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SUCCESS TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD



2007 Director's Cup Team

During the 2007 spring semester the UNLV PGM program took many steps forward toward achieving the goal of becoming the premier PGM program in the country. When we take a look back at the accomplishments of the spring semester a few highlights emerge:

- The opening of the PGM research and teaching laboratory
- PGA/PGM level I and II checkpoints testing were very successful due to the organization of

study groups by Gary Xavier and Reese McCall and leadership from our advisors.

- PGM Director's Cup matches (pictured left) start a tradition and will prove to be a mechanism for continued comradeship and competition among classes in the program.

In other news, the student association has been taking great strides to increase fundraising, participation in tournaments, and improve the unity of the association. The PGMSA Constitution Bylaws were revised by the Executive Board at the request of the membership to allow for improved structure and support.

This fall, the program is excited to welcome new additions to the family. The incoming freshmen class is comprised from an elite group of students from around the world that share a passion for the game and business.

On behalf of the student association we offer our thanks for the tireless efforts of PGMSA President- Kyle Helms, Executive board, Membership, and Directors: Chris Cain, Chris Brown and Barbara Hermes.

-Andrew Kam, Senior

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 2007 spring semester proved to be a great conclusion for the academic year for the PGM student association. Between the fundraisers, tournaments, softball game, and barbeques, we have truly united as a student association. I would like to thank the Faculty, Executive Board, and students for their hard work during the semester. Furthermore, I would like to thank Desert Pines Golf Club, Paiute Resort, Silverstone Golf Club, and Las Vegas National Golf Club for supporting and hosting our tournaments this semester. Finally, to all of our students, good luck with your internships and have a great summer. It has been a privilege and an honor this year serving as your president.

-Kyle Helms, Senior



PGM Pre-Softball Tournament Barbeque

FALL SEMESTER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



Friends and Family Tournament Fall '06

Shine those new sets of clubs and start making last minute changes to your swing, because the 2007 Family and Friends Tournament and Banquet is right around the corner!

The new school year is going to kick off with the 4th annual Family and Friends event Saturday, August 25th. Invitations to the event have been mailed out to all current and new students. Please call (702) 895-2932 if you have not received an invitation. Last year's tournament was a huge success with many participants enjoying their experiences on and off the course.

The mission of the event is to bring community leaders, new and current students, families and alumni together for socializing. Teams compete for both gross and net prizes. The evening banquet invites all that wish to attend. Special guests are joining us from the PGA Southwest Section and UNLV faculty and staff. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be **PGA Master Professional and Director of Recruiting and Community Outreach for the PGA of America, Bill Cioffoletti**. Mr. Cioffoletti will

be traveling from PGA headquarters in West Palm Beach Florida to join us. Thank you Mr. Cioffoletti!

The new incoming class of freshmen will provide the PGM Program increased potential for success by continuing to contribute to our mission of becoming the premiere PGM program in the country. We are confident that our new students will contribute towards this mission for the 2007/8 academic year and beyond. They will also be the class that will help take the program to a new level of unity, professionalism, and positive influence in the Las Vegas golfing community and around the world. There is much to look forward to at the start of Orientation Week in late August! The PGM Program looks to begin the 2007/8 year right where it left off.

-Jacob Oberlin & Andrew Kam

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY '07

This year's tournaments have been a huge part of the growth and success of the PGM student association. The four tournaments of the semester were anything but easy, with all four played in high wind gusts and tough conditions.

The year's first tournament began in February on a short, but narrow and gusty Desert Pines Golf Club. Players struggled all day on the lush, but severely undulating greens, but in the end, it was Michael DiMeglio who fought through the adverse conditions and came out firing a respectable 5-over par 77 for the win. DiMeglio stated that he did not expect his score to win, but through all the unusual shots and narrow fairways, he managed his game well and played smart on several holes. Jon Horner took second place shooting a 78, and Kyle Helms placed third with a 79.

The year's second event was held at another one of Las Vegas' tougher tracks, known as the Paiute Snow Mountain Golf Course. The winds gusted up to 20 mph which greatly affected the club selection on most holes, and made it quite difficult to navigate the challenging Pete Dye design. Out of all the holes, number 16 was the most daunting. The shot was a demanding 215 yard carry over water to a back left pin with a right to left crosswind. Many players fell short and some fell way long, which easily ended many players' hopes for winning. In the very end, it was Nick Fogle who came out shooting a solid round of even par 72, followed by Matthew Henderson with a 3-over par 75. The golf course

presented a challenge to many players as only three managed to break 80 that day.

The season's major was held at the long and challenging Silverstone Golf Course. The golf course presented a challenge with its long par 5's and thick rough, add this to winds gusting up to 30 mph throughout the round. Nearly 40 players participated in the final tournament of the season. It was many players' last chance at winning a tournament, and for some, their last chance to qualify for the Director's Cup teams. Among the notables who played were Vardon Champion Andrew Kam shooting a 79, good for a top ten finish. Past winner, Andrew "ACE" Elliott firing a 78, along with several others tied for 5th. It came down to the last group of Evan Ives and Jon Horner who battled it out coming down the final stretch. After the last putt was rolled in, Evan Ives, 3-time Match Play Champion, won the last tournament of the season with a 75, beating Jon Horner by a shot.

-by Andrew Kam

*"Patience and perseverance,
with a little faith, can go a
long way."*

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

DESERT PINES	
Michael DiMeglio.....	77
Jon Horner.....	78
Kyle Helms.....	79
PAIUTE SNOW MOUNTAIN	
Nick Fogle.....	72
Matthew Henderson.....	75
Andrew Ward.....	79
SILVERSTONE(MAJOR)	
Evan Ives.....	75
Jon Horner.....	76
Brandon Johnson.....	76
Emanuel Radoccia.....	77
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*Nick Fogle, Sophomore
Medalist at Paiute GC*

INAUGURAL DIRECTOR'S CUP MATCHES STARTS TRADITION

This year marks the first year of the Director's Cup matches. This two day event format mirrors that of the Ryder Cup. Upper Classmen (juniors and seniors) compete against the lower classmen (sophomores and freshmen), in a series of team and individual matches that took place April 27th-28th at Las Vegas National Golf Course.

The winning team receives their name engraved on the trophy and bragging rights for the upcoming season. These matches will be the beginning of a new standard of golfing excellence and historical tradition for the UNLV PGM Program.

The inaugural Director's Cup matches were won by the Freshman and Sophomore team. Video clips and pictures of the two day matches can be obtained by the PGMSA Tournament Director. Congratulations Freshmen and Sophomores!

2007 DIRECTOR'S CUP TEAMS:

Upper Classmen:

Andrew Kam, Senior
John Gazaway, Junior
Kyle Helms, Senior
Michael DiMeglio, Junior
Matt Henderson, Junior
Emanuel Raddocia, Junior
Jason Montoya, Junior
Kendall Murphy, Junior
Brian Markel, Junior
Jimmy Derella, Senior

Lower Classmen:

Andrew Elliott, Freshman
Zack Creed, Sophomore
Nick Fogle, Sophomore
Evan Ives, Sophomore
Kyle Heaton, Freshman
Nick Rodgers, Freshman
Charles Greene, Freshman
Andrew Ward, Freshman
Chris Novich, Freshman
Will Bertz, Sophomore



2006-2007 PGM Director's Cup

*"Become a pursuer of excellence,
not a perfectionist."*

PGM PRO-TIP: MASTERING THE WINDS OF LAS VEGAS

This issue's pro-tip stems from necessity. As seasons change, especially here in Las Vegas, wind becomes more and more of an opponent to low scores. To keep the wind from blowing birdies off your scorecard this summer, we received advice from freshmen and Montana native Loudan Steffes.

One of the most misconstrued ideas that many recreational golfers have is that when the wind picks up, so must their swing speeds. This is not the case because as you increase club head speed, spin increases as well, which does not bode well for hitting into the wind. Undesirable ball

flights, such as hooks, slicing and other unwanted trajectories get put into the picture.

If you want to play better in windy conditions, the best approach is to take fluid swings without forcing any actions. Maintaining your posture throughout the swing and keeping a solid balance will enable you to hit quality golf shots in the wind. You may even have to consider taking a three quarter swing for more control and lower trajectory.

Another good tip for playing in extremely gusty situations is to take your time and be patient.

Do not let the wind discourage you, but instead, trust in your swing, commit fully to every shot, and play with a purpose in mind for better results. No matter the conditions, golf is still a game where you have to get the ball in the hole in the least strokes possible, and it doesn't matter HOW you do it. So swing smooth, relax, play confidently, and enjoy your round of golf in the gusty winds!

*-by Jacob Oberlin, Loudan Steffes
& Andrew Kam*

JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES REPEAT, 8-7 VICTORY



The 2007 spring softball tournament ended the way a good softball game should have ended. The juniors and sophomores battled it out under the cool night temperatures to come out victorious once again.

The game was anything but a blowout, as both teams fought hard through a brief moment of darkness to finish out one of the best softball games in UNLV PGM history.

It was the bottom of the 9th, 2 outs, a full count, with runners on second and third, freshman Kyle Heaton hit a rope down the third base line bringing the runners on base home. Kyle knew his run would tie the game and sprinted toward home. As he rounded third with fiery in his eyes and rubber legs sophomore Michael Seiden made a key play at the plate tagging Kyle out at home. The Freshman and Senior team will need to regroup for their battle in the fall.



Sophomore and Junior team

-by Andrew Kam

FARWELL SENIORS!!!



Pictured from left: Andrew Kam, Kyle Helms, Rob Sanders, Allison Lombardo

Not Present: Jimmy Derella, Joseph Goar

This year's Senior Class was the second wave of PGM Students to enter the golf industry. They have all contributed a part of themselves in making the UNLV PGM program what it is today and we look forward to having them as productive alumni. We wish them well in their future endeavors and we hope their passion for the game and industry are fruitful. Farewell SENIORS!!!

This summer the UNLV PGM program is represented across the country through diverse internship opportunities.

Juniors, Chris Barley and Kendall Murphy are working for the Callaway PGA Tour Junior Series. They will spend each week of the summer traveling to different tour sites across the country. They will end their internship working the PGA championship. Five students were selected from the 18 PGA/PGM programs across the country to join this team, we were proud to provide to the PGA Tour with two of the five students.

Junior, Matt Henderson, is instructing for the Dave Pells Golf Academy. Matt will be traveling with the academy to different cities in the country. We expect Matt to come back to the program as the golf guru for instruction.

Sophomore, Jake Muldowney, is interning for the prestigious Bandon Dunes Golf Resort. His experiences working at the country's top three public courses in America will be valuable to share in the classroom.

Sophomore, Mike Seiden, is interning at Riviera Country Club. This upscale private club hosts play to the world's most elite membership and tournament play. I am sure Michael will have many pictures to share with him next to the Ben Hogan statue.

Graduating Senior, Kyle Helms, is spending his extended internship at Congressional Country Club. With Congressional's rich history, elite membership and team oriented staff philosophy this will prove to be a memorable and educational experience for Kyle. Kyle is certainly "Living the Dream", working with the staff at Congressional and meeting individuals like Tiger Woods.



Photo courtesy of Congressional Country Club