



# REBEL RUNNER

## PGA GOLF MANAGEMENT

### NEWSLETTER

## Friends and Family at Cascata

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On August 23rd, the Fifth Annual Family and Friends golf tournament was held at Cascata golf course in Boulder City, Nevada. The event marked the most exciting Friends and Family event in UNLV's history, as it was held at the flagship facility of Harrah's Entertainment's golf division. The event touted a full field, with players flying in from all corners of the country to enjoy the scenic golf course.

The event was a reunion for many; and a great welcome to the UNLV PGA Golf Management family for others. Students were trading stories of their summers on internship while parents and relatives were making new friends, all in a beautiful setting; surrounded by the scenic waterfalls and hills of Cascata. The golf course served as a perfect venue for the event; a tournament that has grown every year since its inception.

Later that evening at the Stan Fulton Building on UNLV's campus, the Friends and Family banquet was the most attended banquet in its history. Curt Hudek, the Executive Director of the PGA Southwest Section was the keynote speaker for the evening, offering a speech encouraging the PGA Golf Management students to reach their potential in the business and game of golf. The evening was a success; including a delicious meal, hilarious stories, and great camaraderie.

On behalf of the UNLV PGA Golf Management staff and students, we want to thank all participants of this year's Family and Friends golf tournament and banquet. Please mark your calendars for next year's event on August 22th, 2009. We look forward to seeing you there.

-Brian Soule, Graduate Assistant



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## President's Corner

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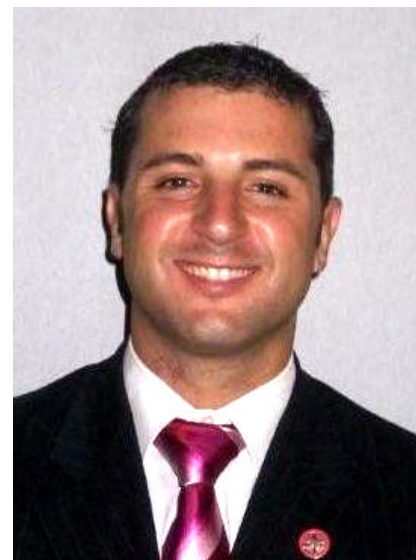
The UNLV PGA Golf Management Program has found itself on the brink of another historic year. With the assistance of great leadership and an extremely enthusiastic student association, our program has begun this final 2008 semester with a great amount of motivation and pride. Our five year Family and Friends tradition is the best example of how this year is moving forward from previous years. The event this year was held at the world-renowned Cascata Golf Club right here in Henderson, NV. The location along with the attention to detail from our administration made this outing a banner event with record turnout at the golf course and the banquet.

Having made it through the first half of the semester our students have found themselves already involved in PGA Tour events, community service projects, breast cancer fundraising, golf trips, and social events like flag football and softball. Our goal (as an association) to stay cohesive occurs through the events we participate in and the awareness we show to our community. One aspect of this year I am very proud of is the Mentorship Program. This program has brought an element of community responsibility to our students, which is vital as we move from student status to community leaders.

To be the leader of this program is a very humbling experience. The determination and sincerity shown by our students resonates throughout our student body and gives me a great feeling of confidence in our future. As we continue to grow and evolve, our hope is to remain focused on innovation in the program, perfection in the classroom, and genuine action given to our community.

Humbly and Respectfully,  
 Gary Xavier,

UNLV PGA Student Association President



# Fall Tournament Update

With the start of the 2008-2009 school year, the UNLV PGA Program has kicked off another competitive tournament season. The excitement started with the Las Vegas National Tournament. The event was held on September 7 at the Las Vegas National and consisted of many experienced players from all four classes in the UNLV PGA program.

Freshman, Ryan Mitchell made a statement early in the season placing third with a round of one over par (72). Junior, Nick Rodgers shot two under par (69) to earn a very respectable second place. Ultimately the day belonged to Senior, Evan Ives who bested the field by shooting three under par (68).

On October 5, our second UNLV PGM tournament was graciously hosted by Boulder Creek Golf Club in beautiful Boulder City, Nevada. It took place on the Desert Hawk and Coyote Run nines, and was comprised of 31 students. The playable course combined with calm and cool conditions allowed players to post low numbers. Sophomore, Shawn Light and Junior, Charlie Greene came into the clubhouse with matching scores of three over par (75). Junior, Matt Leestma finished the round an impressive five strokes under par (67), beating Light and Greene by eight strokes.

-Zaanan Telschow, Freshman and Editor

## 2008 Jones Cup Team

Last year the UNLV PGA program was happy to have five of our best players represent us in the 2007 Jones Cup in Duluth, GA. Evan Ives shot back to back rounds of 73 in the two day tournament. His 146 was recognized as the fourth lowest individual score in the competition. Overall, the team tied for sixth place among the sixteen teams competing.

This year our team is ready to go again! The players were selected by means of a hard fought, two day, 36 hole qualifier. The process concluded at the Las Vegas National, identifying five very promising players.

Senior, Jon Horner competed in high school golf in Portland in the same league as junior, Nick Rodgers. Horner later attended Walla Walla Community College where his team never lost a league match. In his first year the team achieved a conference championship title. In the next, Horner was elected captain and lead his team to a sectional championship title.

Senior, Evan Ives will return to the Jones Cup this year hoping to better last year's results. Ives, who has experience playing Northern California Junior Golf and Southern Nevada Amateur Golf, has proven on multiple occasions to be one of our program's best.

Junior, Nick Rodgers is a seasoned tournament player with high school accomplishments that include first place in the 2004 Portland Interscholastic League and fourth place in the 2004 Oregon High School State Championship. Rodgers was also the winner of the 2008 Eastmoreland Golf Course Club Championship in Portland Oregon.

Sophomore, Kevin Wong has tournament experience from high school golf including individual sectional competition. He is a formidable opponent and a great asset to our Jones Cup team.

Freshman, Ryan Mitchell was a participant in San Diego County Junior Golf and went on to coach his high school's golf team. Since arriving at UNLV this fall, Mitchell has already demonstrated that he possesses the talent and determination to be a successful tournament player.

Congratulations to our team for impressive qualifying round victories. We are proud to have you represent us among the nation's other leading PGA programs.

This year's Jones Cup Tournament will take place from November 2 through November 5 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Look for Jones Cup results in the Winter Edition of the Rebel Runner!

-Zaanan Telschow, Freshman and Editor



Kevin Wong, Nick Rodgers, Evan Ives, Jon Horner and Ryan Mitchell

## Western Summit Golf Tournament

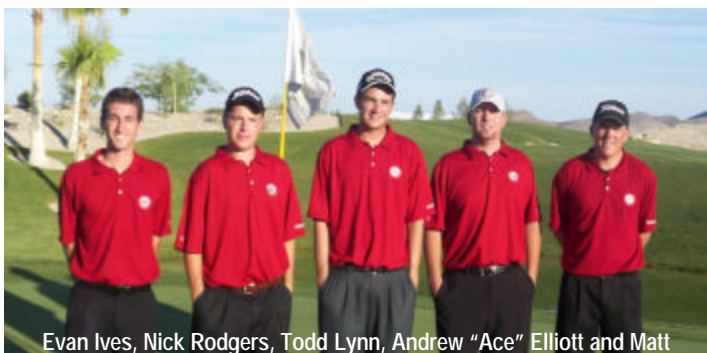
The third-annual Western Summit Golf Tournament was played at the PGA Golf Club at Coyote Springs on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. UNLV's PGA Golf Management students played in the 36-hole stroke play competition against

New Mexico State University and University of Nebraska. Each school fielded teams of their five best players with UNLV's team consisting of Andrew "Ace" Elliott, Todd Lynn, Matt Leestma, Nick Rodgers and Evan Ives.

The golf course was in perfect condition, and Director of Golf, Mike Sizemore, and his staff were gracious hosts of the event. The tournament was played at Coyote Springs' first golf course The Chase, a Jack Nicklaus Signature design. After day one, UNLV trailed University of Nebraska by eight strokes, but the Rebels rallied. Playing hard in windy conditions during the second day of competition, Andrew Elliott led the way with a 79, but UNLV fell just short. New Mexico State won the trophy, squeaking past UNLV's two-day total by only three strokes.

Many thanks go out to Mike Sizemore and his staff for hosting, and Pat Gavin of New Mexico State University's PGA Golf Management program for organizing the event.

-Brian Soule, Graduate Assistant



Evan Ives, Nick Rodgers, Todd Lynn, Andrew "Ace" Elliott and Matt

# Wendy's 3 tour challenge

This year the UNLV PGA program is excited to be involved with the Wendy's 3 Tour Challenge benefitting the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. This year will be the thirteenth consecutive year that the Las Vegas area has had the privilege of welcoming this incredible event.

The tournament began in 1992 and consists of three teams, one from each of the PGA, LPGA, and Champions Tours. Teams will be competing for a share of a \$1 million purse as well as year long bragging rights. Last year Cristie Kerr and Natalie Gulbis were members of the victorious LPGA Tour team along with Morgan Pressel. This was the fourth time the LPGA Tour team won the challenge. This year Gulbis and Kerr will return to defend their title with teammate Helen Alfredsson.

<u>PGA Tour</u>	<u>Champions Tour</u>	<u>LPGA Tour</u>
Stewart Cink	Jay Haas	Cristie Kerr
Kenny Perry	Nick Price	Natalie Gulbis
Rocco Mediate	Fred Funk	Helen Alfredsson

Jay Haas, Nick Price, and Fred Funk were all representatives of the Champions Tour in last year's Wendy's 3 Tour Challenge at Reflection Bay Golf Club, Lake Las Vegas Resort. This year they will attempt to steal back the title from the LPGA Tour team and fend off the formidable opponents from the PGA Tour team to earn the Champions Tour team their sixth victory in the challenge.

The PGA Tour team has been most victorious at the Wendy's 3 Tour Challenge with an impressive seven victories since 1992. Stewart Cink was a member of the most recent PGA Tour team to win the challenge alongside Scott Verplank and Zach Johnson at Lake Las Vegas Resort in 2006.

Since the first Wendy's 3 Tour Challenge in 1992 the tournament has raised nearly \$26 million. In addition to selling participation packages, funds are raised by means of the Players Reception/Charity Auction. Last year's event raised a staggering \$3,900,000.

This is a fun and unique tournament for a wonderful cause. The event will take place November 10-11 at Rio Secco Golf Club. Televised coverage of the event will be broadcast December 13, 2008 (3-5 PM EST) and December 14, 2008 (2-4 PM EST, on ABC).

-Zaanan Tellschow, Freshman and Editor

## Mentor Program

This year's mentor program is doing a great job getting our incoming students familiarized with the Las Vegas community. On the morning of October 3, a group of approximately twenty UNLV PGA students caravanned to The Shade Tree Shelter in North Las Vegas to spend the day helping with a wide variety of tasks.

Since 1990 The Shade Tree has provided shelter and assistance to children and women from abusive situations. They also provide assistance to female veterans and individuals with disabilities and homeless youth. Over the years The Shade Tree Shelter has provided invaluable resources to hundreds of individuals. Their capacity allows 50 temporary beds and 364 permanent beds. They also provide meals as well as educational programs to help individuals and families begin taking steps toward independence. The Shade Tree is Southern Nevada's only 24 hour shelter designed to care for women and children. Our experience at The Shade Tree Shelter was incredibly eye opening and humbling. We are proud of the students who were able to join us in making the jobs of The Shade Tree employees easier. The crew at The Shade Tree does a great job and we were happy to help them out if only for one day. We look forward to increased involvement in programs like The Shade Tree Shelter.



The Shade Tree Shelter has hopes of increasing the quality and capacity of their facility. Financial and material donations are gladly accepted, but certain items are in greater demand than others. For more information please call (702) 385-0072 or e-mail The Shade Tree Shelter at [fd@theshadetree.org](mailto:fd@theshadetree.org). Your help is greatly appreciated on any level.

-Zaanan Tellschow, Freshman and Editor

## Patron Sponsorship

This year has gotten off to a great start for the UNLV PGA program. We are committed to playing an active role in the community and providing as many opportunities for our students as possible. Some of these opportunities include participation in local events, tournaments, and charities. Other events are more expensive and farther from home.

This year we hope to send students to the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida. Our program is looking forward to the one of a kind event but our participation will be limited due to lack of funding.

We are also committed to providing our students tournament experience and camaraderie through competitive events within our program. These events involve travelling to various tournament locations and incurring many associated expenses. We are able to cover many of these expenses through student organized fundraisers, as well as sales of UNLV PGA merchandise. In

order to present as many opportunities to our students as possible, we are offering sponsorship involvement to our patrons

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## Par For The Cure



On Friday October 10, 2008 the UNLV PGA program was proud to participate in the fourth annual Par For The Cure Celebrity Golf Tournament. The charity tournament was designed to generate funds for breast cancer research and increase community awareness and support. The tournament was played on the Jack Nicklaus designed course The Chase at PGA Golf Club Coyote Springs™, which is said to be one of Nicklaus's signature desert designs.

On the Thursday preceding the tournament at Coyote Springs, the UNLV PGA students organized a Play Golf America Day at Angel Park Golf Club. Twenty-five student instructors provided free lessons to nearly eighty women. The event, which was focused on exposing more women to the game of golf, raised \$360 through participant donations. Including the PGA Foundation's donation of \$2500, Penn State PGA program contribution of \$420, and Mississippi State PGA program contribution of \$500 the UNLV PGA program was proud to present \$5000 to Par For The Cure.

Our deepest thanks to the event's founder Brian Esposito. We are honored to be a part of this great cause and look forward to future involvement with Par For The Cure. To learn more about Par For The Cure visit their website at [www.parforthecure.com](http://www.parforthecure.com).



UNLV PGA students proudly present \$5,000 to Par for the Cure