SUCCESS TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

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
- PGM/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

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 barbecues, 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
Henderson with a 3-over par 75. The golf course solid round of even par 72, followed by Matthew many players' hopes for winning. In the very and some fell way long, which easily ended right to left crosswind. Many players fell short most daunting. The shot was a demanding 215 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.

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

DIRECTOR’S CUP
Freshman and Sophomore………..11
Junior and Senior…………………7

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

“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 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 new 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.

-by Andrew Kam
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.

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.

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.