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Golfathon 2009

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On Friday, May 1st, at the Las Vegas Golf Club, UNLV PGA Golf Management Director, Christopher Cain, and Par for The Cure Founder and Director of Sales and Marketing for Native Resources, Brian Esposito, will attempt to play 1000 holes of golf from 7am to 7pm.

The event will also include an area wide demo day from 1pm to 6pm with the following committed companies: Nike, Callaway, Nickent, Ping, SeeMore Putters, TaylorMade, Cobra, Titleist and Cleveland. There is no fee for participants to partake in the demo day. Free lessons will be given to all golf enthusiasts from our PGA golf management students and local PGA professionals. You will also be able to enjoy food and beverages in our hospitality tent while watching Chris and Brian play the front nine at a pace of 85 seconds per hole.

The purpose of the event is to enhance exposure for both organizations while reinforcing the importance of giving back. The UNLV PGA Golf Management program has been involved in philanthropic activities since its inception in 2002. Par for The Cure has been a source of inspiration for our students and Friday, May 1st you will have an opportunity to support our cause. We are receiving pledges from \$.01 per hole to \$1.00 per hole.

The event website <http://www.1000holesofgolf.com> provides information about the event and how you can provide your support. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Michael Pius at michael.pius@mac.com.

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Level 3 Graduation



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On Sunday, March 1st, the UNLV PGA Golf Management program celebrated the graduation of 19 of its students from PGA of America's Level 3 testing. Placing the students one large step closer to becoming PGA members, graduating from Level 3 is great reason for celebration. The dinner was attended by many outstanding individuals, including PGA faculty, UNLV faculty, and of course, students' friends and family.

The dinner, prepared by Executive Chef John Gremo, was held at the Stan Fulton Building on campus. The evening featured the presentation of graduation certificates by Cheri Tschetschot from the PGA Education Center, the presentation of gifts from UNLV PGA Golf Management Director, Chris Cain, and speeches from many of the graduates.

The graduation dinner was a celebration for all involved, including program administrators. The graduating class represented 68% of their freshman cohort, an accomplishment that is truly outstanding, considering that the nationwide retention rate for PGA Golf Management programs is 45%. This accomplishment is a testament to the leadership of the students in the senior class, and the entire class's dedication to excellence in all that they do.

-Brian Soulé, Graduate Assistant

President's Corner



The time has come in our year when students are wrapping up their classes, preparing for internships, and electing new leaders that will continue to grow the legacy of the UNLV PGA Golf Management Program. At our final meeting, students will listen to

nominees give speeches about their passions and vision for the future. Our student body will elect the leaders that will be the examples for current and incoming students to emulate. Our nominations night on Thursday, March 26th was a great success. We have had a phenomenal showing of involvement from all classes who want a hand in leading this program. Our nominations proved the excitement and eagerness that still exists within our students.

This year has been an incredible journey. We had a record turnout for our Friends and Family event, welcomed a Past President of the PGA, and watched the Senior/Freshmen take the softball title...finally. Every year presents a new set of challenges and obstacles, but every aspect of the year is always enjoyable. It has been my most humble honor to serve this program and student association for the past three years. My college ex-

perience has been the UNLV PGA Program. I have believed in what this program teaches and what it prepares us for. I have always believed that this program attracts and produces a unique individual; one who is creative, intelligent, and personable. This program has been my family for the past three or more years and I would not trade a single moment for any other program in this entire university.

I wish all of our students good luck with their internships and with leading this program. I hope everyone continues to realize they are a part of something here I also hope everyone sees the value and growth that can occur when you are committed to this program's highest goal: becoming a PGA Professional.

Respectfully,

Gary Xavier
President

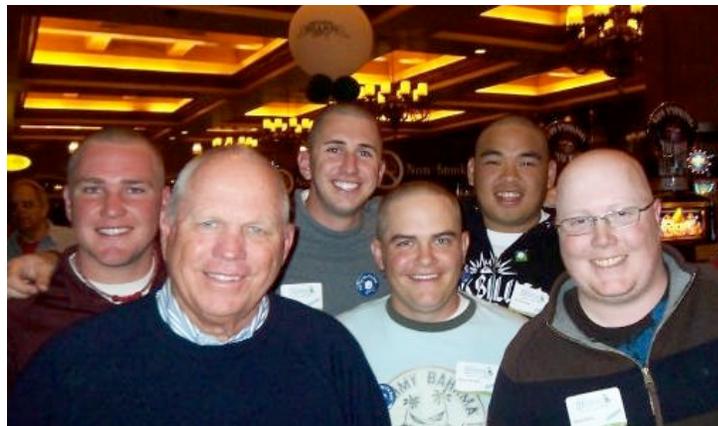
St. Baldrick's

On March 7th, thirteen PGA Golf Management students had their heads shaved for children's cancer as a part of the St. Baldrick's event held at Green Valley Ranch Casino. The St. Baldrick's Foundation conducts events nationwide, typically raising over \$10 million per year to donate in an effort to eradicate children's cancer.

UNLV PGA students went into the event with full heads of hair, and one-by-one volunteered to be shaved bald as a statement of their support of the fight against children's cancer. Even Las Vegas local Butch Harmon came out in support of the event, enjoying the St.-Patrick's-Day-esque festivities.

UNLV PGA Golf Management students raised over \$1,500 for the event, thanks to friends and family members who contributed to their efforts. The event itself raised almost \$50,000 for children's cancer, making it a resounding success.

"We didn't know how everyone would look after getting their heads shaved. I'm surprised, but most of us look alright! There are some exceptions, but no matter how we look, we did a great thing here. I'm proud to be a part of this event", noted senior Reese McCall.



Will Bertz, Butch Harmon, Brian Soulé, Reese McCall, Kevin Wong, and Jason Dobey

For more information about St. Baldrick's, visit their website at www.stbaldricks.org. We look forward to growing our hair out and doing it again next year! Thanks again for your support in this and all of our efforts to help give back to our community.

-Brian Soulé, Graduate Assistant

3 on 3 Basketball

On March 26th, the PGMSA held its second-annual 3 v. 3 basketball tournament in the UNLV Student Wellness and Recreation Center. The tournament boasted a ten-team field, featuring defending champions John "Bud" Gazaway, Charlie Greene, and Chris Barley. Tournament director Jason Dobey commented on the popularity of the event saying, "I really think it's due to the addition of Chris Cain's team to the field. People are excited to see what he brings to the courts."

The play-in game provided the most entertainment of the evening, featuring a grueling battle between the teams of Xavier, Montoya and Helms vs. Pius, McCall and Soule. After losing a commanding lead, the team of Pius, McCall and Soule finished off their opponents with a long-range three from Pius.

Said PGMSA President Gary Xavier of the game; "I thought we had them! I just don't know how Reese kept making those floaters. He's so sneaky!"

The championship game was nip and tuck throughout, with Ben Wallis, Kevin Wong and Jason Dobey playing against the defending champs. Although Wong and Dobey were hot from the 3-point range, the size of "Team Bud" overwhelmed and wore down their opponents.

Gazaway, Greene and Barley won 11-7, and hoisted the trophy for the second-straight year.

The tournament had many highlights, indeed, but one highlight out-shined them all. If you missed it, simply search for "Cain Behind the Back Razzle Dazzle" on YouTube to get a taste of Program Director Chris Cain's domination on the courts.

-Brian Soulé, Graduate Assistant



Chris Barley, John "Bud" Gazaway, and Charlie Greene

Dr. Thor Mongie D.C. visits UNLV



On Thursday, March 26th, the UNLV PGA Golf Management program proudly welcomed Dr. Thor Mongie to our monthly Student Association Meeting. As one of our final guest speakers, Dr. Mongie shared his history as a student of Chiropractics.

Dr. Thor Mongie grew up in Cape Town South Africa. As a middle school student, Mongie experienced a sports injury that exposed him to Chiropractics. After receiving regular care, he was impressed with the results and set out on a path that would eventually lead him to Southern Nevada.

In 1999 Dr. Mongie finished his undergraduate work at Brigham Young University. He went on to Palmer College of Chiropractics where he received his degree as a chiropractic doctor.

During his time as a student, Dr. Mongie researched various styles and chiropractic methods. He found NUCCA (National Upper Cervical Chiropractic Association) to be the most scientific and beneficial approach. The NUCCA approach is a gentle and non-evasive method that attempts to restore body balance and perfect health.

Dr. Mongie is one of Nevada's few CCSP® Certified Chiropractors (Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician®). He works specifically with golfers to resolve issues related to, but not limited to, back pain, joint pain, posture, flexibility, swing mechanics as well as balance and equilibrium. Dr. Mongie does an excellent job of combining his knowledge of the golf swing with his expertise in NUCCA spinal adjustment. His Golf Performance Program offers a Golf Specific Exercise Program for conditioning, as well as Power Yoga For Golf. These services can greatly benefit golfers of any skill level, and can certainly benefit non-golfers as well.

For more information about Dr. Thor Mongie please visit the following web addresses:

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www.lasvegasnucca.com
www.iwholehealth.com