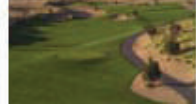




PGA Newsletter

Sun Country Section



March 2011

From the Desk of the President

Sun Country Members & Apprentices,



The season is fast approaching and I am sure everyone is in the preparation stages for what we all hope is a busy and prosperous year. I just recently received a

report of all the interest in our Spring Meeting and it looks like we will have great attendance and a lot of MSR points received on March 21st.

Thanks to everyone for signing up I hope you enjoy the new informative format.

Right after the Spring Meeting, the Executive Committee and our National Committee members will be meeting in St Louis for the PGA National Spring Conference of Leaders. This is a chance to voice our opinion on a national level as all the National Committees will be in attendance. I encourage anyone with concerns about the PGA to express those to the Executive Committee and we will make sure they are addressed at the national level.

Once again we have a full schedule for Sun Country Junior Tour. I'm sure that many of you have seen that junior golf has been in the national spotlight for the last several months. Its physical fitness as well as character benefits are obvious, but, as an industry we have been losing ground to other sports and activities and we need to rebuild our junior ranks. I ask each of you, members and apprentices, to get 2 NEW juniors to join our tour in 2011. This would cre-

ate a huge impact both for the game of golf and increase the revenues that help us support their continued growth. Please make a special effort this year to get those NEW Junior Tour members.

The section office has already seen success in two of our key initiatives of the section. We received a huge number of interested travelers at the Denver and Kansas City Expos which the Golf Tourism Alliance recently attended. This is great news as it signals resurgence in golf travel and that is good for all of us. Additionally, the Golf License Plate program was passed through the State House of Representatives and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate. This will give us another funding source to continue promoting Sun Country as the place for travelers to spend their golfing dollars. You will see one of those license plates on my truck as soon as they are available.

Any finally, congratulations to the Las Cruces Junior Golf Foundation on the recent award of a \$20,000 USGA Grant. This grant will be used for access to golf for junior in the Las Cruces area and ensures that juniors will be able to "get out and play"! And with that said I encourage each of you to do the same as well. "Get out and play" and we'll see you at the Spring Meeting.

Your Sun Country President,

Grant Dalpes, President

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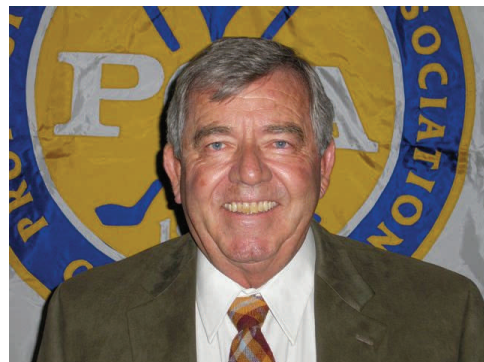
Guy Wimberly To Be Inducted in PGA Hall of Fame

Sun Country legend Guy Wimberly has been accepted by the PGA of America for induction into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame. It is the highest honor that The PGA of America can bestow upon its membership.

The Hall of Fame recognizes all PGA members who have made significant and lasting contributions to the building of The PGA of America and the game of golf.

The induction ceremony will take place in November at the PGA Fall Conference of Leaders.

Congratulations, Guy, on this much-deserved honor!



Guy Wimberly spent his golf career in Sun Country, has served on the section and national board of directors and on many PGA committees. He has won numerous awards and tournaments.

Deadline Approaching for PGA Scholarship



Established in 1986, the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program provides college scholarships for children and grandchildren of PGA members, based on evidence of a high level of academic achievement during high school or college. Since its inception, some \$4.5 million in scholarships has been awarded to more than 2,200 students. Last year, this program awarded 138 scholarships totaling \$300,000.

Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m. EST on March 15, 2011.

Go to PGALinks.com to begin the application process.

Remember to Complete the Annual Operations Survey

In an effort to continue to provide you and your fellow PGA Professionals with valuable facility data and track golf's performance, The PGA of America is asking for your assistance in completing the 2011 Annual Operations Survey. This survey is intended to capture and report top-line revenue and expense line items at PGA Professional-staffed facilities nationwide.

Please [click here](#) to begin this year's survey and provide your facility's calendar/fiscal year 2010 results. If you would like to appoint another individual to complete this information on your behalf, please [click here](#) to set them up as a proxy for your facility.

PGA Professionals completing the survey by April 15, 2011, may earn up to two (2) MSR credits.

New Email Addresses for Golf House

**Please update your address book! Effective 3/15
pgahq.com and newmexicogolf.org
email addresses will no longer be used!**

Matt Williams — Matt@suncountrygolfhouse.com

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Teresa Sloan — Teresa@suncountrygolfhouse.com

Andrew Szunyog — Andrew@suncountrygolfhouse.com

Barbara Saia — Barbara@suncountrygolfhouse.com

Junior Tour — juniorgolf@suncountrygolfhouse.com

General Info — info@suncountrygolfhouse.com

2011 Hole-in-One Club

Register today for the 2011 Hole-in-One Club. Any professional that scores a hole-in-one during any sanctioned Pro-Am, Open or Section event will receive a share of the money contributed to the club's pool, provided that professional is a club member as of the date of their hole-in-one.

A new pool starts in 2011. Congratulations to Tommy Moore for his hole-in-one at the Pro-Pro Team Championship!

[Sign Up Online](#)

[Paper Entry Form](#)



**Play Golf America initiatives begin in April.
Sign up your facility today at PGALinks.com**

April is Free Fitting & Trade Up Month
May is Free Lesson Month
June is Women's Golf Month
July is Family Golf Month

Patriot Golf Day - Sept 3-6
Get Golf Ready
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Kids Play Free

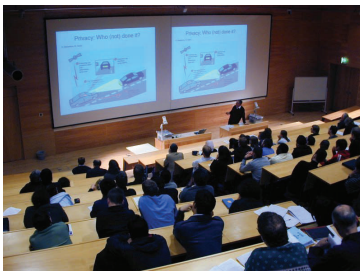
Spring Education Summit & Membership Meeting

Register now!

Pre-registration is required for every member attending either the education summit or the meeting. There is no cost to register.



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March 21, 2011

New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

Morning Education Summit, 8 am – 12 pm

Educational Classes

Merchandising Made Easy
The PGM and You
Creating a Great Junior Program
Facility Best Practices

Computer Lab Work

PGA resources for you and your facility
USGA University

Employment Consultation with Bill Keys

Review your resume
Learn how to market yourself and
propel your career forward

***1 MSR Education credit for each hour of attendance,
up to 4 credits available***

Afternoon Membership Meeting, 1 pm

Governance
Guest Speakers
Tournament Updates

***2 MSR Meeting credits for each hour of attendance,
up to 6 available***

Sun Country PROfiles



University: West Texas State University

Year Turned Pro: 1982

Facility and Job Title: Head Professional, Artesia Country Club

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

My motivation to become a PGA Professional was simply the love of the game. Being from the old school, doing things the old fashion way with long hours and sweat never bothered me.

Raised in a family atmosphere where work was the norm, being involved with every aspect of the golf business was typical for me. Being around people, teaching kids, working on the course, these were all things that influenced my decision. I love to organize tournaments. I have always been very fortunate to have a wife who has been my right hand since the beginning. She was and has been there every step of the way. From the good times to the bad times, she has been there by my side and I could not have done what I have done over the years without her.

What is your specialty in the golf business? I would not say I have one specialty. There are many things I believe I am very good at. I believe in order to be the best PGA Professional you can be, you have to be versatile and know a lot about many things. Knowing a little won't get the job done. You have to apply yourself to know as much as you can about all that your job description demands. I believe there are enough good jobs out there if you are willing to do that little extra to make sure that you are the one that your superiors notice. Just getting by is not getting the job done.

Please list any accomplishments

Sun Country Section Merchandiser of the Year - Private 2001

Member West Texas Chapter Board of Directors 1992-1994

Qualifier for the MacGregor International Pro Am

What was your greatest moment in golf? There are several things that stick out as great moments. For me perhaps it would have been qualifying at Oak Tree in Edmond OK in 1989 for the MacGregor International Pro am at Grand Cypress. The greatest emotional moment was watching the Artesia High School Golf Team win state in 2007, then having the members on the team come into the pro shop and present me with a championship ring like theirs with my name on it. Then finding out they had my

name etched inside on all their personal rings. Needless to say tears flowed. Watching my grandkids play golf, and having young men who were cart and range help become PGA Professionals. Those are all truly great moments.

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

The only person I can possibly say who had the greatest impact on my career is my wife. Smiley has been there since the beginning. The days when there wasn't much to eat, riding with me on a mower at night, changing water during the night, hunting skunks and varmints when they were doing damage to the course, waiting on me at meetings, watching me play golf for years and then standing by my side during my health problems. All of the lessons and all of the pointers can be replaced. She can't. She is the one thing that not only has had the greatest impact on my career, but has had the greatest impact on my life.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy? I love the outdoors. My other passion, beside kids and grandkids, is hunting. I love to be in the outdoors away from cell phones and the problems of the world. Give me an hour in a deer blind and the old blood pressure goes down! Spending time with the grandkids and watching them in their sports, especially the ones who play golf! I love to spend time with Smiley doing anything. Movies, trips to the Casino (love Vegas!) or whatever we can find to do together.

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

Simple question: August National. My foursome would be Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan. Then if my grandkids were caddying, it would all be complete.

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

Jack Nicklaus. Jack has been my hero since day one. I always wanted to work with him on that "flying elbow". I would try to get him to make more of a shoulder turn and get the club a little lower. Guess that is why I always missed right. Anyway, it would be fun just watching him hit balls.

Want to be featured in a PROfile?

Contact Shirly Glesil at sglesil@pgahq.com

Sun Country Birthdays



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| March 5
Rob Lowry, PGA | March 14
Trent Rommann | March 21
Jack Sommers, PGA |
| March 7
Saul Sanchez, PGA | March 15
Kirk Taylor, PGA | March 22
Sandy Lemon, PGA |
| March 8
Kenneth Walker | March 16
West Hilzer, PGA | March 23
R.C. Ordish, PGA |
| March 9
Bill Eschenbrenner, PGA | March 18
Henry Sandles, PGA | March 28
Alex Alvarez, PGA
Andy Boyd, PGA |
| March 11
Jason White, PGA | March 19
Robin Sanders, PGA | March 31
Frank Segaline, PGA |
| March 12
Ryan Flamm, PGA
Scott Forster, PGA
Bill Harvey, PGA | March 20
Travis Melham, PGA | |

Members

on the Move

New Apprentices

Name	Class	Facility
Nicholas Knee	B-8	Sandia Golf Club
Dennis O'Connor	B-6	First Tee of Santa Fe

Transfers In

Name	Class	Facility
Timothy Hutchinson	A-8	Sandia Golf Club
David Muttitt	B-8	Four Hills CC

AWARDS RECOMMENDATION



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