golf lessons and golf-related networking and social activities customized by each host facility.

In addition to complimentary golf instruction from PGA and LPGA Professionals, participating host facilities may offer activities such as networking receptions, golf rules and etiquette seminars, club fitting, equipment demonstrations, golf apparel fashion shows, luncheons and contests. Complimentary use of golf clubs will be available at all locations. While golf instruction will be offered free of charge at all locations, other activities such as dining and on-course playing opportunities will be offered for a nominal fee.

Find a participating course near you!



2009 SUN COUNTRY JUNE PROFILE OF THE MONTH!



Don Bryant

College: San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX

Year Turned Pro: 1973

Facility and Job Title:

Alto Lakes Golf & CC, Director of Golf

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional? Love of the game, and working for a legend in Hardy Loudermilk who showed and taught me what it meant to be a PGA Professional in all respects.

What is your specialty in the golf business? I prefer to think of myself as well-rounded in this profession with no real one area of focus. I have been told I run a tournament which is second to none, and that my member relations are a strong point... members always want to drop in and say hello even if not playing.

Please list any accomplishments: Golf Professional of the Year 1995 NTPGA, Horton Smith Award 1986 NTPGA, as well as numerous Chapter awards. Elected to PGA Quarter Century Club October 2001.

What was your greatest moment in golf?

There are many, but professionally it was being congratulated by my Oral Interview Panel when I successfully passed my membership interview in 1976

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

Hardy Loudermilk without a doubt. Hardy was the National Golf Professional of the Year (I believe in 1965) and he was our Professional at Oak Hills in San Antonio where I was fortunate enough to be a member as a child. I came through his junior programs and when he offered me a job I jumped at the chance. I worked for Hardy until health issues forced his retirement in 1977, and we remained close until his death. I was honored, along with all of his "boys" (his multitude of former assistants), to be a pallbearer at his services.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

I've always been a bird hunter of doe, quail, and pheasant. I have also enjoyed restoring classic Corvette and Camaros in the past. Drag racing has been more than a passing interest since I retired from active racing in 1973.

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who

would complete your foursome? It would have to be Augusta National. Playing with me would be my Mom and Dad who gave me the initial opportunity to play golf, and of course, Hardy who started my professional career.

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give? Anyone really...I've given a million of 'em. My advice would be to enjoy the game for what it is and don't let lofty expectations ruin an otherwise beautiful day in a wonderful setting. As I've aged in the game, I've come to appreciate all the many wonderful differences in each course, each foursome, and indeed each day. Golf provides quite the melting pot on the course. Over my career, I've had the opportunity to play with any number of various celebrities. One thing I noticed immediately: on the course they are no longer movie stars or any kind of celebrity, they're just a golfer like any one else with the same challenges we all have and enjoy.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Using the right side (for the righty golfer) properly to help deliver the head squarely and with power, avoiding the dreaded slice or push.

SUN COUNTRY BIRTHDAYS JUNE 2009



June 1
Steven St. Andre
Dana Lehner

June 6
Justin Dahrling

June 13
Adam Geier

June 19
Doug Lyle

June 27
Bobby Baca

June 3
John Speary

June 7
Brandon Baker
Mike Putnam

June 15
Bill Baker

June 21
Zach Hoefel
Jere Pelletier

June 28
Don Bryant

June 5
Tad Bourg

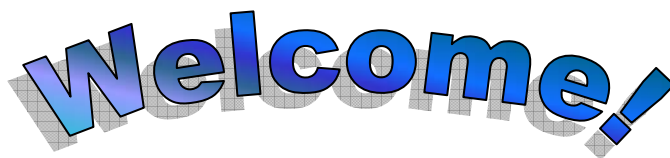
June 8
Leroy Olson

June 17
Marc Ponce

June 22
Grant Dalpes

June 30
Mike Singleton

June 18
James Williams



NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Steve Moreno	B-8	Marty Sanchez

SUN COUNTRY SECTION NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Linda Howell	A-8	Towa Golf Resort

2009 Ashworth Pro-Scratch Team Championship



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1 Pro, 2 Scratch Amateurs * 27 Holes

1st nine: Best Ball, 2nd nine: 2 Best Ball, 3rd nine: All 3 scores

June 22, 2009

Tanoan Country Club

Albuquerque, NM

Tee Gift: Ashworth Shirt

Teams may use SkyCaddie
GPS systems

Sign up online using your BlueGolf Player's Club login



Do you want to attract new golfers to your facility and boost your existing customers' satisfaction on an ongoing basis?

Gain exposure to millions of American Express® Cardmembers through the American Express/PGA Friend of a Cardmember program. The program, which will be promoted a variety of ways including advertising and customer communications, allows an American Express Cardmember who books and pays for a lesson with an American Express® Card to bring a friend at no additional cost. Think of it as a way to improve two swings in one shot. The program will bring potential new students to you while generating loyalty from your current students, allowing you to expand your customer base and build repeat business.

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- Participate in this program for a minimum of one year*

Once registered, your name, contact information and lesson details will appear in promotion of the overall program at AmericanExpress.com/golf and at PlayGolfAmerica.com.

Login to your PGALinks account to register. Go to www.PGALinks.com, login, click on Player Development Center, then American Express/PGA Friend of a Cardmember



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Youngsters receive more than lessons at special golf clinic

By Bob Denney, PGA.com Contributor

SANTA ANA PUEBLO, N.M. -- With a heritage of building their own success stories in growing the game, some 20 Sun Country PGA Professionals met 90 Native American junior golfers from 7 different pueblos on June 27 for more than a traditional afternoon of golf instruction.

The Native American Youth Golf Clinic, hosted at Twin Warriors Golf Club, was preceded by a proclamation by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, whose signed document proclaiming June 27, 2009 as "Native American Youth Golf Day" in the state.

The clinic featured addresses by representative of higher education and the golf industry and a guest lesson by PGA Professional Tim Thelen of College Station, Texas, a two-time National Champion who won the last of his two national titles in 2003 at Twin Warriors.

The clinic precedes Sunday's opening round of the 42nd PGA Professional National Championship at Twin Warriors and nearby Santa Ana Golf Club.

"This is a day in which we all can be proud," said Santa Ana Pueblo Gov. Bruce Sanchez, who accepted the New Mexico governor's framed proclamation. "We are proud to say that we put a program together for all to enjoy this sport. It



New Mexico State University PGM Student Corey Duma offers some advice to a student during Saturday's Youth Clinic. (Photo: The PGA of America)

is an inspiration as a Native American. Golf has so many great values -- teaching discipline, mental stability and strength.

"And, as you can hear from others today, you will find a vast educational system to do a lot more than many people would dream."

The clinic attendees ranged from middle to high school age, with many having spent several years learning the game in the Santa Ana Pueblo junior program, guided by the father-son PGA Professional team of Robert and Rob Lowry.

Rob Lowry, a PGA Teaching Professional at Santa Ana Golf Club, estimates that over the past 6½ years he has taught some 40,000 students throughout the greater Albuquerque area.

"We have enjoyed some great success, and we have yet to reach many more who would love to be in golf," said Lowry.

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Youth Clinic, continued

“We have worked to gain the funding when past funding has ended.”

Among the attendees was Memoree LeCompte, 16, of Rio Rancho, N.M., a junior-to-be at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque. She not only has lowered her stroke average more than a dozen strokes over the past few years, but also carries a 4.0 grade point average in the classroom.

“I began playing golf at age 8 and really came back into the sport in competition at 13,” said LeCompte. “I got the opportunities to enjoy the game and stay with it from the Santa Ana Pueblo program. The instructors, which include my swing coach Robert Lowry, really help you and support you. I am planning to attend college and stay in golf.”

Craig LeCompte, 48, beamed when speaking about his daughter’s progress through the Santa Ana Pueblo program.

“This program is A-plus,” said LeCompte, formerly of South Dakota and now a certified public account for Native Americans. He is a member of the Sioux Nation.

“You can’t beat it for what these professionals, led by Roger Martinez [general manager and PGA Director of Golf at Santa Ana Golf Corporation] and Robert Lowry have done for the kids of the Pueblo. This program has given my kid so many opportunities. I just wish that the same program was available across the western states for more.”

The clinic was guided by PGA Professionals representing the Sun Country PGA Section, who provided instruction, along with PGA Professional Pat Gavin of Las Cruces, director of the Professional Golf Management University program at New Mexico State University; and Fred Palmer, vice president of national accounts for Club Car Inc.

“While instruction will be a big part of it as well as having fun, the main focus is introducing these kids to the opportunities of becoming a PGA Professional,” says Sun Country PGA Executive Director John Speary.

“I’m not trying to sell you on New Mexico State, but I am trying to sell you on making golf as a career,” Gavin said.



The Sun Country PGA Section, in partnership with the New Mexico Sports Authority, a division of the New Mexico

Tourism Department, dedicated to promoting sports throughout New Mexico, has developed a scholarship program for Native American youths wanting to pursue a career in golf.

Among the graduates of the Native American program at Laguna Pueblo, just outside of Albuquerque, was Corey Duma, who just completed his freshman year at New Mexico State University and the Professional Golf Management University program.

“I learned to play golf at the age of 11, when my little brother fell in love with the game and then I did, too,” said Duma. “Growing up with great teachers and mentors was positive for me and was huge in helping me on the way to becoming a PGA Member.

“I love teaching kids and being at an event like this and teaching at summer junior programs each year. Golf teaches integrity and responsibility. Golf is just like life where it teaches you life lessons. My coaches at the junior clinics growing up in New Mexico and in these programs have taught me so much.”

I have really enjoyed my time at New Mexico State University and I am excited about becoming a PGA Member. My goal is to become a PGA Teaching Professional and help others learn the game.”

Jason Montoya of Santa Ana Pueblo, a senior PGA Golf Management student at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, is well on his way to a career in the golf business with his graduation around the corner.

“As a Native American and a PGA Golf Management student, being involved in the clinic means a lot to me,” says Montoya. “It’s promoting the game of golf and also the PGM Program, but more importantly it’s letting these kids know what opportunities are out there for them in the golf business.

“When I graduate, my main goal will be giving back to my community through the game of golf and further growing this sport which has come to be apart of me. Overall, it’s about getting more Native Americans involved in golf and letting those juniors know that there is a career; it’s not just about playing, but there is a business side of golf. That’s what I’d like to see more of, Native Americans in the general manager/head golf professional positions.”

“Isn’t it a beautiful thing to see someone like Jason have the chance to return and teach those who grew up in the same neighborhood and program as he did,” said Speary.

There are seven courses either owned or operated by Native American entities in the Sun Country PGA Section, including Santa Ana Golf Club and Twin Warriors, but very few have Native American PGA members.

Through a team effort in New Mexico, there is hope that Montoya will be a leader for a new generation of Native American PGA Professionals.

Longtime Golfer Wimberly Receives Honorary Doctorate Degree at NMSU commencement

New Mexico State University honored former NMSU golf coach Herb Wimberly with an honorary degree during the spring 2009 commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, at the Pan American Center. The morning program included candidates for degrees from the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Business, Engineering and Extended Learning. The afternoon program included candidates for degrees from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health and Social Services.

Herbert "Herb" Wright Wimberly was honored for his tremendously successful career as both a professional golfer and a champion coach, and for his more than 47 years of dedication to NMSU, mentoring students and helping shape the next generation of leaders.



Wimberly, a Professional Golf Association Class A professional golfer, started golfing at the age of 12. In 1962, he was hired by NMSU as the head golf coach and golf professional, where he remained for a 31-year career.

His teams won six Missouri Valley Conference championships, one Big West title and played host to the 1968 NCAA Golf Tournament and the 1990 NCAA West Regional Golf Championship.

Watch a video bio of Herb on YouTube.com. Search for Herb Wimberly

He coached the two All-American Golf Teams that played in the first International Collegiate Golf Matches in Chiba City, Japan. He was the recipient of Coach of the Year six times by the Missouri Valley Conference and once by the Big West Conference. Eighteen of his players were awarded All-American honors with two of the golfers, Larry Beem (1964) and Ben Kern (1968), named as first team All-Americans. Many of his golfers have gone on to play on tour.

In 1988, Wimberly, along with his brother Guy, brought the Professional Golf Management program to NMSU, one of only three institutions selected at that time to host the new PGA-certified major. Though retired, Herb remains very active inside the PGM Program.

Wimberly was inducted into the NMSU Hall of Fame in 1985. Since his retirement, he has stayed in the game by assisting with the NMSU Professional Golf Management Program, and continues to represent NMSU when attending PGA golf shows.

Wimberly and his wife, Carleene, are the proud parents of nine children, 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Ashworth Pro-Scratch Team Championship

Presented by



Team Championship

Name	Score	Thru
1 Team Dahrling	-5	27
2 Team Daily	-4	27
3 Team Lieberwirth	-3	27
T4 Team Curran	E	27
T4 Team Gonzalez	E	27
6 Team Loghry	+1	27
T7 Team Baca	+4	27
T7 Team Bystrom	+4	27
T7 Team Delgadillo	+4	27
10 Team Harvey	+5	27

Professional Sweeps

Name	Score	Thru
T1 D. Daily	-3	27
T1 S. Lieberwirth	-3	27
3 M. Gonzalez	E	27
T4 K. Price	+2	27
T4 L. Delgadillo	+2	27
T4 J. Atson	+2	27
7 D. Curran	+4	27
T8 L. Bystrom	+5	27
T8 B. Harvey	+5	27
T10 J. Dahrling	+6	27

Amateur Sweeps

Name	Score	Thru
1 T. With	-5	27
2 C. Ortiz	+1	27
T3 J. Altamorano	+2	27
T3 R. Enright	+2	27
T5 J. Young	+3	27
T5 R. Goff	+3	27
T5 K. Jarvis	+3	27
T5 L. Luna	+3	27
T5 R. Quintela	+3	27
10 C. Payne	+4	27

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Pictures of the team champions on page 5

Upcoming Events

Pro-Ams and Opens

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
July 6	Paa-Ko Ridge Pro-Am	Paa-Ko Ridge, Sandia Park	Pro shop: (505) 281-6000
July 20	Desert Greens Pro-Am	Desert Greens, Albuquerque	Pro shop: (505) 898-7001
July 24-25	Desert Sun Classic	Spring River, Roswell	Pro shop: (575) 622-9506
August 3	Butterfield Trail Pro-Am	Butterfield Trail GC, El Paso	Pro shop: (915) 772-1038

Section Events

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July 11	Play Golf America Day	Sandia GC, Albuquerque	Free onsite registration
July 13-14	PNC Qualifier	Sandia GC, Albuquerque	www.pgatournaments.com
July 27-28	Sr Section Championship	Picacho Hills CC, Las Cruces	www.pgatournaments.com
August 4-5	Callaway Golf Assistant Champ.	NMSU GC, Las Cruces	www.pgatournaments.com
August 9-10	Callaway Golf Players Champ.	Isleta Eagle, Albuquerque	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com

Other Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
July 21	Playing Ability Test	Santa Ana GC, Bernalillo	Deadline passed



July is Family Golf Month

Find a participating course near you!

Go to any course this season, and soon realize that playing golf, even in your own hometown, may be the perfect family vacation. It is hard to imagine a better family activity than golf. Take your family golfing and enjoy a day outside:

- walking through beautiful rolling fairways,
- sipping on some cool lemonade,
- sharing special conversation, and
- simply spending quality time with each other.

During Family Golf Month, golf courses will offer a series of programs for you to learn and play golf as a family. Golf courses in target markets will be offering:

- **Family Golf Clinics**
- **Family Golf Play Days**
- **Kids Play Free**
- [Take Your Daughter to the Course Week, July 6-12](#)
- [Bring Your Kids to the Golf Range](#)
- [Sticks for Kids](#)
- [PGA Family Course](#)
- **Other Special Programs**



2009 SUN COUNTRY JULY PROFILE OF THE MONTH!



Dal Daily

University: UNM class of 1983
Year Turned Pro: 1984
Facility and Job Title: Head PGA Golf Professional, Tanoan CC

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?
 To help promote golf and make golf a better game

What is your career low round? 62

What is your specialty in the golf business? Teaching

Please list any accomplishments:

- Northeastern New York Section Stroke Play Champion 4 years in a row
- 5 Time Player of Year NENYPGA

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Shooting 83 at UNM South with my Dad – Breaking 90 for the first time in my life

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

Every single PGA Professional that I have met

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

Spending time with my 2 boys Andrew and Aaron ages 10 and 7

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

Augusta National - My Father, Bill Wilson and Tiger Woods

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give? Any beginner and work on their grip

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Get the grip more in the fingers than in the palm and eliminate the interlocking grip. The interlocking grip is the worst grip ever invented in the history of golf. If not shown how to do it properly the club will be held too much in the palms instead of the fingers.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 3
 Kent Beatty
 Eric Eggleston

July 4
 Racquel Huslig

July 6
 Sky Luque

July 9
 Dal Daily

July 11
 Mike Ciolek

July 16
 Bill Barclay

July 17
 Terry Jennings

July 19
 Dana Hickman

July 20
 Bill Gayso
 Roger Martinez

July 23
 Matt Molloy
 Coy Sanchez
 Danny Swain

July 24
 Casey Coontz

July 26
 Benjamin Malamitsas
 Ryan Thorpe

July 31
 Anthony Romero

SUN COUNTRY CLASS CHANGES

Name	Former Class	Current Class	Facility
Eric Eggleston, PGA	A-13	A-1	Cree Meadows
Jane Noble, PGA	A-8	A-6	Picacho Hills

Winners' Circle



Ashworth Pro-Scratch Team Champions, from left: Guillermo Chavez, Justin Dahrling, and Tim With. Dal Daily and Scott Lieberwirth tied for 1st in the Pro sweeps at 3 under and Tim With stole the Amateur field with 5 under



*2009 Sun Country PGA
Professional National
Championship Qualifier*



July 13-14, 2009
Sandia Golf Club
Albuquerque, NM

Register online: www.pgatournaments.com

Deadline is July 8





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From the Desk of the President



Sun Country Members & Apprentices,

July has been a busy month! First of all, our biggest news is that the Sun Country PGA and the Amateur Association have closed on a building in Rio Rancho. The Sun Country Golf House will be the new home of both our associations and the superintendents association. This project has been a long time in the works and we're very excited to make it a reality at last. I would like to

personally thank the members of our two boards who have worked to make this happen, and especial thanks to our two E.D.s, Matt Williams and John Speary. The PGA will move into the new building by mid October.

Play Golf America Day was held at Sandia GC on July 11. Over 450 people turned out for free lessons, clinics and demos from leading equipment vendors. A big thanks to all the pros who volunteered their time at this event!

Sandia was also the host of the Sun Country PNC Qualifier on July 13-14. The course was in great shape, we had a good turnout from our pros and tough competition for the three qualifying spots. Congratulations to the professionals who will represent Sun Country at the 2010 PGA Professional National Championship: Scott Gates of Four Hills CC, Bill Harvey of Arroyo del Oso GC, and Dan Koesters of NMSU GC. Good luck, gentlemen!

Finally, the Senior Section Championship was held at Picacho Hills CC, July 27-28. Once again, Mark Pelletier led the field and will represent Sun Country in the National Championship, along with Gary Noble and Dan Koesters. Good luck, gentlemen!

Along with these events, we also had the Desert Sun Classic in Roswell and two Junior Tour Championships. We expect another busy month in August with three more section events: the Assistant Professional Championship, Callaway Golf Players Championship and the Challenge Cup. I would like especially to invite you to Isleta Eagle GC, the host of the 2nd Annual Callaway Golf Players Championship on August 9-10. This year we're excited to welcome the top players from the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association to this event. Sign up through the section website if you haven't already!

Sincerely,

Mike Ciolek, President



2009 Sun Country PGA Professional Championship

FINAL RESULTS

1	Scott Gates (Q)	Albuquerque, NM	66-71-72--209 -7
2	Mike Putnam*	Albuquerque	72-70-69--211 -5
3	Bill Harvey (Q)	Albuquerque, NM	72-70-71--213 -3
4	Daniel Koesters (Q)	Las Cruces, NM	72-72-72--216 E
T5	Dominic Curran	Silver City, NM	71-75-71--217 +1
T5	Colby Reddoch	Albuquerque, NM	71-74-72--217 +1
7	Kurt Osborn	Las Cruces, NM	77-72-70--219 +3
T8	Mark Pelletier	El Paso, TX	73-78-70--221 +5
T8	David Nowell	Santa Fe, NM	75-74-72--221 +5
T8	Dal Daily	Albuquerque, NM	74-73-74--221 +5
11	Steve Manning	Albuquerque, NM	72-74-76--222 +6
12	Carlton Blewett	Roswell, NM	77-71-75--223 +7
T13	Bob May	Santa Fe, NM	74-76-74--224 +8
T13	Jason White	Las Cruces, NM	78-72-74--224 +8
15	Luis Delgadillo	El Paso, TX	70-79-76--225 +9
16	Michael Ciolek	Albuquerque, NM	77-79-71--227 +11
17	Bob Basham	Albuquerque, NM	72-76-80--228 +12
18	Todd Kersting	Albuquerque, NM	80-76-73--229 +13
19	Tom Moore	Ruidoso	72-79-79--230 +14
T20	Zach Hoefel	Rio Rancho, NM	80-75-76--231 +15
T20	Kevin Amhaus	Rio Rancho, NM	73-77-81--231 +15
T22	Dennis McCloskey*	Los Alamos, NM	77-78-78--233 +17
T22	Anthony Romero	Capitan, NM	76-80-77--233 +17
24	Matt Molloy	Rio Rancho, NM	84-74-76--234 +18
25	Matthew Long	Albuquerque, NM	76-81-79--236 +20
T26	Kenny Blake	Rio Rancho, NM	83-77-78--238 +22
T26	Jim Traina	Kirtland, NM	76-82-80--238 +22
T26	Donnie Torres	Los Alamos, NM	80-77-81--238 +22
29	Tom Velarde	Espanola, NM	78-83-78--239 +23
30	Vernon Bane	El Paso, TX	86-80-75--241 +25
T31	Michael Singleton	El Paso, TX	75-89-79--243 +27
T31	William Barclay	Albuquerque, NM	83-81-79--243 +27
33	Eric Eggleston	Ruidoso, NM	82-82-81--245 +29
34	David Rennhack	Seminole, TX	81-81-84--246 +30
35	Ryan Flamm	Santa Fe, NM	77-81-89--247 +31
T36	Mark Swanson	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM	86-83-80--249 +33
T36	Tad Bourg	Ranchos de Taos, NM	83-79-87--249 +33
38	Daniel Nunez	Ruidoso, NM	84-80-87--251 +35

(Q) = Qualifier

*Not eligible to qualify



From top: Scott Gates, Bill Harvey, Dan Koesters, and Mike Putnam



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2009 Sun Country PGA Senior Professional Championship

Las Cruces, NM- PGA golf professional , Mark Pelletier, Director of Golf at the El Paso CC, performed a three-peat by winning the 36- hole Sun Country Section PGA Senior Section Championship at Picacho Hills CC. Pelletier bested Picacho Hills host PGA professional Gary Noble by two shots by posting rounds of 70-74*144, even par. Noble fired rounds of 72-74*146, two over par. Rounding out the top three was NMSU PGA Director of Golf, Dan Koesters who had a 36-hole total of 148, four over par.

Pelletier, Noble and Koesters will represent the Sun Country Section PGA at the 2009 Senior PGA Professionals National Championship in October at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. It will be first time trips to the Senior Nationals for Noble and Koesters. Pelletier has played the last two years. The top 35 finishers at the 2009 Senior PGA Professionals National Championship will qualify for the 2010 PGA Senior Championship to be held at the Colorado Golf Club in Denver, CO.

FINAL RESULTS		
1	M. Pelletier	E
2	G. Noble	+2
3	D. Koesters	+4
4	M. Martinez	+5
5	A. Boyd	+6
6	C. Blewett	+7
T7	J. Traina	+8
T7	J. McDermott	+8
T9	J. Smith	+10
T9	D. McCloskey	+10
11	B. Basham	+13
12	T. Velarde	+14
13	M. Olson	+16
14	R. Moore	+19
15	H. Tucker	+20
16	F. Segaline	+22

Sun Country PGA and Amateur Association Purchase Golf House

What good is a house, if the foundation isn't all that solid, right? Well, timing is everything and as the foundations that have been laid for the Sun Country PGA and the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association seem to be in really good shape, there is no better time than to build upon them the Sun Country Golf House.

For the first time, both of golf's governing bodies in the Sun Country Section will operate under one roof, known as the Sun Country Golf House. The building, which sits just off Southern Blvd. in Rio Rancho, will be owned and operated by the Sun Country Junior Golf Foundation and will also be home to the Rio Grande Superintendent's Association which is now operated by SCAGA.

"I can't tell you how excited we are that this is finally happening," said SCSPGA President Mike Ciolek. "This plan has been in the works for a long time and it will finally allow us to work closer as fellow Associations and cast a wider net of influence across our borders. Sharing resources, ideas, staffing and all the things that go together under that one roof will help us to educate the public and implement our programs at a higher success rate than in the past."

Section staff will be moved into the Golf House by Mid-October of this fall along with the Amateur staff and will now be able to provide a one-stop shop for all things golf. In the past, if you had a general question about golf, the public was unsure or unaware of who to call. Going forward, there will be one phone number to call whether you're looking for information on the PGA, tourism, tournaments, handicaps, juniors or anything else golf related. It's the first step in uniting the golf world within the Sun Country borders and making golf a better game in all its phases.

**Ballots for the 2009
Section Awards will
be emailed to class
A members in good
standing by mid-
August. Keep your
eye out for them!**



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Upcoming Events

Pro-Ams and Opens

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
August 3	Butterfield Trail Pro-Am	Butterfield Trail GC, El Paso	Pro shop: (915) 772-1038
August 15	Parent-Junior Team Championship	Chamisa Hills CC, Rio Rancho	www.suncountry.pga.com/jrtourn
August 17	Pendaries Pro-Am	Pendaries GC	Pro shop: (505) 425-3561
August 31	Los Coyotes Pro-Am	Coyote del Malpais, Grants	Pro shop: (505) 285-5544
September 8	NM Open Charity Pro-Am	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	Pro shop: (575) 464-7941
September 9-11	New Mexico Open	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	www.suncountry.pga.com

Section Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
August 4-5	Callaway Golf Assistant Champ.	NMSU GC, Las Cruces	www.pgatournaments.com
August 9-10	Callaway Golf Players Champ.	Isleta Eagle, Albuquerque	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
August 24	Challenge Cup	Tanoan CC, Albuquerque	Invitation Only
September 3	McGladrey Section Team Champ.	Desert Lakes, Alamogordo	Qualifiers Only

MSR Credit for Online Classes

Effective immediately, PGA Professionals can receive MSR credits from the many online educational offerings beyond the scope of PGALinks.com. The following parameters will be used to qualify online courses:

- Online course must be educational in nature and cannot be a product specific sales promotion. [Click here](#) for guidelines.
- Course provider must be able to provide a course outline.
- Course provider must be able to provide an estimate of the time required to complete the course.
- Course must be considered professional development and not personal development.
- PGA member is required to submit verification of suc-

cessful completion and assessment of the course within 30 days of completion.

- Pre-Approved Online Provider information would need to be submitted.
- It is the responsibility of the PGA member to provide all the needed documentation listed above.
- Documentation would be reviewed and approved by the PGA Membership Department in consultation with the PGA Education Department.

A maximum of eight (8) MSR credits may be awarded for any one online course.

For other ways to earn MSR, visit suncountry.pga.com and login to the Member side with your PGALinks login.

SUN COUNTRY PROFILE OF THE MONTH!



David Moffett

College/University:
Davis Business College, George Washington University

Year Turned Pro:
1966 (elected to PGA membership 1973)

Facility and Job Title: Santa Ana Golf Club and Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course. I am a Teaching Professional at both courses. Staff Instructor, National Golf Schools, Tampa, FL.

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?
Interest and love for the game and business of golf and working with the people involved in golf. Also to attain success as demonstrated by my mentor golf professional employers, who included Harry Moffitt, PGA Master Professional and past president of PGA of America.

What is your specialty in the golf business? Total facility operations management and now in my retirement I have become very involved in all levels of golf instruction from teaching youth to tournament players.

Please list any accomplishments
Headquarters Golf Program Manager for 54 US Navy golf courses worldwide.

1987 Sun Country Section Merchandiser of the Year.

What was your greatest moment in golf? My greatest moment was attending the 2005 British Open to see Jack Nicklaus' farewell and Tiger's great victory. Playing an exhibition round of golf with LPGA Hall of Fame golfer Patty Berg.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?
Ed Kotlarzyk, PGA member 49 years (my first boss) and Harry Moffitt, PGA

Master Professional, Past president PGA of America (my second boss).

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy? Cooking and gardening and my two grandchildren.

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome? Augusta National with my two older brothers and Jack Nicklaus.

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

Tom Watson.....how to make an eight foot putt.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip? Keep it simple....the golf swing has two primary moves—the backswing and the forward motion that must be finished with a completely balanced position.

SUN COUNTRY BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 2009

<i>August 2</i> JP Hayes	<i>August 8</i> Tom Moore	<i>August 18</i> Daniel Nunez	<i>August 25</i> Dean Jones
<i>August 3</i> Robert Hickman	<i>August 9</i> Bobby Kaerwer	<i>August 19</i> Ron Doan	<i>August 27</i> Chris Jones
<i>August 4</i> Jon Betz	<i>August 13</i> Adam Kase	<i>August 23</i> Randall Tsoisie	<i>August 29</i> David Kurtz
<i>August 17</i> Herb Wimberly, Jr Pat Gavin	<i>August 17</i> Chris Moya James Roberts	<i>August 24</i> Don Symington Will Collins	<i>August 31</i> Chuck Dunn Juan Jimenez



Welcome!

NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Jose Bautista	B-8	Santa Teresa CC

Around the Section

Jim Smith and Joe McDermott shot under their age in July

68-year-old Joe shot 67 in the first round of the
Desert Sun Classic, July 24

77-year-old Jim shot 74 in the first round of the
Senior Professional Championship, July 27

Way to go, guys!



2009 Callaway Golf Players Championship



August 9-10
Isleta Eagle Golf Course
Albuquerque, NM



Two day individual stroke play.

This event will determine the best player, professional or amateur, in Sun Country.

Professionals compete for their own purse.

\$225 Professional Entry Fee

Sun Country Professionals: Register Online by going to www.suncountry.pga.com/section

\$175 Amateur Entry Fee

Amateurs, register through the Amateur Golf Association: www.newmexicogolf.com



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Inn of the Mountain Gods Golf Course, Mescalero, NM

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Congratulations!

Leroy Olson was elected to the Half Century Club on September 1! Thank you, Leroy, for your service and loyalty to the PGA of America for the past 50 years!



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2009 SUN COUNTRY PGA AWARD WINNERS

PGA Professional of the Year



Dave Brown, PGA
Santa Ana Golf Club

Jack Hardwick Teacher of the Year



Sandy Lemon, PGA
Twin Warriors Golf Club

Horton Smith Award



Jason White, PGA
NMSU PGM Program

Junior Golf Leader of the Year



Rob Lowry, PGA
Santa Ana Golf Club

Bill Strausbaugh Award



Grant Dalpes, PGA
Desert Lakes Golf Course

President's Plaque



Racquel Huslig, PGA
Sandia Golf Course

Merchandiser of the Year—Private



Mark Pelletier, PGA
El Paso Country Club

Merchandiser of the Year—Resort



Derek Gutierrez, PGA
Twin Warriors Golf Club

Merchandiser of the Year—Public



Dan Koesters, PGA
NMSU Golf Course

Salesperson of the Year



Mark Zapach, PGA
Nike Golf

Marilea Bush Amateur of the Year



Ken Adams

PGA Assistant Professional of the Year

will be announced by
September 15

Voting is open until
September 9

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CHALLENGE CUP FALLS BACK INTO AMATEUR HANDS

SCAGA wins back the cup at Tanoan CC with solid team effort

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (August 24, 2009) – With strong team and individual efforts, the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association stormed off with a Challenge Cup victory following the 2009 matches held at Tanoan CC in Albuquerque, N.M. The amateurs posted 54.5 points to the PGA professionals 35.5 making the winning margin one of the widest in recent memory.

The event, featuring the top 20 amateurs and the top 20 PGA professionals in the Sun Country Section (New Mexico & El Paso, Texas) is a yearly, Ryder Cup-style event conducted between the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association (amateurs) and the Sun Country Section of the PGA of America (professionals). The long-standing event had a recent run of professional victories for the past decade, but with their win, the amateur team has now claimed two of the last three events.

The SCAGA team stepped on the gas early getting out to a 16.5 to 13.5 lead following the morning team matches and then never let up as they continued the domination in the afternoon with a 38 to 22 decisive victory in the singles matches.

With the contest never in doubt, the SCAGA claimed their second Challenge Cup in the last three years. The overall series now stands at 28-15-1 for the Sun Country PGA Pros.



2009 Sun Country Amateur Golf Assn. Team:

Matt Baum, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Andy Brooks, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Greg Condon, Edgewood, N.M.
 Daren Cooper, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Ben Darwin, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Alex Estrada, Belen, N.M.
 Zach Fullerton, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Doug Good, Albuquerque, N.M. ***
 Tyler Goulding, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Patrick Hanlon, Las Cruces, N.M.
 Daniel Hayden, Hobbs, N.M.
 Gary Jeffreys, Deming, N.M. ***
 Simon Miller, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Collin Pratt, Santa Fe, N.M.
 Mike Quinlan, Albuquerque, N.M. ***
 Anton Salome, Socorro, N.M.
 Lee Sanchez, Santa Fe, N.M. ***
 Sam Saunders, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Chandler Smith-Stetson, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Robert Thompson, Rio Rancho, N.M.

*** - Senior

2009 Sun Country PGA Professional Team:

Mike Ciolek, Albuquerque, N.M. (Isleta Eagle GC)
 Dominic Curran, Silver City, N.M. (Silver City GC)
 Dal Daily, Albuquerque, N.M. (Tanoan CC)
 Luis Delgadillo, El Paso, Texas (Campestre de Juarez)
 Scott Gates, Albuquerque, N.M. (Four Hills CC)
 Mark Gonzalez, El Paso, Texas (Painted Dunes GC)
 Bill Harvey, Albuquerque, N.M. (Arroyo del Oso GC)
 Erin Kato, Albuquerque, N.M. (Paa-ko Ridge GC)
 Todd Kersting, Albuquerque, N.M. (Puerto del Sol GC)
 Dan Koesters, Las Cruces, N.M. (NMSU GC)
 Scott Lieberwirth, Las Cruces, N.M. (NMSU Golf Coach)
 Steve Manning, Albuquerque, N.M. (Santa Ana GC)
 Bob May, Santa Fe, N.M. (Las Campanas)
 Dennis McCloskey, Los Alamos, N.M. (Los Alamos GC) ***
 Daniel Nunez, Ruidoso, N.M. (Inn of the Mountain Gods GC)
 Mark Pelletier, El Paso, Texas (El Paso CC) ***
 Chris Thomas, Santa Teresa, N.M. (Santa Teresa CC)
 Ryan Thorpe, El Paso, Texas (El Paso CC)
 Jim Traina, Kirtland, N.M. (Riverview GC) ***
 Tom Velarde, Espanola, N.M. (Black Mesa GC) ***

*** - Senior

VALHALLA GOLF CLUB TO BE FOCUS OF GOLF WORLD ONCE MORE BY HOSTING 2011 SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AND 2014 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Valhalla Golf Club of Louisville, Ky., the home of many of the most memorable moments in U.S. golf history over the past 12 years, has been named the site of the 72nd Senior PGA Championship in 2011 and the host of the 96th PGA Championship in August 2014.

Valhalla is one of only three sites in the nation – joined by PGA National Golf Club of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Oak Hill Country Club of Rochester, N.Y., and Laurel Valley Golf Club of Ligonier, Pa. – to host a Senior PGA Championship, PGA Championship and Ryder Cup.

Designed by golf legend Jack Nicklaus and opened for play in 1986, Valhalla Golf Club has established its reputation as one of the country's most dramatic golf stages:

- In 1996, while hosting its first PGA Championship, Mark Brooks edged Kentuckian Kenny Perry in a one-hole playoff.
- In a return PGA Championship visit in 2000, Tiger Woods and Bob May locked in for one of the most remarkable Sundays in a major championship. When the day was over, Woods had defeated May by a stroke in a three-hole cumulative score playoff, which was necessary after each player had birdied the 72nd hole.
- In 2004, legendary Hale Irwin overcame weather delays to cement his legacy in senior golf by making a birdie putt on the 18th hole to capture his fourth Senior PGA Championship.
- Last year, the United States ended a

nine-year Ryder Cup victory drought against Europe, rallying behind six rookie players at Valhalla for a resounding 16½ to 11½ triumph.

“There is no debate that something special happens whenever Valhalla Golf Club hosts a major championship,” said PGA of America President Jim Remy. “And, there is no question that the golf fans of Kentucky have responded, making Valhalla one of the greatest homes of championship golf. We are very pleased that we can bring back a Senior PGA Championship in two years time, and add a third PGA Championship to the great history of this club. We anticipate another tremendous show of support from fans in Louisville, Kentucky and the surrounding cities and states in welcoming the world's premier players.”

The PGA of America's returning majors to Valhalla Golf Club was heralded by Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear.

“The passion and the loyalty of the sports fans of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are legendary,” said Gov. Beshear. “Over the past 12 years, the world has witnessed how Kentuckians have embraced the game of golf. We are very pleased to have two major championships return to Valhalla Golf Club, which once again enables us to showcase our state worldwide. We anticipate Kentuckians will help make the 2011 Senior PGA Championship and the 2014 PGA Championship among the most memorable in golf history.”

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson said that his that the city will once again deliver its support.

“Louisville has proven, time and again, that we can host successful major sporting events, as evidenced most recently by the 2008 Ryder Cup,” said Mayor Abramson. “The PGA of America and Louisville are great partners, and we look forward to hosting these two Championships in 2011 and 2014.”

Named one of the top three new private golf courses in the U.S. in 1987, the first year it was eligible, Valhalla Golf Club remains the No. 1-ranked course in Kentucky and has its perch among Golf Digest's “America's 100 Greatest Courses.”

Begun in 1937 and conducted at Augusta National Golf Club, the Senior PGA Championship is the most prestigious championship in senior golf. Today, the Senior PGA Championship brings together both the legends of the game and the newest members of senior professional golf to new audiences throughout the United States. When the Champions Tour was launched in 1980, the Senior PGA Championship was celebrating its 42nd anniversary

The PGA Championship, first conducted in 1916 at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, N.Y., is the annual culmination of golf's four major championships. In 2014, the PGA Championship will mark its fourth visit to Louisville, following previous appearances in 1952 at Big Spring Country Club; and in 1996 and 2000 at Valhalla Golf Club.

Since its inception, the PGA Championship has evolved into one of the world's premier sporting events. Each summer, one of the nation's most outstanding golf facilities hosts golf's best professionals, as they com-

VALHALLA, continued...

pete for the Wanamaker Trophy. Overall, 71 courses in 25 states (through this year), have served as a host site for at least one of the 91 PGA Championships.

About Valhalla Golf Club

Valhalla Golf Club's front nine traverses a low-lying parkland setting where 650,000 cubic yards of earth were moved to build up tees, greens and fairways to a level that would protect the course from major storm damage. Valhalla's greens, tees and fairways are a combination of A1-A4 and Pennway bent grass strains. Overall, there are 65 sand bunkers strategically positioned throughout the course. Valhalla Golf Club's slick greens feature distinct tiers and sections that provide a variety of challenging hole locations. The primary rough is Kentucky bluegrass with fescue making up the

secondary rough. The incoming nine holes were carved out of higher, tree-covered terrain with a shallow creek that would come into play on four holes.

The PGA of America partnered with Nicklaus prior to the 2008 Ryder Cup on an extensive modification program at Valhalla, that included replacing grass on all 18 greens, plus the practice green, with an A1-A4 blend; modifying some of the severe green contours to allow for additional and possibly more exciting hole placements; reconstructing the greens on Holes No. 6, 8, 11 and 16; adding additional sand bunkers on Holes No. 1, 2, 5, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 18; creating additional spectator pads to the left of Hole No. 10; and increasing the spectator viewing on Holes No. 14, 15, 16 and 17, to provide an improved spectator experience.

Future PGA of America Championships

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

71st Senior PGA Championship

May 24 - 30, 2010
Colorado Golf Club
Denver, Colo.

72nd Senior PGA Championship

2011
Valhalla Golf Club
Louisville, Ky.

THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

92nd PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug. 9-15, 2010
Whistling Straits - Straits Course
Kohler, Wis.

93rd PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug. 8-14, 2011
The Atlanta Athletic Club
John's Creek, Ga.

94th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2012
Kiawah Island Golf Resort
The Ocean Course
Kiawah Island, S.C.

95th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2013
Oak Hill Country Club (East Course)
Rochester, N.Y.

96th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2014
Valhalla Golf Club
Louisville, Ky.

97th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2015
Whistling Straits - Straits Course
Kohler, Wis.

98th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2016
Baltusrol Golf Club – Lower Course
Springfield, N.J.

Upcoming Events

Pro-Ams and Opens

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
Sept 8	NM Open Charity Pro-Am	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	Pro shop: (575) 464-7941
Sept 9-11	New Mexico Open	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	www.suncountry.pga.com
Sept 14	Mountain West Golfscapes Pro-Am	UNM Championship GC, Abq	Pro shop: (505) 277-4546
Sept 21	Rainmakers Pro-Am	Rainmakes GC, Alto	Pro shop: (575) 336-4653
Sept 22-23	Senior NM Open	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	www.suncountry.pga.com
Sept 27-28	Western Bank Pro-Member	Artesia CC, Artesia	Pro shop: (575) 746-6732
October 1	Inn of the Mnt Gods Fall Classic	Inn of the Mtn Gods, Mescalero	Pro shop: (575) 464-7941
October 2	RJGA Fall Pro-Am	Cree Meadows CC, Ruidoso	Pro shop: (575) 257-5815
October 5	Los Altos Fall Pro-Am	Los Altos GC, Albuquerque	Pro shop: (505) 298-1897
October 12	Rosie Jones Make-a-Wish Pro-Lady	Santa Ana GC, Bernalillo	Pro shop: (505) 867-9464

Section Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
September 3	McGladrey Section Team Champ.	Desert Lakes, Alamogordo	Qualifiers Only
October 6	Playing Ability Test	NMSU GC, Las Cruces	PGALinks.com (deadline Sept 7)
October 19	Pro-Assistant Team Championship	Isleta Eagle GC, Albuquerque	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
October 27-28	Senior-Junior Team Championship	Lone Star GC, El Paso	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
November 17-18	Pro-Pro Team Championship	Desert Lakes GC, Alamogordo	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com



Patriot Golf Day September 4-7, 2009



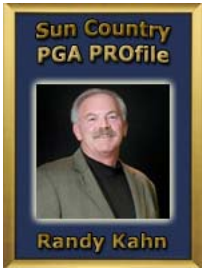
Golfers nationwide are asked to donate a minimum of \$1 to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation[®] to provide post secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. Patriot Golf Day has raised more than \$3 million dollars in the past two years.

PGA Professional Dan Rooney (left), an F-16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, is the founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation. Major Rooney, call sign Noonan, has served three tours in Iraq. "We have lost more than 4,000 soldiers. They have given the ultimate sacrifice. America can come together in the spirit of golf and have a dramatic impact. We have an opportunity to make a difference for the families who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

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SUN COUNTRY PROFILE OF THE MONTH!



Randy Kahn

University: UNM

Year Turned Pro:
1981

Facility and Job Title: San Juan Country Club, General Manager

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

I have a passion for the game and offering my members and their guests a complete high quality golf/food/service environment.

What is your specialty golf business?

Operating and managing country clubs. Also specialize in service and bottom line.

Please list any accomplishments:

My background and expertise in managing a very efficient financial operation in addition to the first class golf and food/beverage operation.

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Shooting 10 under par on the back nine of Green Tree CC in Midland, Texas.

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

My family supporting the time I put in at my job.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

Spending time with my family

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

Cypress Point: Tommy Armour III – Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan

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

Tiger Woods – swing is too flat

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Watch the back of the club (impact)

SUN COUNTRY BIRTHDAYS



September 4

Michael Gutierrez

September 9

Jose Bautista

September 12

*Billy Moya, Sr.
Mark Sanders*

September 15

Ramon Valdez

September 17

Joe McDermott

September 21

*Stephen Fey
Ken Little
Matthew Long*

September 23

*Randy Kahn
Manny Martinez*

September 26

Kenny Blake

September 27

Ben Facio

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Casey Coontz	A-8	Arroyo del Oso GC

NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Ken Walker	B-8	Los Alamos GC

CLASS CHANGES

Name	New Class	Facility
Fadel Nahle	A-6	Towa Golf Resort



2009 Challenge Cup at Tanoan CC. Top row (from left): Dennis McCloskey, Dominic Curran, Chris Thomas, Jim Traina
Bottom row: Mark Pelletier, Scott Gates, Dan Koesters, Ryan Thorpe Photos courtesy of Kyle Pinger, SCAGA

Titleist

FJ FOOTJOY

Pro-Assistant Team Championship

October 19, 2009
Isleta Eagle Golf Course
Albuquerque, NM

\$135 per player

Sun Country Professionals:

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Desert Lakes Golf Course, Alamogordo, NM

October/November 2009

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From the Desk of the President



Sun Country Members & Apprentices,

Fall is here and the tournament schedule is starting to wind down. We have two more section events, the Senior-Junior and Pro-Pro, followed by the Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet in December, and that will wrap it up for 2009. I hope you'll find time to play in the last two section events and the last few pro-ams that remain. If you need assistance finding a partner for either of

the section events, give Andrew at the section office a call.

Things may be slowing down in the tournament schedule but the section staff and board are still busy with several projects. First, the staff moved into the new Sun Country Golf House along with part of the Amateur Association's staff early in October. Be sure to update your contact information for the PGA, as they now have the same phone numbers as the Amateur Association (see below left).

The awards committee has their hands full planning for the Third Annual Awards Banquet on December 14 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort, near Bernalillo. The banquet has been a hit the last two years and this year we have the honor of hosting Allen Wronowski, Vice President of the PGA of America. I hope you'll be able to attend. Invitations and more details will be sent out towards the middle of November.

Dana and the tournament committee are putting together the 2010 event schedule. If you'd like to put in a bid for a section event or host a pro-am, please return the bid forms Dana sent out the beginning of October. Also, Teresa and the junior golf committee have the 2010 Junior Tour schedule in place. Those of you who are hosting an event should have received your date and form on October 12.

Finally, the staff and executive committee will be working closely with Matt Williams of the Amateur Association in the coming months to chart out plans for the new building. If you're ever in the Rio Rancho area, I encourage you to stop by and see it.

Sincerely,

Mike Ciolek

Mike Ciolek, President



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2009 Fall Meeting & 3rd Annual Sun Country Awards Banquet

December 14, 2009
Meeting — 1:00-4:00
Banquet — 6:00

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort
1300 Tuyuna Trail
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
Hawk Room and Wolf Room

Special guest

Allen Wronowski, Vice President of the PGA of America

MSR hours given to PGA members for attendance at Fall Meeting.
 1 MSR Meeting Credit for each hour of attendance.

PGA Members and Apprentices in good standing receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet. Additional seats to the banquet are \$50 each, paid in advance.

Award Winners

Dave Brown, PGA
Golf Professional of the Year

Robert F. Lowry, PGA
Junior Golf Leader of the Year

Derek C. Gutierrez, PGA
Resort Merchandiser of the Year

Stephen Manning, PGA
*Assistant Golf Professional
 of the Year*

Jason Alan White, PGA
Horton Smith Award

Mark C. Zapach, PGA
Salesperson of the Year

Racquel Huslig, PGA
President's Plaque

Grant M. Dalpes, PGA
Bill Strausbaugh Award

Ken Adams
Marilea Bush Amateur of the Year

Sandy Lemon, PGA
*Jack Hardwick
 Teacher of the Year*

Daniel Koesters, PGA
Public Merchandiser of the Year

Joe McDermott, PGA
Lifetime Achievement Award

Mark Pelletier, PGA
Private Merchandiser of the Year



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New Mexico Fall Golf Show

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 20-21
8:00 am — 6:00 pm
 Thursday by appointment only

La Quinta Suites University-Midtown
 2011 Menaul NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87107
 Reservations: (505) 761-5600

27 sales representatives will be present
 (nearly 120 vendors)

2 MSR credits for attending

Contact Jerry or Sherry McDougal for more
 information: (800) 279-7360

DATE CHANGE: SENIOR-JUNIOR

In order to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Senior PGA Championship, the Senior-Junior at Lone Star GC has been rescheduled to November 3-4. We apologize for any inconvenience

DATE CHANGE: HALLOWEEN OPEN PRO-AM

*Lone Star GC has changed the date of the Halloween Open Pro-Am from October 26 to **November 2** to better accommodate those players who are playing in the section Senior-Junior event.*



Upcoming Events

Pro-Ams and Opens

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October 22-23	Los Altos Fall Pro-Am	Los Altos GC, Albuquerque	Pro Shop: (505) 298-1897
November 2	Halloween Open (date change)	Lone Star GC, El Paso	Pro Shop: (915) 591-4927
November 9	Pro-Am on the Pecos	Lake Carlsbad GC, Carlsbad	Pro Shop: (575) 885-5444

Section Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
October 27-28	Senior-Junior Team Championship	Lone Star GC, El Paso	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
November 17-18	Pro-Pro Team Championship	Desert Lakes GC, Alamogordo	BlueGolf: www.suncountry.pga.com
December 14	Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet	Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort	(505) 897-0864, ext. 300

Other Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 20-21	Fall Merchandise Show	La Quinta University/Midtown, Albuquerque



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As a benefit, PGA members and apprentices are entitled to a complimentary membership into the Hertz #1 Club Gold. The membership allows you to bypass the counter, earn Hertz #1 Award's® Points and utilize the standard designated Gold parking stalls. To enroll in Hertz #1 Club Gold, with the annual fee waived, please access the following site:

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SUN COUNTRY PROFILE OF THE MONTH!



Gary Noble

Name: Gary Noble, PGA
University: University of Arizona
Year Turned Pro: 1988
Facility and Job Title: Picacho Hills Country Club, Head Golf Professional

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional? My best friend, Bret Greenwood, was in the business and I had followed his career and found that I was qualified to do the same.

What is your specialty in the golf business? Managing all aspects of a private country club.

Please list any accomplishments:
 Qualified for PGA PNC Senior Championship in 2009

What was your greatest moment in golf? Caddying for my wife Jane Egan Noble on the LPGA tour.

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

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy? Music, Food, Fishing, exploring

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome? St. Andrews: my father Russell, father in law Tom, and wife Jane

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?
 My staff: Believe in yourself!!!

What is your favorite golf instruction tip? Sequence says it all.



SUN COUNTRY BIRTHDAYS



<i>October 4</i> Howie Tucker, PGA	<i>October 14</i> Steve Manning, PGA	<i>November 6</i> Linda Howell, PGA	<i>November 10</i> Jim Smith, PGA	<i>November 23</i> Rusty Uhl, PGA
<i>October 5</i> Jack Warlick, PGA	<i>October 17</i> Andrew Szunyog (staff)	<i>November 7</i> Ty Hamer, PGA Tom Nielsen, PGA	<i>November 18</i> Stan Ferguson, PGA Bob Hickson, PGA	<i>November 24</i> Erin Kato, PGA
<i>October 7</i> Todd Wilcox, PGA	<i>October 18</i> Chris Drapala	<i>November 8</i> Guy Wimberly, PGA	<i>November 21</i> Carlton Blewett, PGA	<i>November 27</i> John Heaton, PGA Mark Swanson, PGA
<i>October 12</i> Luis Delgadillo, PGA	<i>October 20</i> Joe Smith, PGA	<i>November 9</i> Derek Gutierrez, PGA	<i>November 22</i> Sabino Grijalva	
<i>October 13</i> Thomas Watts	<i>November 2</i> Paul Brilliant, PGA			

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

NEW TO THE SECTION

Name	Class	Facility
Mark Gonzalez	A-1	Painted Dunes GC

Name	Class	Facility
Steven Wickliffe	A-13	Los Alamos GC

Senior-Junior Team Championship

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November 3-4

Lone Star Golf Club

El Paso, TX

\$150 per player

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