

## GATEWAY PGA COMMITTEE REPORTS 2023 SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Assistants' Association

- New for 2023, Assistant's Association Dues! - \$40 annually is required to participate in the Assistant's Series, educational or social events.
  - Dues can be paid on the GPGA website at the top of the Tournament Page, next to the Hole-In-One pool link.
- Assistant's Pro-Am
  - April 3rd, 2023 @ Persimmon Woods Golf Club (Thank you, Mr. Kent!)
  - We are still seeking items for the post golf auction.
    - Please contact Mike Kegin <[mkegin@westboroughcc.com](mailto:mkegin@westboroughcc.com)> if you would like to make a donation.
  - Both Assistants and Head Pros are welcome to bring a team!
- Assistant's Series - must join Association to participate
  - Calendar:
    - April 12<sup>th</sup> - Forest Hills CC - Tee Times from 3-3:30 PM
    - May 16<sup>th</sup> - Lake Forest CC - Tee Times from 2-2:30 PM
    - June 20<sup>th</sup> - Westborough CC - Tee Times from 3-3:30 PM
    - July 18<sup>th</sup> - Algonquin GC - Tee Times from 2-2:30 PM
    - August 17<sup>th</sup> – Greenbriar Hills CC - Tee Times from 3-3:30 PM
    - September 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Clair CC - Tee Times from 3-3:30 PM
- Educational Opportunities
  - Jacque Madison will touch on this in more detail!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, there will be a virtual educational opportunity
    - Email link invitations are sent each month
    - These are geared toward Assistant Professionals Only
    - If you have any ideas or suggestions for topics to cover, please reach out to Mike or Jacque!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, general educational opportunity for all GMs, HPs, and Assts.
- Social Events
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> - Section Bowling Night!
    - Save the Date!!
    - More details coming from Kyle Szyhowski
- New Assistant Onboarding Process

- Any new section assistants will be presented with a Digital Program from the Section Office detailing history, upcoming events, member/assistant tournaments, PGA Reach & Career Consultant information.
- All new Assistants will be welcomed by the Section Staff, our President Grant Masson and our Assistant's President, Mike Kegin
- Please contact Mike Kegin, Gateway PGA Assistant's Association President, with any questions, comments, or concerns! - [mkegin@westboroughcc.com](mailto:mkegin@westboroughcc.com) or (816)-868-4613

*-Mike Kegin, Chairperson*

## Player Development

The newly formed Player Development Committee is excited to serve our PGA Membership. This is always a hot topic amongst PGA Professionals and the Committee of Don Gorin, Michael Keogh, Matt Swanson and Committee Chair Gideon Smith are happy to serve and help out. As we move into the season you can expect Best Practices, ideas for PD events and support of PGA Player Engagement initiatives. We hope to use Section resources to spread the word amongst our PGA Professionals through written and audio/visual forms.

*- Gideon Smith, Chairperson*

## Golf Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the golf sale. It was back for the first time since November of 2019. After a three year lay-off we selected a new date and location. With the outlet mall unavailable, we moved the event to Chesterfield Mall and held it over the February 17<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Below are some of the details of the event.

- Friday 4:00PM-7:00PM - \$10 entry fee (juniors were free)
- Saturday 9:00AM-4:00PM - \$10 entry fee (free entry with receipt from Friday)
- Sunday from 9:00AM-1:00PM - \$5 entry fee (free entry with receipt from Friday or Saturday)
- 19 facilities participating
- 2023 Sales \$90,679.15 / Expenses \$5,754.93
- 2019 Sales \$144,428.62 / Expenses \$7,782.05
- 2018 Sales \$151,959.18 / Expenses \$12,199.67

While sales were certainly down from previous years I believe our professionals were happy with the overall experience for not only their “shop” but also for the customers. Expenses were much lower as the rented space had clothes racks available and St. Albans provided tables and tablecloths.

Thank you to Julie Haynes and the rest of the Gateway PGA staff, Susan Fromuth for helping with all set-up meetings and Pro-Am for providing the barrels for the golf equipment.

Looking to have a November sale at the same location, if it is still available.

*-Joe Schwent, Chairperson*

## Partnership Committee

The role of the Gateway PGA Partnership Committee is to develop a fundraising plan and identify potential sources of sponsorships, partnerships and funding. The committee's goals will be to create and grow funding sources and lead in the recruitment and retention of the Sections Sponsors and Partners.

- Adam Betz, Chairperson

## Junior Golf

- **New for 2023**
  - Price Increase \$35 = 9 Hole Div. \$60 = 18 Hole Div. \$149 = 2 Day Div.
  - Non-Member Fee for Summer Events (on top of Tournament Fees) : \$10 = 9 Hole \$20 = 18 Hole
- **Spring Tournaments**
  - Spring Tournaments Filled up Fast!!!
    - Purposed Change for 2024, to allow Member Plus accounts 2 weeks advanced access than regular members.
- **Summer Tournaments**
  - 8, 2-day Events Chaired by PGA Professionals & Partnering with a Charity for Each event.
    - *We would like to partner a charity with each 2-day event Ex. Ranken Jordan partnered with the 2-day at Crescent Farms last year*
    - Boys' yardage on 2-Days will remain at 6600+ yards with the goal being to try to set up the course closer to 6800. Per the current handbook Girls 15-18 Division says 5600+ yards for 2-Days. The handbook will be changed to say 5800+ and Jason will consult with several PGA professionals to get the tees set up and posted for the 2-Day tournaments ASAP.
  - *Tue. May 30 & Wed. May 31 – Spencer T. Olin*
    - *Mike Suhre, Chair (Arnie & Winnie Palmer Foundation)*
  - *Mon. June 5 & Tue. June 6 - Crescent Farms Golf Club*
    - *Marvin Herrod, Chair (Ranken Jordan Hospital)*
  - *Mon. June 12 & Tuesday June 13 – Gateway National*
    - *Dan Polites, Chair*
  - *Tues. June 20 & Wed. June 21 – Stonewolf Golf Course*
    - *Dan Polites, Chair*
  - *Wed. June 28 & Thur. June 29 – Annbriar golf Course*
    - *Clayton McGowan, Chair*
  - *Tues July 11 & Wed July 12 – The Quarry at Crystal Springs*
    - *Helen Kurtin, Chair*
  - *Mon. July 17 & Tue July 18- Dalhousie Golf Club*
  - *Mon July 31 & Tue Aug 1 – WingHaven CC*
    - *Barbara Blanchar, Chair*

### **Player Development updates:**

- **Drive, Chip, Putt**
  - Schedule is set & Dates are on Website
  - Volunteers are needed to help with Qualifiers, PDR's are available. If you are interested in volunteering for DCP you can sign up [here](#).
    - PGA Professionals can earn 2 PDR's for volunteering 5-8 hrs. OR 1 PDR for volunteering 4 hrs. You can earn up to 8 of these PDR's per cycle.
  - You can host your own DCP Qualifier
    - Oak Brook DCP Pilot Program is in effect this Summer
  
- **PGA Jr. League**
  - PGA Jr. League Section Championship will be on July 24th at Sunset Hills Country Club
  - Each team will compete in a chapter qualifier this year if they would like to qualify for the Section Championship
  - There will be four-chapter qualifiers and teams may choose whichever date/location works for them (details to come on these dates)

**Conclusion:** Jason Eisenhauer & Mackenzie Myers have everything in order and ready to have a busy and successful 2023 year for our Junior Gateway PGA Offerings. Our PGA Professionals are here to support them in any way, and I feel that this year we are in a place to have more Member Support than other years.

Thank you to our Junior Golf Committee Members:

- Barbara Blanchar, PGA
- Helen Kurtin, PGA
- Mark Christensen, PGA
- Michael Cummins, PGA
- Dan Polites, PGA
- Kyle Williams, PGA
- Clayton McGowan, PGA
- Mike Suhre, PGA & Co-Chair Emeritus
- Marvin Herrod, PGA & Co-Chair

- *Marvin Herrod, Co-Chairperson*

<b>Communications Committee</b>
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Newly formed in 2023, the purpose of The Communications Committee is to help with spotlighting our Gateway Section members and the positive impacts they are making at their facilities, in their communities and within their own professional development. Social media, newsletters, press releases and our website are all avenues for communications. The rapid pace in which information is shared and consumed is a reason this committee was added. We need our section members' help in telling our stories. Please share with myself or Thomas Pool if we can spotlight a fellow member.

- Brett Moomey, Chairperson

### **Professional Development Committee**

Our PGA Central Region team have put together virtual education and mentoring sessions for PGA Members and Associates for additional support.

#### **Associate Support Network**

On the second Wednesday of each month, PGA of America staff members as well as Officers and Members from Central Region PGA Sections will join to help answer questions about the Associate Professional Golf Management Program, provide career guidance, and otherwise coach Associates.

#### **Member & Associate Education**

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, PGA of America staff and Members of the Central Region PGA Sections will present information on varying topics.

For more information on how to register for these virtual education and mentoring opportunities, please contact Fernando Molina at [fmolina@pga.com](mailto:fmolina@pga.com)

Preparations for the Gateway Golf Summit are underway as the Professional Development Committee gear up to bring Gateway PGA Members/Associates and industry stakeholders a summit designed to provide education, foster collaboration and conversation, and align industry efforts toward topics of most impact to the game and the business of golf. The dates and topics for the Gateway Golf Summit will be determined and finalized in the following weeks.

The Professional Development Committee is also committed to bringing additional education opportunities throughout the 2023 season, both virtual and in person. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

- Fernando Molina, Staff Liaison

### **Tournament Committee**

Looking forward to the 2023 season.

We have a full schedule with events for everyone. There are stoke play POY point events and our PGA Professional Championships for those that like individual events. We also have 4-5 pro ams for those who like to play rounds with their members, and we also have Pro-Pro events to team up with your fellow professionals.

We do have an open date of May 30<sup>th</sup> that we are looking to fill with our Sr Pro 50 and over/Jr Pro 49 and under. Ideal site would be able to do a shotgun start. Please contact Michael Brown if your facility could host.

We are excited to have some new sponsors on board this year, Stracka Line, Eye Promise and PTE Golf. We also are happy to announce the sponsors that we have re-signed. Taylor Made Golf for 3 years, Imperial for 2 years, Fairways to Heaven for 2 years, Sterling Cut Glass (all of our trophies), Golf Genius, Jay Delsing and all of returning National Sponsors: PGA of America, PGA Tour, and Korn Ferry Tour.

### **2023 Gateway PGA Tournaments**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Course</b>
Monday, March 27	Quad Pro	Westborough CC
Monday, April 3	Assistant Pro 3 am Fundraiser	Persimmon Woods Golf Club
Monday, April 10	Stoke Play 1*	Greenbriar Hills CC
Wednesday, April 12	Player Ability Test	Gateway National Golf Links
Monday, April 17	Pro-Pro 9,9,9	Forest Hills CC
Tuesday, April 25	Pro- 3 Lady Pro Am	Sunset CC
Sunday, May 7	Shogren Cup Matches	Bellerive CC
Monday, May 8	Shogren Cup Matches	Bellerive CC
Monday, May 15	Stroke Play 2 *(72 Player Limit)	St. Louis CC
Monday, May 22	Match Play*	St. Clair CC
Tuesday, May 23	Match Play	St. Clair CC
Wednesday, May 24	Match Play	St. Clair CC
Monday, June 5	Stroke Play 3 *(Tee Time Event 8am)	Gateway National Golf Links
Wednesday, June 7	Player Ability Test	Gateway National Golf Links
Monday, June 12	Stroke Play 4 *(Tee Time Event 8am)	Spencer T Olin Golf Course
Monday, June 19	36 Hole Stroke Play*	Jefferson City CC
Monday, June 26	Korn Ferry Qualifier	Annbriar GC, Gateway National
Monday, July 10	Oakbrook Par 3	Oakbrook GC
Monday, July 17	Stroke Play 5*	Franklin County CC
Monday, July 24	Pro- 3 Sr. Am's	The Legends CC
Wednesday, July 26	Player Ability Test	Lake Valley Golf Club
Monday, July 31	NCR Assistants Championship *	Lake Forest CC
Monday, August 7	Gateway PGA Professional Championship*	WingHaven CC
Tuesday, August 8	Gateway PGA Professional Championship*	WingHaven CC
Monday, August 14	Sterling Cut Glass Team Championship	Dalhousie Golf Club
Monday, August 21	Sr. PGA Professional Championship*	Persimmon Woods Golf Club
Tuesday, August 22	Sr. PGA Professional Championship*	Persimmon Woods Golf Club
Friday, September 1	Ascension Pre Qualifier	Spencer T Olin Golf Course
Monday, September 4	Ascension Qualifier	Norwood Hills CC
Monday, September 11	Gateway PGA Pro Am	Dalhousie CC
Wednesday, September 20	Senior Match Play Semi's and Final *	Sunset Hills CC
Monday, September 25	Pro Assistant Championship	Jefferson City CC
Monday, October 2	Players Championship*	Quincy CC
Monday, October 9	Philbrick Cup	Shangri La
Tuesday, October 10	Philbrick Cup	Shangri La
Monday, October 16	Ozzie Smith PGA Reach Gateway Pro AM	The Country Club of St Alban
Monday, October 23	Lake Team Event	TBD
Tuesday, October 24	Lake Team Event	Lake Valley Golf Club
Wednesday, October 25	Lake Team Event	Osage National

**\* Player of the Year Point Events**

- Michael Brown, Staff Liaison