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TAYLORMADE-ADIDAS, ASHWORTH GOLF AND ADAMS GOLF AGAIN TO SPONSOR PRO-PRO SHOOTOUT



The Rocky Mountain Section PGA, along with TaylorMade-adidas, Ashworth Golf and Adams Golf are pleased to announce that these companies will continue as exclusive title sponsors of the annual Rocky Mountain PGA Pro-Pro Shootout through the 2016 event. The sponsorship continues the successful relationship that has been developed between the Company, the Section and its members.

The 2016 TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth Pro-Pro Shootout will be Monday and Tuesday, May 23rd & 24th, at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls, Idaho. As one of the highlights on the Section's tournament calendar, the event is expecting a full field of 50 teams.

The Rocky Mountain Section extends its thanks and appreciation to TaylorMade, Western Regional Sales Manager Jeff Parsons and Sales Representative John Johnson for their support of the Rocky Mountain Section and its members.

ADIDAS AND ASHWORTH GOLF CONTINUE SUPPORT



The Rocky Mountain Section PGA is pleased to announce that adidas and Ashworth is continuing its support of the Rocky Mountain PGA and its member professionals. As part of the sponsor agreement, adidas and Ashworth has been named the presenting sponsor of the Carter Cup Matches, a supporting sponsor of the Idaho Open, and the "exclusive apparel provider to the Rocky Mountain PGA staff."

The Rocky Mountain Section extends its thanks and appreciation to Jeff Smith, sales representative, and April Stevens, regional sales manager for their support of the Rocky Mountain Section and its members.

BUSHNELL TO SUPPORT RMSPGA PRO-PRO SHOOTOUT



Bushnell, makers of the range finders found in many golf shops is a new partner of the Rocky Mountain Section.

Bushnell has agreed to become a supporting sponsor of the 2016 RMSPGA Pro-Pro Shootout. The 2016 Shootout will be played May 23rd and 24th at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Thank you to Bushnell, National Sales Manager Jason Seeman and representative Charley Carlson for their support of the Rocky Mountain Section and the 2016 Pro-Pro Shootout.

OMEGA CONTINUES SUPPORT OF RMSPGA TOURNAMENT PROGRAM



OMEGA is continuing its support of the RMSPGA Tournament Program. OMEGA, a partner of the PGA of America, will continue to receive recognition as the title

sponsor of the Section's Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year awards. OMEGA continues as a presenting sponsor of the Rocky Mountain PGA Professional Championship.

The members, apprentices and staff of the Rocky Mountain Section PGA thank OMEGA for their support of the Section's tournament program thus bettering the playing experience of our professionals.

BRIDGESTONE GOLF CONTINUES SUPPORT OF RMSPGA



Bridgestone Golf will continue its support of the Section in 2016.

As part of the sponsorship, Bridgestone Golf will remain presenting sponsor of the Yellowstone Chapter PGA Championship and also the Snake River Chapter PGA Match Play Championship.

The Section thanks Territory Managers Cliff Jones, Matt Seare and Gary Spinelli as well as Western

Regional Sales Director Robert Su for their support of the Section

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA and Cleveland Golf/SRIXON have reached agreement on a sponsor plan for 2016.

CLEVELAND GOLF /SRIXON CONTINUES ON AS SRC FACILITY CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSOR



Cleveland Golf/SRIXON will continue to sponsor the Snake River Chapter PGA Facility Championship.

The 2016 Cleveland Golf/SRIXON Snake River Chapter PGA Facility Championship will be held April 11th at Ridgecrest Golf Club in Nampa, Idaho. The Rocky Mountain Section PGA is thankful for and appreciates the support of Cleveland Golf/SRIXON and Ethan Schofield, sales representative, for their support of the Snake River Chapter and its members and apprentices.

CURE PUTTERS AND TIFOSI OPTICS SUPPORT CHAPTER EVENTS



The Rocky Mountain Section is pleased to announce that Cure Putters and Tifosi Optics will be



supporting sponsors of both the Yellowstone Chapter Pro-Pro and the Cleveland Golf/Srixon Snake River Chapter Facility Championship.

The Section extends its thanks and appreciation to manufacturer's representative Bob Hope for his support of our members and apprentices.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FORM

This is a reminder that if you have not yet submitted your 2016 Employment Form you will not be eligible to obtain a 2016 Player Permit until you do so.

It is the Section's responsibility to ensure that each member and apprentice is properly classified; therefore we are conducting the 2016

annual review of all classifications. The Employment Information form must be completed with all appropriate signatures and returned to the Section Office **prior to obtaining a 2016 RMSPGA Player Permit.**

[Click here](#) to download the Employment Information Form

PLAYER FEE INFORMATION

Snake River Chapter: \$55 if paid before March 1, 2016; \$75 starting March 1, 2016
Yellowstone Chapter: \$55 if paid before April 1, 2016; \$75 starting April 1, 2016

[Click here](#) to download the 2016 Player Fee form
[Click here](#) for online payment of the Snake River Chapter Player Fee
[Click here](#) for online payment of the Yellowstone Chapter Player fee

YELLOWSTONE CHAPTER SPRING MEETING AND EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Yellowstone Chapter PGA Spring Membership Meeting and Education Seminars will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at Hilands Golf Club, Billings, Montana. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am followed by education.

Members will receive 5 PGA Meeting/Education Credits for full attendance and Apprentices will receive 4 Apprentice Education Points for full attendance. **The section dress code will be in effect with jackets and ties for men and appropriate business attire for women.**

Please register by Friday, March 11th so we have an accurate count for lunch.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register online.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the registration form.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All PGA members are required to obtain fifty-four (54) Member Service Requirements (MSR) prior to June 15, 2018. Listed below are upcoming education opportunities from the Idaho Golf Association, the Idaho Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and Peaks

& Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Idaho Golf Association

- March 10 IGA District II Spring Meeting, Jerome Country Club, Jerome, ID
- March 17 IGA District III Spring Meeting, Juniper Hills Country Club, Pocatello, ID

Contact the IGA at (208) 342-4442 for more information.

Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

- March 7-8 Almost Spring Meeting and Education
Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena, MT

Click here for more information or contact the Peaks & Prairies GCSAA at (406) 273-079.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation Scholarship**, funded through the Rocky Mountain PGA Foundation, provides scholarship monies to college bound high school seniors residing within the Rocky Mountain PGA boundaries. This academic scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, community and extracurricular activities, financial need, leadership and involvement and contribution to the game of golf. The application deadline is March 25, 2016. The application can be found at rockymountainpga.com by clicking on the Junior Golf tab.

BOISE GOLF & TRAVEL SHOW



Attendance was strong during the Boise Golf & Travel Show held at Expo Idaho on February 12-14. The RMS booth was busy with the RMS Foundation Clubs For Kids giveaway with over 500 clubs being distributed, brisk PGA Golf Pass sales and raffle ticket sales which benefited the

Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation. Special thank you to the facilities that donated rounds of golf for the raffle prize: BanBury GC, Boise Ranch GC, Centennial GC, Eagle Hills GC, Jug Mountain Ranch GC, Purple Sage GC, Quail Hollow GC, RedHawk GC, Ridgecrest GC, River Birch GC, Shadow Valley GC, Terrace Lakes Resort, Teton Reserve GC and Warm Springs GC. The Section also appreciates the Snake River Chapter professionals who donated their time to help with instruction in our Play Golf America tent and helping with our booth: Jim Brown, Dave Carollo, John Lewis, Bob Campbell, Luke Sestero, Brett Nagel, Dustin Ames and Jim Empey.

PGA COMPENSATION SURVEY

PGA Professionals are asked to complete the 2016 PGA Golf Professional Compensation Survey by submitting results for the 2015 calendar year. Prompt survey completion will allow the PGA to report results back on a timely basis via the online interactive reporting tool on PGA.org. PGA Professionals can earn up to two (2) MSR credits by completing the survey no later than March 31, 2016. Click here for the survey or visit PGA.org

SHORT SHOTS

The Valley Club, Hailey, Idaho, has announced some classification changes. Stoney Brown has reclassified to Teaching Professional (A-6) while Jaime Sharp has been named Director of Golf (A-4) and Lucas Brick is now the Head Professional (A-1).

Jim Brown, PGA, Boise, ID, has changed his classification to Life Member Active (LMA).

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently completed the requirements for election to membership in the Professional Golfers' Association of America:

Jeff Allen, PGA, Assistant Professional, Hilands Golf Club, Billings, Montana
Dallen Atkins, PGA, Head Professional, Juniper Hills Country Club, Pocatello, Idaho
Renzi Lee, PGA, Head Professional, Lake Hills Golf Course, Billings, Montana
Luke Sestero, PGA, Assistant Professional, Crane Creek Country Club, Boise, Idaho
Travis Hofland, PGA, Assistant Professional, Twin Falls Golf Club, Twin Falls, Idaho

Powell Golf Club in Powell, WY, has named Christopher Jones, PGA, as the new Head Professional (A-1).

Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Bozeman, MT, has announced some changes. Bill Larson, PGA is now Director of Golf (A-4) while Brian Eekhoff has been named Head Professional (B-1).

Brett Cordingley, PGA, is now the Teaching Professional (A-6) at The Golf Barn, an indoor teaching facility in Rexburg, ID.

River Birch Golf Course, Star, ID, has named Joan Colleran, PGA, as their Assistant Professional (A-8).

Welcome to Eric Goettsch, PGA, as the new Assistant Professional (A-8) at Shooting Star in Teton Village, WY.

Al Rohweder, PGA, is the Teaching Professional (A-6) at 93 Golf Ranch, Jerome, ID.

Teton Lakes Golf Course in Rexburg, Idaho, has named Tyson McFarland, PGA, as their new Head Professional (A-1).

Apprentice News:

Stuart Hampton, B-8, Warm Springs GC, Boise, ID.

Trish Gibbens, B-8, Crane Creek Country Club, Boise, ID.

Donald Bjorhus, B-1, Legion Town & Country Club, Thermopolis, WY

Zayne Slotten, B-8, Twin Falls Golf Club, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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