

GATEWAY PGA COMMITTEE REPORTS 2025 FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Junior Golf Committee

Committee: Barbara Blanchar, PGA, Helen Kurtin, PGA, Mark Christensen, PGA, Michael Cummings, PGA, Clayton McGowan, PGA, Zane Robers, PGA, Dan Polites, PGA, Kyle Williams, PGA, Mike Suhre, PGA (Past Chair), Marvin Herrod, PGA (Chair)

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This year was a huge success for our Junior Golf with our Gateway Section mainly due to the incredible job that Mackenzie Myers & Jason Eisenhower have done to staff and train our interns, set up & plan & execute our Junior Events (Both Junior Tournaments, DCP's, and PGA Jr. League events). Participation throughout our section is at an all-time high, with a high degree of satisfaction, by all who take part in the offerings. Both Jason and Mackenzie have submitted the numbers to the Board of Directors with their own reports. Our Junior Golf Committee is dedicated to supporting and help our directors in the efforts to execute our offerings with respect to the Gateway PGA Section's strategic plan. Below is a summary:

The Jr. Golf Committee Plans to meet two times from November to February to discuss the following Agenda:

2-Day Charity Selection Tournaments – this will continue to link our Jr. Tour with the community in meaningful ways

Review of the 2025 Tournament Schedule

- The 2025 Junior Tournament Survey was sent out to Jr. Tour participants
 - o Positives:
 - Good Communication,
 - Sell out of most tournaments
 - Good Economic impact to host facilities with range balls, F&B, and merchandise sales.
 - Great leadership and well-run tournaments
 - o Areas to Improve:
 - Tee time communication
 - Tournament space availability (to popular)
 - Live Scoring more available
 - Pace of play

DCP & PGA Jr. League & Family Cup

- o Overall, it was a very successful year with DCP
- o Incredible participation and Community involvement

- PGA Jr League
 - o Great number of participants and clubs participating
- Family Cup
 - o Growing the number of facilities that are participating
- Agenda Items:
- Price of tournaments is discussed at the board & directors of gateway section. The Jr Golf committee will support all changes needed
- Develop a Pro- Junior event with PGA Members and Junior Tour Participants
- Partner with a Sponsor for the Junior Tour –

Gateway PGA Jr. Golf Committee Plans to meet two times from November to February to discuss the following Agenda:

- Improve the courses that events are hosted by utilizing help from our committee to help Reach out to Country Clubs to get events at those premiere clubs in the area.
- Committee involvement with Jr. tournaments & DCP events throughout 2026
- Possible fundraising or helping with sponsorships for 2 Day Events for Tee gift for junior golfers
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Committee:

- To get the committee members more engaged throughout the season
 - o Assist with marshalling / starting / rules officials at tournaments
 - o Participating in intern training, DCP Set up or DCP execution
 - o Assist with 2 – Day events and coordination with charities

Continue to see how our committee can support Jason and Mackenzie.

- *Marvin Herrod, Chairperson*

Partnership Committee

Partnership Committee Members: Adam Betz (Chair), Jay Delsing, Ali Wells & Thomas Pool

Introduction:

Under the guidance of the Partnership Committee, the Gateway Golf Society was established and began recruiting members in the Summer of 2025. Currently, the society has 7 members and has successfully raised \$17,000. The society was formed to create a welcoming and inviting golf community of passionate golf enthusiasts, offering unique golf experiences to its members. These members actively support their Gateway PGA Professionals, the Gateway PGA Section, and the PGA REACH Gateway Foundation.

Mission and Objectives:

The Gateway Golf Society aims to build a community of like-minded, passionate individuals who support PGA Professionals, the game of golf, and their local communities, clubs, and facilities. A key focus is to highlight PGA Professionals and provide opportunities for individuals to directly support them while receiving value through gaining access to special events and experiences.

Engagement and Activities: 2026 Calendar of Events in progress

- Exclusive Events: Members enjoy exclusive access to various events throughout the year, including playing experiences with host PGA Professionals, Jay Delsing and committee members along with exclusive access to various PGA and PGA Tour events among other experiences.
- Clinics: Jay Delsing, a prominent figure, and long-time PGA Tour player, plans to offer several learning opportunities at clinics for society members, drawing on his extensive PGA Tour experience and pairing up with the host PGA Professional.
- Winter Gatherings: During winter, the society organizes social gatherings to strengthen community ties and encourage networking, featuring special guest speakers on various topics of interest.

Conclusion:

Engaging in unique, exclusive events remains the direction and goal of the Gateway Golf Society. Partnering with the society presents an opportunity to contribute to the growth and enrichment of the golf community in the Gateway region. Through shared objectives, a partnership can enhance community engagement, promote active living, and support sustainable practices in golf.

Call to Action:

As we look towards the future, we welcome the support of PGA Professionals and their clubs and courses. For questions, feedback, ideas, or to participate in society events, please contact Adam Betz directly at adam@familygolfonline.com.

- Adam Betz, Chairperson

Player Development

Across all fronts we had an exciting year in 2025. We showed growth in our Drive, Chip and Putt qualifiers. Andrew Brown from St. Louis Country Club has qualified to the Nationals in April. He was able to qualify out of the Whistling Straits Regional. What an exciting time for Andrew Brown and his family. We will be cheering him on in April. PGA Family Cup will be subsidized in 2026 for the time being. The Greatway Section is always a great supporter of PGA Junior League. Youth is a pillar in our Foundation and Mackenzie, Jason and the team have done an amazing job in 2025 in this category. We were also able to conduct 2 GGBW (a section initiative) at two great facilities. Thank you WingHaven CC and Westborough CC for hosting Carrollton Bank and Bayer. We can't thank the host professionals enough in Jay Roux, Barbara Blancher, Sally Collins, Jeffrey Field, and Mike Parmentier along with all of our Greatway PGA Professionals who volunteered their time. It takes an amazing team to run great programs and support professionals that help us run those teams and programs. We have that with Mackenzie and Jason along with all of our staff and interns. We held a great Championship at Legacy

Golf Course and we were represented by 25 teams in the 13U and 17U on their way to the next qualifier. We had 52 professionals run junior league programs, with 1,824 kids participating in the Gateway Section. We had 121 total programs in the section across spring, summer and fall seasons. We encourage our coaches to fill out or submit their Deferred Compensation credits so they can receive the necessary points. We also congratulate Mike Suhre on winning the National Youth Player Development Award this year where he was celebrated in Frisco, TX.

Submitted Respectfully
- *Gideon Smith, Chairperson*

Professional Development Committee

Paul Resner: Committee Chairman; Thomas Pool Gateway Section Staff; Jacque Madison PGA Career Consultant

Committee Members: Aaron Gleason, Kevin Dunn, Steve Houg, Emily Van Rie, Joe Rotarius, Paul Leahy, Larry Salsman, Kevin Schaeffer

Committee Report:

Goal of the Committee: Provide relevant and informative education offerings that enhance the skillset of the individual PGA Professional or Associate and add immediate value to the employer/facility.

The Professional Education committee is projecting potentially lower demand for education opportunities being in the first year of the PDR cycle. The focus is on quality over quantity.

Focus on using and incorporating survey data from the section members to determine the content and scope of education offerings.

Targeting the winter months to provide educational opportunities to avoid conflicts and maximize attendance for interested professionals. January & February focus for time frame.

Focus of offerings on utilizing technology, AI, to provide value to our facilities and make day to day tasks more efficient and organized.

Gateway Summit scheduled for February 9th, 2026. Working to finalize location, sponsors, presenters.

Educational offerings in early January: 7th and 13th at section office and a remote/interactive possibility.

Our committee is behind with these offerings, but we'll work to finalize programming and enhance marketing efforts to maximize participation.

- *Paul Resner, Chairperson*

Rules of Golf

The 2025 Rules of Golf Committee includes Jesse Barge, Michael Brown, Mark Morfey, Matt Gindler, Kevin Schaffer, and Kevin Dunn.

Michael Brown and Matt Gindler coordinated a Rules of Golf seminar at Greenbriar C.C. on May 7th. Jesse Barge served as the instructor.

The committee provided officiating for the section's stroke play events, match play championship and the qualifiers for the PPC and Sr. PPC. The committee also officiated at Gateway Junior two-day events. Officials were also provided for the Korn Ferry Tour Monday Qualifiers and the Tour Champions Pre Qualifier and Monday Qualifier.

It is very encouraging to have the largest number of members involved with the Rules of Golf Committee since its inception. We hope to add a few more members in 2026.

Jesse Barge will be the PGA Instructor at the PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop in Denver scheduled for February 5-8, 2026. Registration is at [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) in the rules tab.

Respectfully Submitted,

- *Jesse Barge, Chairperson*

Teaching & Coaching Committee

Annual T & C Summit

- Mon/Tue Dec 8/9 8:30 am
- Old Hickory GC
- Headline Speaker Kevin Weeks, PGA
 - 2023 National Teacher & Coach
 - Dir of Instruction Cog Hill CC
 - Specializes in High Caliber Performance on all levels
 - Short Game, Junior Golf, Research/3-D Analysis
- Todd Meyer
 - Algonquin GC
 - 2024 GPGA Teacher & Coach

2026 TTT Series

- Mon Jan 12 10-11:30 am
- Dr Izzy Justice
 - Neuroscience and Emotional Intelligence Specialist
 - Works with elite athletes, coaches, executive teams etc Including Scotty Scheffler
- Mon Feb 9 10-11:30 am
 - Phillip Dawson Golf Teacher
 - Golf Instructor and Coach with a holistic approach to long term player development

Mon Mar 9 10-11:30 am

- David Orr Putting Specialist
 - Works with players on all professional tours and holds a putting certification through His Flagstick Academy

We are looking forward to all of the above and invite ALL Members to participate.

Any questions, comments or suggestions feel free to contact us: DP 618-233-9500 Logan Murphy 618-316-3914 or Thomas @ Our section office 314-775-5324

It is our honor and pleasure to serve as You T&C Co-Chairs !!!

- Dan Polites & Logan Murphy, Co-Chairpersons