HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

WARREN BOTTKE, PGA
BRENDAN CUNNINGHAM
CHIP SHOTS

As we all know the summer months are coming to a close and the annual migration from north to south will be happening soon. I hope the preparations for your upcoming season have gone well and you are ready to go for the busy time of year. If you are still in need of staffing help and need assistance in posting open positions please reach out to myself or Kathy Grayson.

We have had a great summer of tournament and junior golf activity and I want to thank all of our host facilities for their tremendous support of our tournament program. We still have the Section / Professional Championship to be played September 25-27 at Mediterra. Not only will we crown our 2018 Champion we will also advance 12 players to the 2019 PGA Professional Championship. This is your championship and we hope you will consider participating. If you have not registered you can do so by CLICKING HERE. I would also like to congratulate Dan Heaslip for winning the South Florida PGA Senior Championship and Alan Morin for winning the South Florida PGA Assistant's Championship.

I would like to congratulate Warren Bottke and Brendan Cunningham as our newest members of the South Florida PGA Hall of Fame. Both will be inducted at our Annual Awards and Hall of Fame dinner set to be held on November 13th. Casey Brozek and his awards committee will be selecting all of the annual award winners in the upcoming week.

I can’t help but think about this week last year as we were all dealing with the after effects of Hurricane Irma. We certainly send our thoughts and prayers to our friends in the Carolinas as they deal with Hurricane Florence.

Geoff Lofstead
Executive Director
MARK VANDYCK, PGA
DISTRICT 13 DIRECTOR

Mark VanDyck, Past President of the Section was elected as our next District 13 Director. District 13 encompasses the North Florida, Georgia and South Florida Sections. The Director serves on the national board of directors representing the three sections. The seat is a 3 year term which will begin with a year shadowing our current District Director from the Georgia Section, Patrick Richardson. Mark will be sworn in at the PGA Annual Meeting in November of 2019. We wish Mark luck in his new role as District 13 Director!

CASEY BROZEK, PGA
AWARDS CHAIRPERSON

Casey Brozek, PGA Director of Golf at Quail West Country Club will lead our Section Awards Committee. Casey moved to south Florida in October 2017 after spending the previous 18 years in the Illinois Section. Along with his work at his previous clubs, Casey served the Members of the Illinois Section through the various chairs culminating with him being the President of the Section from 2011-2012. Casey was recognized by his peers in 2016 as the Illinois Golf Professional of the Year. Additionally, Casey chaired the Special Awards Committee for the Illinois Section. Welcome to the South Florida Section, Casey!

BABY NEWS

We would like to congratulate PGA Golf Course Superintendent at The TwinEagles Club, Jason Schulte (jason363672@hotmail.com) and his wife Lindsay on the birth of their son! Blake Richard Schulte was born on July 5th, joining his two sisters Payton and Blair.
**CHALLENGE CUP/SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to Danny St. Louis, PGA Director of Golf at The Breakers Rees Jones Course for being chosen as the 2018 Challenge Cup Captain and Rick Whitfield, PGA Life Member for being chosen as the Senior Challenge Cup Captain. The Challenge Cup matches will take place on October 16th-17th at The Old Collier Golf Club and the Senior Challenge Cup will be played on October 31st- November 1st at Lakewood National Golf Club.

**BRINGING GOLF TO LOCAL KIDS THROUGH SUMMER CAMP**

PGA Professional, Jared Isaacs helped introduce local kids to golf at the Eagles Landing Summer Camp at North Broward Preparatory School. Isaacs bought SNAG Golf, the simplified golf kit used by the SFPGA Foundation for Smiling Fore Life, and set up on the football field two times a week for eight weeks. With eight kids per session, the introduction to golf was made easy with a lot of hands on help! The sessions were also spent engaging in water balloon fights and fun activities to keep the kids engaged and ensure they were enjoying their time. Thank you Jared for staying engaged in the local community and exposing kids to the game!

**CLUB BENCHMARKING**

The Club Benchmarking video series is meant to help provide you with information on how to collect, utilize and understand data derived from your facility. This could, in many cases help generate additional revenue at your facility and assist you in better understanding the overall operation creating more job stability. If you’ve missed any of the videos and want to see them, click [here](#). To learn more about Club Benchmarking click [here](#).
MORE COURSES
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Warren Bottke is honored for his extraordinary impact on the South Florida PGA and for his dedication to developing and improving education opportunities for PGA Professionals. He currently serves as a PGA Teaching Professional at PGA National Golf Club. Bottke has been teaching the game of golf for over 43 years.

Over the past four decades, he has taught 25 touring professionals; some notable names include: Brooks Koepka, Donna White, Charles Raulerson, Harold Henning, and Tim Simpson. He has mentored countless PGA Professionals working towards becoming Master Professionals, served as SFPGA President from 2013-2015 and in 2017 teamed up with DaVinci sports opening a golf academy in Beijing, China.

In addition, Bottke has been awarded countless honors throughout his career and time served with the South Florida PGA including the PGA of America Horton Smith Award in 2005. Bottke credits teaching as being his life’s passion. He has taught over 50,000 golf lessons to students in 30 different countries during his tenure.

For his commitment to teaching and impact on the South Florida PGA, the South Florida PGA welcomes Warren Bottke as a member of the South Florida PGA Hall of Fame, Class of 2018.
Brendan Cunningham is recognized for his leadership and dedication to the South Florida PGA. For over 30 years, he has served as the Official Starter for the Section.

Cunningham is constantly at work for the Section, announcing Section, Chapter and Junior Golf events. In addition, he has served as an Official Starter on the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour for over 30 years. In his free time, Cunningham volunteers at his local First Tee Chapter.

He believes that the level of decorum on the first tee helps elevate the status of each event and prides himself on representing the South Florida PGA in the most professional manner.

Cunningham keeps introductions personalized and professional while making sure of time spacing and correct pronunciations. Cunningham won the South Florida PGA Distinguished Service Award in 2016.

For his dedicated service and support to the South Florida PGA, the South Florida PGA welcomes Brendan Cunningham as a member of the South Florida PGA Hall of Fame, Class of 2018.
Keys equal ownership of all kinds. A sixteen-year-old owning their freedom, a government official gathering their power, or a new home owner claiming a place to build their family. Melissa Arduini, received a key that meant she will own safety and security with her sons in their forever home. The Arduini Family had their Home Dedication ceremony today upon the completion of all building and sweat equity hours. The South Florida PGA Foundation was the financial sponsor of this home, through the Indian River County Habitat for Humanity.

With a ribbon covering the front door, waiting to be cut so all may enter in, there was a brief ceremony celebrating the completion of their home. This included statements from the Arduini family, Habitat for Humanity representatives and the South Florida PGA Foundation President Tom Wildenhaus. All spoke about the great efforts that were required to drive nails in the south Florida sun, yet how rewarding it was in the end. Wildenhaus expressed his excitement for Melissa’s family and that this was his favorite day every year to celebrate this homecoming ending with well wishes for her family. A prayer of blessing on the home was led by Reverend Richard Demsick and a bible presented to the home owner per Habitat for Humanity ritual. Finally, the ribbon was cut, and all could enter in and see the fruits of many hours poured into the foundation of this home.

“South Florida PGA Foundation has been such a blessing throughout this process,” said Melissa. “Not only their great financial contribution, but also taking their time to travel to the build site and put in the sweat equity hours to build my house!” Over the last five months, close to twenty-five PGA Professionals from the South Florida PGA Section volunteered over two hundred hours towards completing this home on Waterside Way. Along with their $50,000 financial contribution to the home, the SFPGA Foundation was able to turn this home into a reality for Arduini which she considers “priceless.”

Creating a home for the Arduini family is just one of the many functions of the South Florida PGA Foundation. With a mission to serve the south Florida community and change lives through the game of golf and community service, this opportunity fits their purpose. Moving across the country can be hard for any family but living in a safe environment and near family they had lived apart from for many years made the move from Chicago worth it for the Arduini’s. In one word, Melissa described her home building experience as “Rewarding.” Though this experience required a lot of time and hard work, she found it to be worthwhile for her and her family.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

THE EVOLUTION OF OUR 7TH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

*PICTURED ABOVE - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS
More than 75 amateur golfers from Palm Beach County came together May 10th to help raise funds to support local veterans through the game of golf. The 3rd annual PGA HOPE Classic presented by FITTEAM and Raymond James took place at The Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter, Florida.

The PGA HOPE Classic began with a special veteran presentation, followed by an 18-hole tournament, and finished with a cocktail reception and silent auction. The results of the day are designated to help fund the South Florida PGA Foundation’s PGA HOPE (helping our patriots everywhere) program.

The special veteran presentation included the singing of National Anthem by the Jupiter Christian School’s choir and a presentation of the colors by Jupiter High School Junior ROTC. But what really gave heart to the golf event, was the firsthand account of PGA HOPE participant Mary Anderson-Kokell, a Vietnam War Army veteran. She shared how HOPE got her out of her house and made her feel welcome in society once again. Kokell implored everyone in the attendance to come to a HOPE program and see the affects it has on the participating veterans. Such as, a Korean War veteran that can hardly stand on his own but can now walk up to the driving range and drive a golf ball 20 yards. At the end of the day during the cocktail reception, Kokell challenged all in attendance to bring one of the 450 veterans that have gone through the PGA HOPE program to next year’s event. This challenge is to show the veterans how their local community has their back even after the six-week of golf lessons are over.

This year the PGA HOPE Classic raised $46,000 for the South Florida PGA Foundation’s PGA HOPE program. You can find media from the day’s events on all South Florida PGA media outlets including Facebook and Instagram. For more information or how you can support the SFPGA Foundation, go to our website at www.sfpgagolf.com/programs.
2018 Teaching Symposium

October 18th - 19th
Grey Oaks Country Club, Naples

Stan Utley, PGA
Rob Akins, PGA
Donna White, LPGA

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We all go through struggles in life. Some real, some imagined. But just as there’s always a bigger boat on the water, certain people are asked to face greater challenges.

The trial James Muir is being asked to endure is as large as the Atlantic Ocean. The PGA Professional at Pointe West Country Club in Vero Beach beat cancer once – Hodgkin’s lymphoma, when he was 21. He’s not beating it again. When Muir was diagnosed as having a malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor in May of 2016, he was given a death sentence by his doctor, noted neurosurgeon Allan Levi of Miami.

“He told me my window (of survival) was 3 to 5 years,” the 39-year-old Muir said this week. “Ninety-five percent die within five years.” In a twist of fate, the cancer that will ultimately take Muir’s life was caused by the radiation treatment he endured while beating Hodgkin’s. Talk about unfair. Muir has lost function of his right arm. He speaks in a raspy voice because the cancer is attacking his vocal cords. Simple tasks as typing or writing his name have become very difficult. He can no longer pick up his two young daughters, Shelby, 10, and Riley, 6.

What else matters?

Yet Muir continues to live his life, to report to work every day at Pointe West, to spend time with his wife and daughters with a positive attitude that would have long eluded most of us.

Why?

“When I do die, I want my kids to say that my father was dealt a tough hand, but that he was happy, cheerful and he did everything possible to enrich our lives,” Muir said. “I don’t want them to say my dad was miserable and depressed.” A remarkable sentiment, but easier said than done, especially for someone who is in constant pain, can barely sleep and sees and feels his body deteriorating each day.

It’s easy to see why Muir is this year’s recipient of the Steven C. Owen Award, given annually by the Indian River Golf Foundation to someone recognized “for perseverance and overcoming adversity while using leadership skills to promote interest in the game of golf.”

The award is named after Owen, the father of star country singer Jake and a longtime Vero Beach resident who is a cancer survivor. Steve advanced to the quarterfinals of the 1978 U.S. Amateur, falling one match short of qualifying for the Masters.

“I don’t know Steven, but I know of him,” said Muir, who will receive his award Sept. 16 during the Mayor’s Cup awards luncheon at Bent Pine Golf Club in Vero Beach.
Roger Van Dyke, president of the IRGF and part of the committee that selects the recipient, recently received a lesson from Muir and was struck by how self-sufficient he remains. "He literally has to take his left arm to lift his right arm, but he does almost everything on his own to carry on and help others in the game despite his difficulties," Van Dyke said. "It's only a matter of time for all of us, but James is on a different timetable."

Muir was the head professional at Pointe West when he was diagnosed. A year ago, he informed general manager Dave Salerno he wanted to cut back on his duties so he could spend more time with his family. Muir remains the club's head instructor.

"Most people couldn't have handled what James has gone through the last two years, the way it has ripped apart his family," Salerno said. "It's a terrible hand he's been dealt, but you wouldn't know it by the way he conducts himself. He remains an inspiration not only to me, but everyone he comes in contact with on a daily basis."

Muir has been involved in golf since he was 15, growing up in Pennsylvania. He attended Penn State for a year and was going to become an engineer before he changed career paths and chose his true love – golf. Not long after Muir joined Pointe West in late 2014 after working at clubs in Palm Beach County, he started feeling extreme pain in his neck and spine. He was told he had a herniated disc and went through months of physical therapy.

When Muir started losing the function of his right arm, he saw another doctor and tests revealed a tumor was pressing against his spine. Surgery was performed. "Dr. Levi said it was bad," Muir said. "Really bad."

As the golf community is known for doing, Pointe West’s membership and staff rallied around Muir. A benefit was held to raise money for his family. Two members actually moved out of their home so the Muirs could live there for nine months. "There was an outpouring of love for me that I've never experienced outside of my family," Muir said. "There have been some good things that have come from this cancer."

But the ending won’t be good, as much as he smiles his way through the pain and heartache. He may not have long to live, but he has gathered perspective few can.

"Unless you've been told you’re going to die, you can't gain a full appreciation of the simple things in life," Muir said. "It's nice to wake up every day and see my kids and my family."

The Mayor's Cup award luncheon on September 16th is open to the public. It is at 12:45 at Bent Pine and costs $25. Reservations can be made by calling (772) 567-0746.

Steven C. Owen Award Past Recipients
Year Recipient
2018 James Muir
2017 Bobby Bird
2016 Bob Komarinetz
2015 Joe Kern
2014 Daniel Bova

*What are malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors?*
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors are a rare type of cancer that occurs in the lining of the nerves that extend from the spinal cord into the body. Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors are typically treated with surgery.
ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

GYLES ROBIN
ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL AT VERANDAH GOLF CLUB

How I got involved with golf: I was born into it! My dad has always been an avid golfer, I fell in love with golf as a child and when I realized I could have a career being involved in something I loved - I pursued it.

When I decided to be a PGA member: I always wanted to be a member of the PGA, but it hadn’t presented itself until now. It’s a great program for playing and learning, and I wish I started it when I was younger. I’m eager to play competitively, and this is a great platform to do so.

My favorite playing memory: I have had so many great memories playing golf. Teeing it up with family and friends are my most enjoyable memories. My first hole-in-one is one of my most favorite memories because I had to wait so long for it!

One thing about me that most people don’t know: People generally know that I’m from the United Kingdom, but most people don’t know I’m from a very small island called Jersey in the Channel Islands located between England and France. As the birthplace of Harry Vardon, Jersey is known for its rich history in golf and it was easy for me to fall in love with the sport growing up there. I’m also happily married to my college sweetheart, Lindsay, for two years now and we have a one year old pug called Percy.
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SFPGA FOUNDATION HELPS SEND KIDS TO N.I.C.K.’S CAMP

Fifty kids fighting cancer from Joe DiMaggio’s Children’s Hospital went to N.I.C.K.’S Camp at Camp Boggy Creek in June. The SFPGA Foundation has been a longtime supporter of this charity because of its similar mission to give children dealing with hardships the opportunity to forget about the struggles they are experiencing. To learn more about our Charitable Gifting click here. To learn more about N.I.C.K.’S Camp click here.

*PICTURED ABOVE - FAMILIES AND KIDS HEADING TO N.I.C.K.’S CAMP
JUNIOR GOLF

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The South Florida PGA Junior Golf Program has seen countless talented individuals over the years. Many of them receiving college scholarships for golf and even turning pro! We want to share with you more about these awesome people and how they too are changing the world of golf!

MEET ANNIE DULMAN

QUICK FACTS:
* Account Coordinator, Partnership Development at the PGA of America
* Attended Rollins College in winter park, FL
* Junior tour member for 2 years, playing in 25 events, winning 3 times

Achievements/Highlights in College:
* NCAA Division II National Champions (Team, 2016)
* 2x NCAA Division II National Player of the Year (2013, 2015)
* NCAA Division II National Freshman of the Year (2013)
* Rollins College Female Athlete of the Year (2015)

HOW DID YOU BALANCE GOLF AND ACADEMICS?
To keep oneself sane: A lot of coffee and a lot of friends (not in that order)! With Rollins being a smaller school (< 2000 undergrad), there was limited availability when it came time to arrange your class schedule. Not always, could you have morning classes Monday – Friday to make it to practice in the afternoon. You had to learn to manage your time wisely and be flexible. It was a full-time job on top of going to school and you had to hold yourself accountable. Between 6 AM workouts, traveling to tournaments and missing class, completing weekly assignments, etc., it is a lot for anyone to juggle.

IF YOU COULD GIVE ADVICE TO YOURSELF BACK WHEN YOU WERE ON SFPGA JUNIOR TOUR WHAT WOULD IT BE?
Everything will be fine and don’t take yourself so seriously. Continue to be kind to everyone and treat everyone equally because it will always come back to you in ripples.

WHAT WERE SOME VALUABLE LESSONS/SKILLS YOU LEARNED FROM PLAYING GOLF?
I would say I have learned invaluable social skills through golf. To be able to carry on conversation during a single round of golf for several hours at a time, makes things enjoyable for everyone. I have never come across a person in my entire life who has wanted to play an entire round of golf in silence. I’m sure that person exists somewhere, but I can’t imagine it would be very enjoyable. Playing golf is a communal experience and part of its enjoyment is by sharing it with others.
The South Florida PGA Junior Tour offers many great programs for junior golfers of all skill levels at your facilities. Getting your juniors involved in tournament golf is a great way to continue to build the love for the game and keep them engaged at your facility. Our wide range of programs from Team Golf to our Championship Tour ensures each junior golfer in South Florida has a place to play. For more information on the South Florida PGA Junior Tour, be sure to visit www.sfpgajuniorgolf.com or contact Jake Weir at jweir@pgahq.com.

The Junior Golf department is always looking for PGA Members to volunteer at events. Volunteering at Junior Golf Tournaments is a great way to give back to the game we all love. Volunteers will earn 1 MSR credit per hour worked. If you are interested in volunteering at any of our Junior Golf Tournaments, please contact Jake Weir at jweir@pgahq.com.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL THE JUNIOR TOUR EVENTS FOR 2018

*PICTURED ABOVE- JUNIOR GOLF PARTICIPANTS
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Daniel Bretz, 706.840.1713
Nick Forest, 239.218.3855

Turf:
Ryan Powell, 561.870.3239
Will McClelland, 863.670.3765
Kirk Swaggerty, 407.414.6710
Two of the basic premises governing the Rules of Golf are to play the ball as it lies and to play the course as you find it. Possible exception(s) to these premises are when a player is impeded by “obstructions.” By definition, obstructions are: anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths and manufactured ice, except:

a. Objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings;
b. Any part of an immovable artificial object that is out of bounds; and
c. Any construction declared by the Committee to be an integral part of the course.

An obstruction is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage. Otherwise, it is an immovable obstruction.
Note: The Committee may make a Local Rule declaring a movable obstruction to be an immovable obstruction.

Typically, free relief is available from both immovable obstruction and movable obstructions under rules 24-1 and 24-2. While this rule may seem cut and dry, it is important to check the notice to competitors or local rules to make sure an obstruction is not declared to be an integral part of the course before automatically assuming you get free relief. An example of this situation would be wooden bulkhead near or in hazards. In SFPGA Section tournaments, these bulkheads are often declared to be “integral part of the course” where there is no free relief available whether the ball is in the hazard or lies “through the green.”
A LOOK AHEAD

2019 RULES OF GOLF WORKSHOPS

With the modernization to the Rules of Golf coming in 2019, the Florida State Golf Association will be hosting nearly 60 One-Day Workshops starting in October of 2018 and going through March of 2019. These workshops will be similar to those in the past but will cover the major changes to the Rules of Golf. Registration has already begun! Click here for more information including the schedule.

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TOM WILDENHAUS FOR PGA SECRETARY

With the election quickly approaching, Tom Wildenhaus is spending a lot of time campaigning in an effort to receive support from delegates all across the country. As of August 1st five Sections are currently supporting Tom with many still undecided. This is where Tom needs your help! If you have any contacts in other Sections that you can reach out to sharing Tom’s vision and desire to lead our Association on the national level, we would greatly appreciate it. To learn more about Tom and his campaign visit www.tomwildenhausforsecretary.com and make sure you follow him and share his posts on social media!
A LOOK AHEAD

CHAPTER EVENTS

Southeast Chapter
- September 17th
  Global Golf Sales Finale
  Boca Rio Golf Club
- October 22nd
  Fall Meeting & Scramble Event
  Wellington National Golf Club

Southwest Chapter
- September 17th-19th
  Match Play Championship
  Hideout Golf Club
- October 11th
  Fall Meeting & Scramble Event
  Legends Golf & Country Club
- October 24th
  Global Golf Sales Event #4
  Moromar Lakes Golf Club

Southern Chapter
- September 17th
  Senior Chapter Championship
  Country Club of Coral Springs
- September 17th-18th
  Chapter Championship/Associate Chapter Championship
  Country Club of Coral Springs
- October 9th
  Financial Wellness Education
  Grand Palms Hotel-Spa & Golf Resort
- October 22nd
  Individual Stroke Play Event
  Parkland Golf & Country Club
- October 29th
  Pro-Pro Event
  Plantation Preserve Golf Course

SECTION EVENTS

- September 24th
  Tournament Series #2
  The Club at Mediterra
- September 25th-27th
  Section Professional Championship
  The Club at Mediterra
- October 2nd
  Global Golf Sales Cub
  Turtle Creek Club
- October 4th
  Bobby Goodman Memorial Pro-Am
  Naples Beach Club
- October 5th-7th
  Naples Beach Club Senior Open
  Naples Beach Club
- October 16th-17th
  Challenge Cup Matches
  Old Collier Golf Club
- October 18th-19th
  Teaching Symposium
  Grey Oaks Country Club
- October 31st-November 1st
  Senior Challenge Cup Matches
  Lakewood National - North Florida
- November 13th
  Annual Awards Dinner
  TBA
- November 19th
  Mixed Team Championship
  TBA

2019 GOLFPASS

There are changes coming to the 2019 GolfPass! This program helps develop business at your facility and we hope that you will be a part of it in 2019. Let's help each other grow! Please contact Meredith Schuler at mschuler@pgahq.com if you are interested in participating for the 2019 season.

Don't forget to follow all things SFPGA via social media!