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Tis the Season for Giving

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As we approach the holiday season we are thankful for the things we have — family, friends, homes and food on our plate. There are those who are less fortunate and whose situation does not allow them to provide for their families. The PGA Student Association wanted to play a part in helping those in need. During the November and December meetings, students participated in the Three Square food drive and Toys for Tots. Three Square is a local distribution center where rescued and donated food is collected and distributed. In their plight against hunger, students and staff members donated large quantities of various food items.

During the December meeting, students brought toys for all ages as they surrounded themselves with holiday cheer. Toys for Tots received several hundred toys donated by students and guests. With Butch Harmon as the guest speaker for the meeting, attendance and donations were enhanced from the PGA section and the community.

By hosting "Beat The Pro" day at Angel Park Golf Course, the PGM Student Association raised money for Par for the Cure, a local charity organization which raises money for breast cancer research. Brian Esposito, founder of Par for the Cure, conducts an annual tournament which was held at Cascata Golf Club. This year the PGA Golf Management program at UNLV donated \$5,000 dollars towards breast cancer research.

President's Corner



It is hard to believe that the fall semester is already over. I am looking forward to continuing the path we are headed on right now. I couldn't be more pleased with the effort put forth by the Executive Board and the entire Student Association. Everyone has been working hard to make this the best year yet.

Thanks to the cooperation of several of Las Vegas' Golf courses, we have had many successful fundraising events. With their much needed support, we have had the opportunity to raise money for the program's events and activities. These events included some very exciting social events and tournaments such as flag football, 3-on-3 basketball and the always exciting softball game where the freshmen and seniors face off against the sophomores and juniors. After a grueling nine innings of play, the freshmen and seniors were victorious with an 11-8 score.

Our Student Association worked hard to give back to our local community. Through fundraising we raised \$5,000 for Par for a Cure, held a very successful food drive and donated many gifts to Toys for Tots.

I am proud of our students for the accomplishments we have achieved and look forward to our continued success and growth.

I sincerely thank you all for your support,

Ben Wallis

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Fall Tournament Update

"Sudden Impact!" Is a term for something that happens quickly and unexpectedly. This term best describes the play of freshman, Daniel Inocencio. Daniel shook off the "freshman" jitters of his first tournament and went on to dominate the PGM tournament fall series.

Daniel won three events which included the first "major" event at Spanish Trails and in the semester-long "match play" event he defeated senior Ryan Smith in the finals. Daniel capped his brilliant play with an impressive showing in the Playing Ability Test (PAT). His rounds of 70-66 (-8) was the lowest recorded score for the PAT at UNLV.

Andrew Elliott (Legacy), Kevin Wong (Tuscany) and Brandon Johnson (Pahrump) were also in the winner's circle this year.

Congratulations goes out to several students who were successful in passing the PAT along with Inocencio. The following students matched or surpassed the required target score on November 4th at Tuscany Golf Club; Lindsey Hoskins, Chase Boberg, Alex Brown and David Russi, whose first round included a hole in one.



Daniel Inocencio and Tournament Chairman, Marc Carpenter

**Freshman Wins
Fall 2009 Match Play
Championship!**

2009 Jones Cup & Western Summit Events



(L to R) Brandon Johnson, Patrick O'hara, Charlie Green
Andrew Elliot, Ryan Smith, (back row) Chris Cain



(L to R) Ryan Smith, Charlie Green, Roy Smith, Andrew Elliot, Shawn Light

The UNLV PGA Golf Management program was well represented during competition against PGA Universities. In the Western Summit held at Coyote Springs, UNLV was led by Andrew Elliott who finished first individually. The team finished second behind ASU. Also, competing for UNLV were Ryan Smith, Roy Smith, Shawn Light and Charlie Green.

In October, a five man team made up of Charlie Green, Andrew Elliott, Ryan Smith, Patrick O'hara and Brandon Johnson, ventured to Port St. Lucie, Florida for the PGA Jones Cup. The Jones Cup draws teams from all 20 PGA accredited universities. Each school sent their best five players to compete for the coveted Jones Cup trophy. The team fared well as they place 6th in the final standings. Congratulations, it was a great job for all who played!

UNLV PGA Gives Back to Community



Canned food drive for donation to Three Square, and a Toys for Tots drive during the past two UNLV PGA Student Association meetings.

PGA Play Golf America Day



The second Play Golf America Day was held in October at The Angel Park Golf Course. With the cooperation of David Stead, Director of Golf, the event was held in conjunction with the Marathon Golf Event which raised funds for Jr. Golf in Las Vegas. The driving range was transformed into a large lesson tee with over 20 students participating with the instructors. Participants were given instructions in putting, short game and full swing.

In September, PGA students set up a "driving range" on campus, conducting the first of two Play Golf America Days for UNLV students, faculty and staff.



Through Play Golf America Day and Golf for Business and Life classes, the UNLV PGA Golf Management program is promoting the game of golf to the UNLV community.

Many watched as hundreds of orange flight-restricted golf balls began can-vassing the north field. Over one hundred and forty students stopped by for instructions. For many, it was their first formal golf instruction.

Guest Speakers Line up for Fall

PGA Golf Management students had the opportunity to hear and speak to several industry experts at the Student Association meetings. Our first guest speaker of the year was Monica Stratton, Director of Staff Programs for Callaway Golf Company. Monica shared words of wisdom with the students, emphasizing that students should find their passion and go for it. She stated that for success, motivated students go above and beyond what is expected. Monica was also our key note speaker for the Family and Friends event.

Mike Sizemore, Director of Golf for Coyote Springs, was the guest speaker for the November meeting. Mike spoke about the development of Coyote Springs and the impact it will have on the community. He shared his experiences working at several high profile facilities. A great Q & A session followed his presentation.

Butch Harmon, President of Butch Harmon School of Golf was the guest speaker at the December meeting. Harmon has been involved in the golf arena more than 42 years. He was an accomplished player on the PGA Tour in the early 1970's and winner of the B.C. Open in 1971. For 10 years in a row, instructors nationwide voted Butch Harmon No. 1 in *Golf Digest's* ranking of America's 50 Greatest Teachers. Harmon is the President of Butch Harmon School of Golf in Las Vegas, NV and he travels around the country playing in corporate and charity golf outings.

Today, he heads Team Butch Harmon, a group of teaching professionals who work with the world's top tour professionals. He finds time to work with the everyday amateur via his golf schools that occur throughout the year. Additionally, he finds time to share his impressive experiences and motivates future PGA students and aspiring professionals. For more information



PGA Students, Faculty and Butch Harmon, 2nd row, center

Student activities and events



Who says you can't have a little fun now and then? Students took time out from their studies to enjoy camaraderie and the spirit of competition during the fall semester. Not only do students look forward to playing golf and the tournaments but they really get "pumped" up for the sporting events that the student association conducts every year. This year was no exception as the incoming freshman and new students showed us that they brought a little more than just a golf game to UNLV.

The first event of the year was the annual flag football game. The event pits the seniors and the freshman versus the sophomores and the juniors. The game was hotly contested as the teams played their hearts out. The freshman wanted to show veterans that they've got "game" and the junior/sophomore team just wanted to just "whoop some freshman butt!"

When the dust finally settled the senior and freshman team pulled a mild upset as they handed the sophomore/junior team a bitter defeat.

The three on three basketball tournament saw the two-time reigning champs of Charlie Greene, Chris Barley and Bud Gazaway go down to a team made up of first year students. Daniel Inocencio, Miles Hohnstein and Chase Boberg showed that they had "mad skills" and springs for legs as they "jumped all over the competition on their way to victory!"

The annual softball event also pitted the freshman and seniors against the sophomores and the juniors. The game was held in extreme weather as temperatures dipped into the low 40's. Once again the team of seniors and freshman claim victory against the sophomore/ junior team.



The Freshman and Senior Team won the 2009 Fall Softball Tournament with a score of 11-8.