



RMSPGA EMPLOYMENT FORM

It is the Section's responsibility to ensure that each member and apprentice is properly classified; therefore the Membership Committee has requested the 2013 annual review of all classifications.

The Employment Information form must be completed with all appropriate signatures and returned to the Section Office no later than February 28, 2013. The completion and return of the Employment Information form is mandatory prior to obtaining a 2013 RMSPGA Player Permit.

If you have any questions regarding your employment status, please feel free to contact the Section Office at (208) 939-6028.

[Click here to download the Employment form](#)

[Click here for online payment of the 2013 RMSPGA Player Fee](#)

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CHAPTER MEETINGS AND EDUCATION SCHEDULED

The Snake River Chapter will hold their Spring Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 20th at The Club at Spurwing, Meridian, Idaho. The meeting will start at 9:00 followed by a full day of education with topics and speakers to be determined.

The Yellowstone Chapter Spring Membership Meeting and Education Seminars will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at Hilands Golf Club, Billings, MT. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 followed by education seminars to be determined.

As a reminder to all Apprentices, one of the requirements for your 2013 Player Fee is that you obtain four (4) apprentice education credits. These credits can be obtained by attending your Spring Meeting and Education Seminars.

2013 NOMINATIONS

2013 marks an election year for the Section and both Chapters. Nominations are being sought for the upcoming elections. The Chapter will elect their new officers at their spring membership meetings and the Section officers will be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held May 19th in Idaho Falls in conjunction with the Pro-Pro Shootout at Pinecrest Golf Course. The new Board members will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting.

Members inquiring about running for a Chapter or Section office should contact Honorary President Todd Bindner, PGA, with their interest and questions.

SHORT SHOTS

Congratulations to Kyle Weeks, A-1, Head Professional at Eagle Hills Golf Course. Kyle recently was elected to membership in the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

Andy Hollister, Boise, ID, has reclassified to A-20, Golf Manufacturer Sales Representative. Andy's lines include Page & Tuttle, Columbia, Brooks Brothers and Golf for Kids.

Brett Nagel is now the Director of Instruction (A-14) at The Club at Spurwing, Meridian, Idaho.

2013 PLAY GOLF AMERICA PROGRAMS

The PGA Player Development Department is excited to announce that registration for 2013 Play Golf America programs is now available. Click on the links below to register for each program.

Get Golf Ready:



Bring new golfers to your facility with Get Golf Ready. The program can be fully customized but the standard program is 5 group lessons for \$99.

[REGISTER](#)

PGA Sports Academy:



Enhance your junior golf programs by incorporating elements from PGA Sports Academy powered by UnitedHealthcare.

[REGISTER](#)

PGA Junior League Golf:



Create your own "Little League" golf team. Host a team of junior golfers and compete against other teams in a fun atmosphere.

[REGISTER](#)

TEE IT FORWARD:



Encourage your customers to TEE IT *FORWARD*. By doing so, your customers are more likely to play faster and have more fun.

[REGISTER](#)

If you are attending the PGA Merchandise Show (January 24-26), stop by the Player Development / Golf 2.0 booth in the PGA Member Business Center, or the Golf 2.0 Zone on the show floor, to register and enter the drawing for a chance to win an iPad Mini.

PGA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Fact Sheet

Graduating high school seniors and college students who are the children or grandchildren of PGA members are invited to apply online at the home page (before you log in) of PGALinks.com to be considered for financial support for college through the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program.

The scholarship program is an academic based scholarship program that takes into account the following depending on the class level of the student:

High School Graduating Senior

- High School Cumulative Grade Point Average – must be at least 3.4 (60% of the scholarship weighting scale). This number is to be an unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
- ACT and/or SAT test scores (30% of the scholarship weighting scale)
- Extracurricular activities in high school such as sports, clubs, student government, community service, part time employment, etc. (10% of the scholarship weighting scale).

Current College Student (has not reached their senior year in college)

- College Cumulative Grade Point Average – must be at least 3.4 (60% of the scholarship weighting scale)
- Most recently completed college semester or quarter GPA (30% of the scholarship weighting scale)
- Extracurricular activities in college such as sports, clubs, student government, community service, part time employment, etc. (10% of the scholarship weighting scale)

The amount and number of scholarships is determined by the availability of funds, and may vary from year to year based on these factors and IRS guidelines. In 2012 eight \$5,000 scholarships were awarded and 126 \$2,000 scholarships were awarded out of 848 applications.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the PGA Scholarship Committee. The scholarship is for accredited Universities or Colleges in the United States only.

The application process is live online (www.PGALinks.com) between November 15, 2012 and March 15, 2013 and students are asked to wait until they are in possession of their most current grade report (first semester) or transcript before applying. The applicant must enter the students Social Security number and the PGA affiliated parent or grandparents PGA ID number to gain access to the application.

After submitting the online application, the applicant must have postmarked by March 15, 2013 to the below address a sealed official school grade transcript that shows their GPA information and ACT/SAT test scores (if a high school applicant) to:

PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program

Attention: Linda Bennington
Grant and Scholarship Specialist
100 Avenue of the Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
888.532.6661; 561.624.7612 or e-mail: lbenning@pgahq.com

PGA members can check out the Scholarship Search Tips for additional listed websites to help you with your scholarship search by visiting the homepage of [PGALinks.com/Personal Benefits/PGA Scholarship Program](http://PGALinks.com/Personal%20Benefits/PGA%20Scholarship%20Program).

RMSPGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Snake River Chapter and Yellowstone Chapter Scholarship Program, funded through the Rocky Mountain PGA Foundation, has been in existence for the last thirty-eight years providing scholarships to college bound seniors who reside within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Section.

The Scholarship Program is an academic scholarship awarded based on academic achievement, community and extracurricular activity, financial need, leadership and involvement and contributions to the game of golf.

For the year 2013, interested high school seniors may download an application at www.rockymountainpga.com or contact the Rocky Mountain Section office at (208) 939-6028 to receive an application. Deadline for applications to be received at the Section Office is March 29, 2013.

[Click here to download the 2013 Scholarship Application.](#)

PGA SECTION SHORT GAME CHALLENGE AT PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW

Again this year, PGA Professionals and Apprentices will have an opportunity to test their putting and chipping skills at the 2013 PGA Merchandise Show..... and earn money for their PGA Section. Supported by Callaway, PING, Titleist, TaylorMade, Nike and Cobra, the PGA Section Short Game Challenge will be located on the show floor, to the left of the club demonstration area in the Orange County Convention Center.

The "Challenge" is open to any PGA Professional or Apprentice attendee. Each competitor is allowed two putts and two chips, with the total distance of all putts and chips used to determine each day's final results. The daily first place prize is \$2500, second place is \$1500 and third place is \$500, all paid to the respective PGA Section of the top finishers.

"Challenge" times are 9:30am - 4:45pm on Thursday and Friday (January 24 & 25), and 9:00am - 2:45pm on Saturday (January 26), with a few small breaks to allow for equipment changes.

NEWS OF INTEREST

The Section will be producing and printing a **2013 RMSPGA Membership Directory** for the membership. The Directory will contain the Membership Rosters, Facility Rosters and Sales Representative/Vendors Roster. The Directory will be available to be distributed at the chapter spring meetings.

The current online Directory containing the aforementioned rosters and including the RMS Information, Rules and Regulations, Constitution & By-Laws, Snake River and Yellowstone Chapter Pro Am Information/Schedule and Calendar will continue to be available on the Members only side of the Section website, www.rockymountainpga.com by logging in with your PGALinks username and password. The 2013 information will be available prior to February 1st. The online Directory will be updated quarterly.

The **2013 RMSPGA Player Fee** is available for payment online at www.rockymountainpga.com, under the Tournament tab. All members and apprentices desiring to play in any pro-am or other chapter or section event must pay the \$55 fee prior to registering for the event.

Sales of the **2013 Golf Pass**, presented by Black Bull, have been strong. The Golf Pass is available for purchase at our website so please advise your customers/members of the great savings the Pass provides at only \$39. Brochures detailing the Pass will be mailed out in early Spring to all facilities.

Would you like to receive your 2013 tournament winnings a little faster? PGA members and apprentices can have their tournament winnings automatically deposited to their checking or savings account by signing up for automatic **Direct Deposit** through the PGA of America. If interested please contact Laurie at the Section Office for more information or the PGA MISC at (800) 474-2776.

2013 PLAYING ABILITY TEST SCHEDULE

April 24	Boise Ranch Golf Course, Boise, ID	Deadline: 04/10/13
May 14	Rupert Country Club, Rupert, ID	Deadline: 04/30/13
June 11	Cottonwood Hills Golf Course, Bozeman, MT	Deadline: 05/28/13
August 7	Sand Creek Golf Course, Idaho Falls, ID	Deadline: 07/24/13
September 4	Eagle Rock Golf Course, Billings, MT	Deadline: 08/21/13
October 15	Centennial Golf Course, Nampa, ID	Deadline: 10/01/13

Registration is now open for these PATs at PGALinks.com or by calling PGA MISC at (800) 474-2776.

IDAHO GOLF ASSOCIATION DISTRICT MEETINGS & RULES SEMINARS

The Idaho Golf Association has announced information regarding the 2013 District meetings and education offerings. The fee for the Rules Seminars is \$20 and includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and Rules of Golf book. Online registration for the Meetings and Rules Seminar is available at www.theiga.org. For more information regarding these meetings and seminars contact the IGA at (208) 342-4442.

DISTRICT MEETINGS & RULES SEMINARS

District I	Feb. 21, 2013 5:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 6:30 6:30 – 8:30	Hillcrest Country Club, Boise, ID Handicapping Seminar Reception Meeting
	Rules Seminar Feb. 23, 2013 9:00 – 3:00	BanBury Golf Course, Eagle, ID Seminar
District II	March 7, 2013 5:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 6:30 6:30 – 8:30	Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls, ID Handicapping Seminar Reception Meeting
	Rules Seminar March 8, 2013 9:00 – 3:00	LaQuinta Inn, Twin Falls, ID Seminar
District III	March 21, 2013 5:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 6:30 6:30 – 8:30	Blackfoot Golf Course, Blackfoot, ID Handicapping Seminar Reception Meeting
	Rules Seminar March 22, 2013 9:00 – 3:00	Blackfoot Golf Course, Blackfoot, ID Seminar

TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-PRO SHOOTOUT

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA, along with TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth, are excited to announce the continuation of a sponsorship agreement that names TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth as exclusive title sponsor of the annual Rocky Mountain PGA Pro-Pro Shootout through the 2014 event. The sponsorship agreement builds on the successful relationship that has been developed between TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth, the Section and its members.

The 2013 TaylorMade-adidas golf/Ashworth Pro-Pro Shootout will be Monday and Tuesday, May 20 & 21, 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 Golf/Ashworth RENEW SECTION SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA is pleased to announce that adidas golf/Ashworth has agreed to continue its support of the Rocky Mountain PGA and its member professionals for the next two years. As part of the sponsor agreement, adidas golf/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 adidas golf/Ashworth, Jeff Smith, sales representative, and Steve Splavec, western regional sales manager for their support of the Rocky Mountain Section and its members.



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UPDATES

This is the appropriate time to make you aware of some changes that have been made effective immediately, particularly in the area of tournaments. As you read through the following do not hesitate to contact the Section office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Changes to the overall Pro-Am Series

All players must sign the score card before returning after the completion of a Pro-Am round. Any players not signing the card will be disqualified

from the event and the team score will be computed from only those players signing the scorecard. This change is for both Chapters.

Carter Cup Matches/Snake River Chapter Points

As discussed at the Snake River Chapter Fall Membership Meeting a discussion was held between the Section and the Idaho Golf Association regarding holding the Carter Cup Matches every two years. The proposal was passed by the Section and IGA Boards and so the Matches will be held next in 2014 and will be held in the even numbered years henceforth. The changes were discussed primarily to enhance the player experience as well to make the event more anticipated. As a result of this change the Snake River Chapter points list will be maintained from July 1 of 2012 until June 30 of 2014.

Major Championship Site Selection

The rotation for the Section Professional Championship/Section Championship, the Senior Professional Championship/Senior Section Championship and the Assistant Championship is as follows: every other year to be played in the center of the Section with the other years divided between central/western Idaho and the Yellowstone Chapter. The Assistant Championship will be primarily contested in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Bozeman and Billings.

Boise Open Closed Qualifier

For the year 2013 only, the closed qualifier will be contested on Sunday, May 19 over 18 holes at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls. Specific times will be established early enough in that day to allow for any playoff necessary and attendance at the Section Annual Meeting that same day. Beginning in 2014, the Section qualifiers for the Boise Open will be determined from the previous year's Section Championship.

Player of the Year Points Tables

The current Player of the Year points tables are under review and those changes will be communicated after approval by the Tournament Committee and Board of Directors.

2013 Section Awards

The nomination period for 2013 award winners will begin August 1 and this year those who are nominated will be notified as to who nominated them.

 Scott Larsen	 Scott Larsen	 BLACK BULL <small>A MONTANA GOLF COMMUNITY</small> P. David Baucom	 Gary Spinelli Robert Su Cliff Jones
 Ryan Reilly	 Tim Walsh Mitch Bourgault	 Randy Homer Mike Daly, Erwin Huffer	 Scott Larsen
 Dave Curtis Steve Fowell	 Scott Larsen	 Greg Jenkins Charley Carlson	 Kevin Burnett Charley Carlson
 Mercedes-Benz	 National <small>Car Rental</small>	 Dave Alexander	 Scott Stephens
 Lori Putnam	 Ralph Eckles, Brian Bolton Brenden Fitzgerald	 PGA	 PGA NATIONAL
 <small>Supporting Sponsor of PGA of America Professional Tournaments</small> PGA	 Lance Stoker	 Bob Hope	 SkyCaddie <small>#1 RANGEFINDER IN GOLF</small> Tim Howes
 SOUTHORTH <small>Development LLC</small>	 Mike Worden Larry Barber Roger Pierson	   Jeff Parsons John Johnson Phil Deimling Jeff Smith	 Titleist FOOTJOY <small>BY SHOE IN GOLF</small> Brad Racine Terry Outzen Lloyd Putnam



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