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## NAGEL & MARTENS ARE FACILITY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



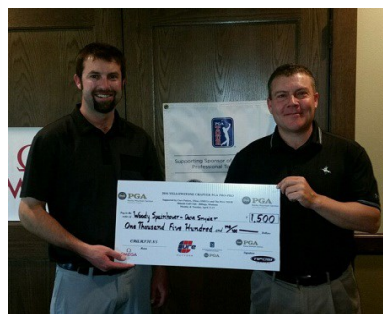
Adam Martens, Brett Nagel and Ethan Schofield

A beautiful day facilitated fine scoring as nineteen professional teams competed in the 2016 Cleveland GOLF/SRIXON RMSPGA Snake River Chapter Facility Championship. Brett Nagel, PGA Director of Instruction and PGA General Manager Adam Martens from The Club at SpurWing in Meridian, Idaho, teamed to shoot rounds of 67 and 64 for a two-round total of 13-under-par 131 to outlast the Sand Creek Golf Course team of PGA Head Professional John Graham and his assistant Kevin Kavran by 4 shots.

The single day 36-hole Championship was contested Monday, April 11 at the 6918 yard, par 72 layout at Ridgecrest Golf Club in Nampa, Idaho. The first round was a better ball of partners and the second round was a modified alternate shot (Chapman) format. Both players on the two-person team must be employed at the same facility.

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA wishes to thank Ridgecrest Golf Club PGA Head Professional Scott Nicholes and his staff for hosting the event. A sincere thank you goes out to sales representative Ethan Schofield from Cleveland GOLF/SRIXON for his sponsorship of the tournament. Thanks to sales representative Bob Hope of Cure Putters and Tifosi Optics in addition to OMEGA and The PGA TOUR for their continued support of selected RMSPGA events.

## SPAINHOWER & SNYDER GO LOW TO EARN YELLOWSTONE CHAPTER PRO-PRO HONORS



Champions Woody Spainhower and David Snyder

Woody Spainhower, PGA Head Professional at Black Bull in Bozeman, Montana, with partner David Snyder, Executive Director of the Wyoming State Golf Association, captured the 2016 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Yellowstone Chapter Pro-Pro supported by Cure Putters, Tifosi Optics, OMEGA and The PGA TOUR. Spainhower and Snyder played well from the start finishing with a 54-hole total of 18-under-par, 195. Doug Hagen, PGA General Manager at Hilands Golf Club in Billings, Montana, and Kelbi Lee, PGA Head

Professional at The Briarwood finished alone in second place with a two day total of 15-under-par, 198. Renzi Lee, PGA Head Professional at Lake Hills Golf Club in Billings and Tom Conway, assistant professional at Big Sky (Montana) Resort finished third with a 54-hole total of 14-under-par, 197.

The event was contested on the 6138 yard Hilands Golf Club in Billings, Montana, on Monday and Tuesday, April 11th and 12th. The formats of play for the event included a scramble the first 18 holes, four-ball stroke play the second 18 holes, and modified alternate shot (Chapman) the final 18 holes. Spainhower and Snyder fired rounds of 62, 65 and 68 to win the event by 3 shots.

The Yellowstone Chapter thanks Doug Hagen, PGA General Manager, Eddie Kavran, PGA Head Professional, and the Hilands Golf Club and its staff for hosting the event. The Chapter also thanks Cure Putters and Tifosi Optics and their representative Bob Hope, OMEGA and The PGA TOUR for their support of the event.

### **PGA PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS RAISE \$10,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL LARRY MALONE SCHOLARSHIP PRO-AM**



Malone Family Members

Brett Nagel, PGA Director of Instruction at The Club at SpurWing in Meridian, Idaho, shot a 1-under-par round of 71 to best a field of 28 professionals and their amateur teams in pleasant springtime conditions to win the 2016 National Car Rental RMSPGA Foundation Larry Malone Scholarship Pro-Am. In the senior division, Kevin Burton, PGA Director of Instruction at Pierce Park Greens in Boise, Idaho shot a 5-under-par round of 66 to take first place honors. On the team side, Whitetail Club's PGA Head Professional Todd Bindner of McCall, Idaho, and his amateur players, Troy Summers, Mike Shannahan, and Torry McAlvain shot a team total of 126 in the one gross ball, one net ball format to take home the first place hardware. This was the 42nd playing of

this long standing charity event which was conducted at the 6810 yard, par 71, Hillcrest Country Club in Boise, Idaho, on Monday, April 18th.

Since 1974, the Rocky Mountain PGA and generous sponsors have teamed up to raise more than \$235,000 in scholarship funds for junior golfers. This scholarship program started in memory of Larry Malone who had a successful career in golf at Twin Falls High School and Weber State University. Mr. Malone succumbed to cancer in 1974, and for forty-two years local PGA Professionals, amateurs, friends and family have gathered to remember this young man and his love of the game.

The Malone family, The Rocky Mountain Section PGA and The Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation wish to sincerely thank National Car Rental for their continued support of this event.

In addition, thanks go out to Mrs. Denece Malone for her contributions. Sincere thanks to head golf professional Brett Kleinkopf, PGA, and the rest of the Hillcrest Country Club staff for their always gracious hospitality.



### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESENTATION OF SECTION AWARDS**

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section PGA, supported by PGA National Resort and Spa, will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the Residence Inn by Marriott in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

During the meeting a resolution regarding District Director selection will be voted on. [The resolution is attached to this message for your review.](#)

Should the resolution fail to pass, an election for District Director will occur. There is one announced candidate for District Director; Ron Rawls, PGA Head Professional at Crane Creek Country Club in Boise, Idaho. The Presentation of Section Awards will be the final item of business.

Kyle Heyen, District #9 Director from the Colorado Section PGA, will give the national report and also be available for your questions.

The Section dress code (business attire (coat and

tie for men)) is in effect and there will be no exceptions.

Members in attendance will receive three (3) Member Service Requirements. Apprentices in attendance will receive two (2) Member Service Requirements.

A reception will be held immediately after the meeting for those in attendance.

Attendance at this meeting is not required to participate in the TaylorMade-adidas Ashworth Golf and Adams Golf Pro-Pro Shootout.

The Residence Inn by Marriott is offering special lodging rates for our members. Call (208) 542-0000 and ask for the Rocky Mountain PGA rate.

### **2016 PRO-PRO SHOOTOUT**

Registration is now open for the TaylorMade-adidas, Ashworth Golf and Adams Golf RMSPGA Pro-Pro Shootout. The entry deadline is Wednesday, May 18th at 4:30 p.m. Registration may be accomplished through BlueGolf by [CLICKING HERE](#); via printing, completing and faxing the entry form to the office or via phone.

NOTE: If using BlueGolf, individual entry will not be accepted. Entry must be made by team with a single payment. Teams who desire to enter individually (in order to split the entry fee) should either fax an entry to (208) 939-6058 or call the Section office at (208) 939-6028.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view/print the entry.

### **DUES FOR PGA FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017**

The invoices for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 annual dues billing are now available on [PGA.org](http://PGA.org). Each individual with an email address should have received a notification by email advising them that the invoices are now available. Once a professional logs on, there will be an active dues billing link with the dues balance displayed that will take them to the secure website to view, print and/or pay the annual dues. Those professionals without an email address on file will receive a printed invoice in the mail.

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, they should log onto [PGA.org](http://PGA.org) to print an invoice to submit to their employer for payment processing. Please encourage those employers

paying by check to include the member/apprentice number in the "note" portion of the check. Payments by check should be mailed to PGA of America, P.O. Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089.

Dues must be paid prior to July 1, 2016 to avoid suspension and additional costs and fees.

### **JACKSON, WYOMING LODGING INFORMATION**

With both the RMS Senior Section Championship and the RMS Section Championship being held in the very popular Jackson, Wyoming area we have made arrangements with The Virginian Lodge in Jackson for discounted hotel rates during these events.

RMS Rate is \$117.90/single, \$124.90/double. The cutoff date for the Senior Section Championship is 06/30/16 and the cutoff date for the Section Championship is 08/08/2016. Reservations can be made by calling The Virginian Lodge at (307) 733-2792 or visit their website at [virginianlodge.com](http://virginianlodge.com).

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL URANGA ON HIS GREAT PERFORMANCE AT DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL**



Tom Watson with Daniel Uranga

14-year-old Idaho native Daniel Uranga from Homedale came home with some hardware from Augusta National. The Drive, Chip & Putt national finals were conducted Sunday, April 3rd at the famed home of The Masters. Only 80 junior players from across the country qualified to set foot on the hallowed grounds of Augusta National



Golf Club to compete in the finals. Daniel was most brilliant with the putter capturing the individual award for the best performance in the putting portion of the competition in his age division. Overall, he finished tied for 2nd in the competition.

The two Rocky Mountain Section qualifiers for the 2017 Drive, Chip & Putt finals will be Thursday, June 8th at Ridgecrest Golf Club, Nampa, ID, and Sunday, June 19th at The PowderHorn Golf Club in Sheridan, WY.

For registration information for these local qualifiers for the 2017 Drive, Chip & Putt championships, see [rockymountainpga.com](http://rockymountainpga.com) and click on the Junior Golf tab.

### JUNIOR GOLF PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

Please make your junior players aware of the following playing opportunities in our Section:

[CLICK HERE](#) for **Junior Rocky Mountain Section PGA Championship** entry and information. This year's championship is being held at Huntsman Springs in Driggs, Idaho, June 15-16.

[CLICK HERE](#) for **Yellowstone Junior Championship** entry and information. This tournament is being held at Powell Golf Club in Powell, Wyo., July 13-14.

[CLICK HERE](#) for **Gallatin Valley Junior Championship** entry and information. This tournament is being held at Bridger Creek Golf Course in Bozeman, Mont., July 27-28.

### NEW INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITIES IN SECTION



Canyon Springs GC Indoor Practice Facility

The popularity of indoor practice facilities is on the rise in our Section. Brett Cordingley, PGA, recently opened The Golf Barn in Rexburg, Idaho while Bigwood Golf Course in Ketchum, Idaho has also completed their own practice facility. Canyon Springs Golf Course, Twin Falls, Idaho, unveiled their new indoor practice facility last month. [Click here](#) for the segment from KMVT in Twin Falls regarding the new Canyon Springs facility.

### PGA ANNUAL OPERATIONS SURVEY

The PGA Annual Operations Survey helps provide PGA Professionals with key statistics and benchmarking capabilities to support management of golf and club operations. Data gathered through this survey is vital to member employment and also supports state and national economic impact studies on behalf of the golf industry to reflect the importance of our multi-billion dollar industry.

The survey is currently available for the highest-ranked PGA Professional at each facility, or to any other golf professional with proxy rights for their facility. The PGA Professional or their proxy should go to the following page at PGA.org to participate: <http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/memberinfo/performance/rak/facops.cfm>

As a reminder, all survey responses are treated confidentially with results being reported only if there are five or more responses. To ensure confidentiality, results continue to be shared in an aggregated format and not by an individual facility.

Members can receive up to two MSR credits by completing the survey by the deadline of May 31, 2016. MSR credit is now automatically applied upon completion of the survey.

### CREATE YOUR PGA CENTENNIAL PROFILE PICTURE

In support of the #ThxPGAPro campaign, we encourage you to participate in a social media outreach designed to further promote the PGA Professional and our Association's Centennial throughout the remainder of 2016. This initiative enables you to showcase your PGA pride by [updating your profile pictures](#) on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter with a special filter containing the official PGA Centennial logo. For detailed directions regarding image uploading,

please click the button below.

Create My Profile Picture

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Centennial Celebration!

### SHORT SHOTS

Green Hills Golf Course in Worland, WY, has named Mike Propp, PGA, as their new Head Golf Professional.

David Hardison, PGA, Driggs, ID, has reclassified to Life Member Retired.

Greg Dennis, PGA, has been named the Head Golf Professional (A-1) at Jackson Hole Golf & Tennis, Jackson, Wy.

Olive Glenn Golf & Country Club, Cody, WY, welcomes Gregory McFee, PGA, as their new Head Professional.

Jon McAleer, PGA, is the new assistant professional (A-8) at Bridger Creek Golf Course in Bozeman, MT.

Yellowstone Club, Big Sky, MT, has announced that William Ciccotti, PGA, will be their new Head Golf Professional.

Sean Thomsen, PGA, Idaho Falls, ID, is the assistant professional (A-8) at Pinecrest Golf Course, Idaho Falls, ID.

Steve Douady, PGA, is now the teaching professional (A-6) at Chimney Rock Golf Course in Wells, NV.

Chris Clark, PGA, has returned to the Rocky Mountain Section residing in Garden Valley, ID. Chris is the A-9 with GolfTEC.

Connor Tanberg, PGA, has moved to The Reserve at Moonlight Basin, Big Sky, MT, as the assistant professional (A-8).

Congratulations to John Drips, PGA LMC, who recently was elected to the Half Century Club of the PGA of America, having served the association for 50 years! John currently resides in Fort Collins, CO.

Welcome to Mike Grob, PGA, A-3. Mike lives in Billings, MT.

### New Apprentices:

Blake Rourick, B-1, Head Professional at Eagle Hills GC, Eagle, ID.

Nick Knight, B-8, Assistant Professional, Cottonwood Hills GC, Bozeman, MT.

Eric Romero, B-8, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, Big Sky, MT.

Taylor Price, B-8, Teton Lakes Golf Course, Rexburg, ID.

Mark Johnson, B-8, Hillcrest Country Club, Boise, ID.

Luke Harrison, B-8, Riverside Country Club, Bozeman, MT.

Brian Morse, B-8, Black Bull, Bozeman, MT.

Phil Goodson, B-1, Teton Reserve, Driggs, ID.

Bronson Miller, B-8, Shadow Valley Golf Course, Boise, ID.

Barrett Chamberlain, B-8, McCall Golf Course, McCall, ID.

Jeremy Powers, B-8, Ridgecrest Golf Club, Nampa, ID.

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