

Annual Meeting – October 24, 2022

Education Committee Report

The goal of the education committee is to provide educational opportunities that meet the business, vocational and career objectives of the PGA Members and Associates.

Events offered in 2022:

- Twin Cities Orthopedics seminar with 27 attendees
- Section Employment Seminar with 18 attendees
- PGA Hope Training with 19 attendees
- Dakota Chapter Winter Meeting with 14 attendees
- Section Teaching Seminar with 34 attendees
- Golf Operations Workshop with 9 attendees
- Spring Education meeting with 87 attendees
- Conducted Clippd education series with 16 attendees
- The PGA MSR cycle ended July 1, 2022. The new PGA MSR cycle (2022-2024) includes a change for attending virtual meetings where only ½ credit will be given for those attendees.

Staff Report of the Junior Committee – Fall 2022

The mission of the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association is to provide playing opportunities for the advanced, intermediate, and beginning golfer, ages 7-19. These playing opportunities will promote competition and camaraderie.

The total membership for all programs this year was 2070 members. This is the first time ever that we have gone over 2000 members! We saw an increase of 148 total members from 2021 which was a 7% increase. With this change our Players Tour membership (invite only) increased by 39 members for a total of 382. We had 567 Minny/Prep Tour Members (Ages 7-12: Down 19 members) and 1121 Junior Tour Members (Ages 13-19: Up 128 members). The biggest increase of membership was in the Junior Tour Program where we were up 11% from the previous year.

We do a tournament selection process (lottery program) for our Minny/Prep and Junior Tour events. This year on our deadline date of Friday, April 29th we were at over 10,800 tournament selections which is a record number! We had over 800 more picks this year than in 2021 which was an 8% increase. We filled 63 out of 160 of those events through the lottery process.

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series hosted 200 events this year from June 10 through October 21. We had over 161 host facilities for our events. Overall tournament participation (number of rounds played by juniors) was up over 340 rounds from the previous year for a total of over 9840 (this number does not include DNS, WD or NC from events).

This year we awarded eight scholarships through the 3M Open Fund – Minnesota PGA Scholarship Program. Four of the scholarships were worth \$2,000 a year with it being renewable for four years (total \$8,000) and four scholarships were worth \$1,000 per year renewable for four years (total \$4,000).

We also saw more increases in our social media presence for Minnesota PGA Junior Golf this past year. We gained over 500 followers on Instagram in a three-month period. We are almost to 2,000 followers on Instagram.

Thank you so much to all of the facilities that hosted 2022 Junior Golf 'Sota Series events! We truly appreciate everyone's support!

Thanks to the following individuals for their efforts on the Junior Golf Committee; Jay Meyerhoff (Chair), Angie Ause, Caleb Christensen, Aaron Jacobson, Tommy Koehler, Justin Kraft, Scott McDonald, Jon Reigstad, Brent Snyder and Brandon Sutton.

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Player Development Report

The goal of the Player Development Committee is to increase participation in the game by providing programs that benefit a wide range of golfers and skill level. The committee serves as advocates of PGA Jr. League, Drive, Chip and Putt, PGA HOPE, and other foundation programs.

PGA Jr. League continues to be a popular program among captains, parents and players. 69 PGA Professionals Coached over 100 local teams this year. In 2022 over 1,550 players participated locally and over 50,000 nationally. The program continues to grow year over year.

Drive, Chip and Putt was in full swing in 2022. Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota hosted 18 events, which ran June-August this past summer. 1,636 kids participated in a local qualifier, up over 100 kids YOY. Three kids from our Section will head to Augusta National in April to compete in the National Championship – including, a back-to-back trip for Natalie Martin of Park Rapids, MN; Reese Barry of Medina, MN; and Sander Ohe of Edina, MN.

Ten **PGA HOPE** programs operated this year, serving over 130 veterans. Thank you to all of the PGA Professionals who have gone through the PGA HOPE Training program and continue to make a difference in the lives of so many of our Nations veterans.

If you're interested in renting the inflatables for your junior golf programs or indoor activities this winter, reach out to get your name on the calendar. This past summer they traveled around to roughly 40 event days hosted by PGA Professionals. This is a great way to add some flare to your junior golf clinics and camps.

Fifteen PGA Professionals and veterans participated in **100 Holes for HOPE** this year and raised over \$57,000 for PGA REACH Minnesota and PGA HOPE programming. **Bad Pants Open** was a very successful event as well. Special Olympic Athletes joined for a 9-hole pro-am event and 32 partner teams played in the afternoon. A huge thank you to all the PGA Professionals who came out to play and support a great cause.

PGA REACH Minnesota has four different **grants** available to help support programs of PGA Professionals. Whether you run a golf in schools' program, player development initiative, or various junior golf program, see if your program is eligible for funding. Choose from the George Waters grant, Military grant, Minnesota Golf License Plate or PGA HOPE Grant. We want to help make your programs successful.

Lastly, If you are bored this winter, we encourage you to check out PGA.COACH and other tools and resources available to you to help grow your business and create lifelong golfers.

If you have questions regarding Player Development don't hesitate to reach out to our Section Office or Regional Player Engagement Consultant, Mike Aldrich.

Thank you to all of the facilities that hosted an event this past summer. And to the following individuals for their efforts on the Player Development committee: Matt Cook, Paul Kelley, Chris Lee, Jay Meyerhoff, and Lance West.

Report of the Tournament Committee

The mission of the Tournament Committee is to create a strong fraternal atmosphere among the membership, and to create quality competitive opportunities for professionals and amateurs by providing a challenging, yet fair test of golf, at quality golf facilities, with professional tournament management, providing benefits and opportunities for a large percentage of participants.

First and foremost, the Tournament Committee would like to thank all participants, host facilities and sponsors who supported the Minnesota PGA tournament program this season.

Below are some highlights of the 2022 season:

The major championship season began with the second annual Twin Cities Open which was hosted at Rush Creek Golf Club on May 17 & 18. The field was filled at 84 players, up from 63 players in its inaugural year, and consisted of both amateurs and professionals from within the Minnesota Section boundaries. Andy Smith, PGA Member from Hazeltine National Golf Club, went wire-to-wire to clinch the title finishing at 7-under par for the championship. Smith was followed closely by PGA professional Derek Holmes and amateur Conor Schubring who finished at 6-under par. The Minnesota PGA is excited to continue hosting this event and is looking forward to the 2023 tournament at Edina Country Club on May 21 – 22.

In partnership with Cragun's Legacy Courses and the CRMC Championship, two tournament exemptions into the PGA Tour Canada event were granted to Minnesota PGA players--one for the 2022 Minnesota State Open winner (amateur or professional) and another for the Minnesota PGA member or associate who won the MNPGA CRMC Points Race. The points race consisted of six point earning events from the 2021 and 2022 season and the top 25 players in the race had the opportunity to compete in an 18-hole event for the one exemption. Alex Gaugert clinched the inaugural CRMC Points Race to earn a spot into the tournament and Van Holmgren won the 2022 Minnesota State Open to earn the second exemption. We thank Cragun's Legacy Courses for their partnership and are we are excited to announce that this partnership will be continued for the 2022-2023 season.

For the first time in tournament's history, the 2022 Minnesota Women's Open was contested with a full field at 90 players. Having set a record with 71 players in 2021, the Minnesota PGA is excited to see this event grow and is continually working on providing quality host sites for the Section's best female players.

Minnesota PGA Section Championships –

The Minnesota Senior PGA Professional Championship took place at Stillwater Country Club in mid-August. A two-way playoff between Eric Chiles of Chaska Town Course and Dean Zahn of Moccasin Creek Country Club commenced after each player finished at 6-under par. Zahn was able to claim victory by making par on the third playoff hole. In addition to Zahn and Chiles, Jeff Kringen of Spring Hill Golf Club, Don Berry of Edinburg USA and Thomas Vizina of Havana Hills Golf

Course all qualified for the Senior PGA Professional Championship. In addition, Bill Israelson of Bemidji Town and Country Club was granted a spot into the national event as first alternate. The championship will be held October 13 - 16 at Twin Warriors & Santa Ana Golf Clubs in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

The Minnesota PGA Professional Championship was played at Minnewaska Golf Club in Glenwood, MN. It was a highly contested battle that saw many names atop the leaderboard during the final round of the championship. Staying steady through their final 18 was Scott McDonald from RYP Golf and Jonathan Reigstad of Keller Golf Course. Both individuals separated themselves from the field and on the final hole, McDonald posted a birdie to finish the event with a 6-under total. Reigstad was able to match McDonald's birdie on 18 which pushed him to 7-under par for the event—claiming his first Section Championship title. Both Reigstad and McDonald qualified for the 2023 National Professional Championship at Twin Warriors & Santa Ana Golf Clubs in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM next spring. Also qualifying were Andy Smith of Hazeltine National Golf Club, Johnny Schwaller of Island View Golf Club, Corey Johnson of PXXG Headquarters, Chris Borgen of Lost Spur Golf Course, George Smith of StoneRidge Golf Club and Thomas Campbell of 2nd Swing. Savannah Smith of Crosswoods Golf Course took home Low Woman Professional honors with a two-round total, 153 (75-78).

The National Car Rental Minnesota PGA Assistant Professional Championship was held at Edina Country Club on Monday, September 12. Entering their final 18-holes, Jake Wherley of the Pines at Grand View Lodge and Andy Smith of Hazeltine National Golf Club sat atop of the leaderboard at 7-under and 6-under par respectively. Both players battled for the title with Wherley and Smith leading at different points coming down the stretch. Ultimately, Wherley was able to claim victory over Smith after both players carded 70's in the final round. With the new PGA of America national qualifying requirement, Wherley is unable to play in the national tournament. However, Smith will be competing in the National PGA Assistant Championship at PGA Golf Club, Wanamaker Course in Port St. Lucie, Florida on November 17 – 20, 2022. Also qualifying were Bennett Smed of The Classic at Maddens, Lucas Johnson of Suite Shots and Blake Lentner of Wayzata Country Club.

Section championship participation:

Section PGA Championship: - 7.4% from 2021 | 100 (2022), 108 (2021), 107 (2020)

Senior PGA Championship: - 7.5% from 2021 | 37 (2022), 40 (2021), 34 (2020)

Assistants' PGA Championship: - 30.2% from 2021 | 37 (2022), 53 (2021), 52 (2020)

Tapemark Minnesota PGA Pro-Am: This year's 51st annual event was able to maintain the same participation level from the previous year at 51 teams, up from 45 teams in 2020. The tournament was greeted with great weather and players enjoyed the wonderful hospitality offered by Southview Country Club. Finishing in first for the team competition at 63-under par was professional Don Berry of Edinburgh USA, and amateurs Shaun Irwin, Scott Grausnick and Bill Sullivan. Angus Flanagan successfully defended his professional title posting a 61 in the final round and a 16-under par total through 54-holes. Claiming low

amateur honors was Justin Smith who finished the tournament at 11-under par through 54 holes.

Thank you again to all tournament sponsors and partners, as their involvement is strongly tied to the success of the tournament program. Section tournament sponsors and partners include: Ace Golf Technologies, Aloe Up, Aurora Anguilla, Clippd, Club Car, Evolve Golf, Fairway Play, Golf Pro Payments, Luther Automotive, Hole-in-one USA, PGA Tour, PRESS, Prestwick Golf Group, PTE Golf, Pukka Headwear, Sterling Cut Glass, Twin Cities Orthopedics, VIBE and Yamaha Golf & Utility.

Some important dates for next year include:

Twin Cities Open	Edina Country Club	5/21 – 5/22
Minnesota State Open	Oak Ridge Country Club	7/10 – 7/12
Minnesota Professional Championship	Wilderness at Fortune Bay	8/28 & 8/29