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STRUCTURE OF THE NCPGA

The NCPGA is one of the 41 designated sections of the PGA of America, the world’s largest working sports organization with a membership of more than 15,000 members and apprentices nationally.

The Northern California PGA Section comprises all of Northern California extending from the northern border of the state to a southern boundary formed by a line between the city of Cambria on the California coast and the state line near Beatty, Nevada, and includes Porterville, CA. Also incorporated in the Section is that portion of northwestern Nevada bounded by a straight line running directly south from the western boundary of Idaho to the 38th degree latitude, then west to the California-Nevada border and down to Beatty.

The Section is geographically divided into six chapters: Bay Area (2008), Monterey Bay Area (2009), North Coast, North State, Sierra-Nevada, San Joaquin Valley. Chapterization of the Section was felt to promote more participation and active involvement of the membership in tournaments as well as to assist in the reduction of re-certification issues by offering educational and meeting opportunities.

In 1984, the NCPGA Long Range Planning Report indicated a need for better communication throughout the Section. A request, led by Bob McCallister, Chairman of the Chapterization Committee led an initiative for the expansion of Chapters throughout the Section. According to historical documentation dated February 6, 1984, the Section Board of Directors recommended that more than three Chapters exist in the Section. This expansion was to also change the number of at-large directors sitting on the Board due to seats for all Chapter representatives. This committee consisted of individuals and facilities representing the following regions: Central Valley (Bobb Lunn), Bay Area (Bob Moore), North Coast (Jim Hosley), North State (Bob McCallister), Sacramento (Bob Bader), San Joaquin, San Jose (Gary Plato) and South Coast (Jack Doss).
GOVERNANCE

The NCPGA Section, a non-profit corporation, is governed under bylaws based on the Constitution and bylaws of the PGA of America as supplemented by Section provisions. The corporate powers are vested in a board of nine directors elected at-large and a chapter president/director from each of the chapters. The Board of Directors is responsible for electing from its own members the executive officers of the Section – a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The board is also responsible for the staffing and operation of the Section office for the transaction of business.

Past Presidents of the NCPGA Section

2015     Tracy Stansberry, Sequoyah CC
2014 – 2015  John Hughes, Castlewood CC
*Hughes resigned in April 2015 due to accepting a position at Hacienda CC in Southern California.
2012-2013  Len Dumas, Contra Costa CC
2010-11    Monte Koch, Chardonnay GC
2008-09    Bob Young, Stockton G&CC
2006-07    Sue Fiscoe, FM Golf
2004-05    Mike Mazzaferri
2002-03    Shim LaGoy, Orinda CC
2000-01    Jim Collins, San Ramon GC
1998-99    Pat Gould, Peach Tree GC
1996-97    Paul Wilcox, Diablo CC
1995      Nate Pomeroy, North Ridge CC
1993-94    Mike Rawitser, Santa Teresa GC
1993      William Womeldorf, MP, Del Rio CC
1991-92    Ed Hester, Butte Creek G&CC
1990      Barry Brumfield, San Jose CC
1988-89    Jerry Thormann, Sunol Valley GC
1987      Al Vaccaro, California GC
1984-86    Ty Caplin, Elkhorn CC
1982-83    Vic Loustalot, Mira Vista CC
1981      Dan Lippstreu, Las Positas GC
1979-80 Dale Mead, Del Rio CC
1978 Gary Plato, San Jose CC
1977 Bob Badger, El Macero CC
1975-76 Steve Menchinella, Sunnyside CC
1974 John Fry, Harding Park GC
1973 Rick Jetter, Cambrian GC
1971-72 Charles Leider, Crystal Springs GC
1970 Gary Loustalot, De Laveaga GC
1968-69 Joe Zakarian, Los Altos CC
1965-67 John Zontek, Contra Costa CC
1962-64 Lyle Wehrman, Merced CC
1959-61 Tom Fry, San Mateo GC
1958 Bob Moore, Corral de Tierra CC
1956-57 Max McMurry, Alameda GC
1953-55 Harold Stone, Sonoma GC
1950-52 Pat Patten, Orinda CC
1948-49 Pat Markovich, Richmond CC
1940-47 Eddie Duino, Sr., San Jose CC
1938-39 Earl Fry, Alameda GC
1934-37 Dewey Longworth, Claremont CC
1931-33 Harold Sampson, Burlingame CC
1922-30 Sam Whiting, Olympic Club
1921 Billy Blackhall, Spalding Bros. and Fairmont Hotel
1920 Willie Locke, San Francisco Golf Club and Women’s Athletic Club (In 1920 WAC had a golf training academy on Sutter Street. There were also two golf schools on Market Street and one each on Geary, Powell, and Post Streets, and in the Fairmont Hotel.)

**Influence on the National Association**

During the 95th PGA Annual Meeting in Orlando, on January 24, 2012, the Northern California Section presented Resolution 3 to the delegation.
Presented by Past President Bob Young (Stockton G&CC), Resolution 3 allowed members the ability to remain affiliated with the Association in name only, to "wear the crest" until they are deceased, provided they qualify for Life Member "Century" status.

The motivation for the creation of this resolution came at the request of Richard Flynn, a 50 year member of the Northern California Section of the PGA of America. Flynn presented a letter to the Section membership committee asking for consideration of reduced or no dues for those who have been members for over fifty year and are not active with the Association, however desire to be a PGA Professional for life.

The letter was presented at the Section’s July 11, 2010 Board of Director’s Meeting and was met with approval to move forward through the governance channels as set through the PGA of America. Honorary President Bob Young, who was currently a member of the National Membership Committee, presented the topic and thus direction as to creating a Resolution was made. After much discussion, analysis and revisions, the Resolution passed as presented below.

Qualifications are: based on the following qualifications:

- Member must have 25 years as a PGA member and a minimum of 75 years old (100=Century)
- Member cannot be working in any capacity eligible to retain an "Active" status
- One-time transfer only -- Member or power of attorney to sign agreement as such
- Limit the amount of dues: National $25; Life Insurance, $26; Section, $25 (Maximum, per the Bylaws)
- Life Member Century Members will not be provided with Professional Liability Insurance.
Advisory Board

The minutes of the March, 1962 Board Meeting lists the first Advisory Board members as “Tennessee” Ernie Ford, Ed Lowery, Francis H.I. Brown, Dennis Hession, Reg. Renfree, Bob Roos, Geo Gnau, Eugene Selvege, and Dr. Pete Zidnak. A dinner to honor the first members of the Advisory Board was held at the Olympic Club on January 24, 1963. Appointed to the Board as various later dates were Art Rosenbaum, Roger Graves, Cliff Wagner, Bob Hanna, Cliff Simpson, Hugh Jones, Dr. John Rodenbaugh, Don Doten, Geo Waldie, Tony Cardozo, Geo Swendimen, John Zoller, Robert Blake, Fred Merrick, and Joe Zablocki. It was customary to appoint each new NCGA President to the Advisory Board as well.

At the February 14, 1966 NCPGA Board Meeting Dr. Pete Zidnak was presented with an Honorary Membership. The advisory Board as implemented in 1962 is no longer in practice.

Chapters

The Section is comprised of six chapters, with each professional affiliated with a Chapter. The first chapter to be established in the Section was the Sierra Nevada Chapter with headquarters in Reno in July, 1975. This chapter was approved at the semi-annual meeting in July, 1975. The San Joaquin and the North State Chapters were established in 1976. Attempts for full Section Chapterization were launched over the years. Chapterization of the Section was felt to promote more participation and active involvement of the membership in tournaments as well as to assist in the reduction of re-certification issues by offering educational and meeting opportunities. In 1984, the NCPGA Long Range Planning Report indicated a need for better communication throughout the Section. A request, led by Bob McCallister, Chairman of the Chapterization Committee led an initiative for
the expansion of Chapters throughout the Section. According to the February 6, 1984 record, the Section Board of Directors recommended that more than three Chapters exist in the Section. This expansion was to change the number of at-large directors sitting on the Board due to Chapter representation.

As of January 25, 1984, this committee consisted of individuals and facilities representing the following regions: Central Valley (Bobb Lunn), Bay Area (Bob Moore), North Coast (Jim Hosley), North State (Bob McCallister), Sacramento (Bob Badger), San Joaquin (Steve Menchinella), Sierra Nevada (Don Krivanek) and South Coast (Jack Doss). Proposed boundaries included six Chapter North Coast, North State, Sierra Nevada, Bay Area, South Coast & San Joaquin Chapters.

In March, 2000, the Board approved the North Coast Chapter and in 2008, the Bay Area Chapter was born. In November 2008, Chapter President’s and Section Staff met to review, and realign as necessary, current Chapter boundaries. The result of these meetings was that a master map was created and housed in the Section Historical files. As such, all members of the Section were assigned a chapter notation in their PGA membership file according to their facility of employment, if unemployed by their city of residence.

In 2010 the Monterey Bay Area Chapter was approved by the NCPGA Board of Directors (they had previously been part of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter). To date, each PGA Professional and apprentice is affiliated with one of the six Chapters within the Section. With the adoption of the Section Bylaws (6.7), per the PGA of America, the Chapter President’s term was changed from three years to two years in 2009.
BAY AREA CHAPTER (FORMED 2008)

Past Presidents of the Chapter

2013-Present  John Vest, Chuck Corica GC
2012-2013  Joe Gile, Ruby Hill GC (Resigned Mid 2013)
2010-2011  Mark Naylor, Castlewood CC
2008-09  Mark Naylor, Castlewood CC

History of the Chapter
Coming Soon!

Chapter Events & Activities
Coming Soon!

Chapter Special Awards & Recognition
Currently the Chapter does not award special awards, however a member of the Chapter Board of Directors sits on the NCPGA Special Awards Committee.
MONTEREY BAY AREA CHAPTER (FORMED 2009)

Past Presidents of the Chapter
2014-Present  Brant Wilson, Carmel Valley Ranch
2012-2013   Dale Taylor, Tehama GC
2009-2011  Eric Lippert, Del Monte GC

History of the Chapter
The Monterey Bay Area Chapter was approved by the Board of Directors in 2009. Originally part of the San Joaquin Chapter which was somewhat dormant at the time, Monterey Area PGA Professionals and apprentices in the region desired an avenue in which they could share ideas and experiences during the volatile time in the industry. With lay-offs occurring and work hours increasing for those retaining positions, it was difficult to break away from clubs to attend tournaments, education and meetings. PGA Professionals and Apprentices in the region began collecting signatures to request to the Section Board of Directors that a new Chapter be formed in the Northern California Section. The Chapter has allowed area professionals to stay connected, earn MSR through participation in events and provides networking opportunities. The inaugural members of the MBAC Board of Directors included Eric Lippert (President), Dale Taylor (Vice President), Neil Larkin (Secretary) and At-Large Directors Brett Mathis, Mark Lavin, and Bill Sendell. The first Chapter meeting was held on July 27, 2009 at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach, CA. Chapter Bylaws were approved by the membership at the inaugural Monterey Bay Area Chapter Annual Meeting held on November 3, 2009 at Monterey Pines Golf Club in Monterey, CA.

Chapter Events & Activities
Coming Soon!
Chapter Special Awards & Recognition

The Monterey Bay Area Chapter of the PGA of America presents the following special awards to recognize the outstanding performances and superior achievements of our Chapter PGA Professionals, PGA Apprentices and Industry Associates. Based on the individuals' entire career, emphasis is placed on the last five years of achievements and is presented to recognize extraordinary accomplishments both on and off the course. Recipients of MBAC Awards are submitted, on behalf of the Chapter, to the NCPGA Special Awards Program for consideration.

Jim Langley Hall of Fame

At the inaugural Annual Meeting in December 2009, the Chapter Board of Directors, led by President Eric Lippert, announced the formation of the Monterey Bay Area Chapter Jim Langley Hall of Fame in honor of PGA Life Member Jim Langley, former head Golf Professional at Cypress Point Club. He award is bestowed on individuals (PGA Professional or Non-PGA) who exhibit integrity, excellence, leadership and community service.

2015 Coming Soon!
2014 Gerry Greenfield, PGA - Corral de Tierra CC
2013 Linda Tunney, Executive Director - AT&T Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association
2012 Laird Small, PGA - Pebble Beach Golf Academy
2011 Ollie Nutt, President & CEO - Monterey Peninsula Foundation
2010 John Zoller, United States Golf Association/Former Executive Director, No. California Golf Association
2009 Jim Langley, PGA

MBAC Golf Professional of the Year

The MBAC Golf Professional of the Year Award is one of the highest honors the Association can bestow on a working club professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the club professional (the finest exhibition of spirit, determination, business acumen, professionalism, promotion of the game of golf as well as service to the Section and the Association). The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

2015 Coming Soon!
2014 Travis McCabe, Rancho Canada GC
2013 Ed Winiecki, Salinas G&CC (The Club at Crazy Horse Ranch)
2012  Patrick Jones, Bayonet & Black Horse GC
2011  Eric Lippert, Del Monte GC
2010  Justin Williams, Poppy Hills GC

**MBAC Teacher of the Year**
The MBAC Teacher of the Year Award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who is an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of PGA membership. This award is based on a professional’s overall performance in teaching; unusual, innovative and special teaching programs initiated or implemented; articles published; as well as outstanding golfers the professional has instructed. The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Todd Southard, Carmel Valley Ranch
2013  Ben Alexander, Bayonet & Black Horse GC
2012  Justin Russo, Rancho Canada GC
2011  Brant Wilson, Carmel Valley Ranch
2010  Jim Hayes, Pebble Beach Golf Academy

**MBAC Horton Smith Award**
The MBAC Horton Smith Award recognizes the PGA Professional who is the model educator of PGA Golf Professionals. This award is designed to give special recognition to an individual PGA Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education. The inaugural award was presented in 2014.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Ed Winiecki, The Club at Crazy Horse Ranch

**MBAC Bill Strausbaugh Award**
The MBAC Bill Strausbaugh Award is designed to recognize PGA Professionals who by their day-to-day efforts have distinguished themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations and through service to the community. The inaugural award was presented in 2014.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Chuck Dunbar, Pebble Beach GL

**MBAC Youth Player Development Award**
The MBAC Youth Player Development Award (formerly the Junior Golf Leader) recognizes the PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth. The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Justin Russo, Rancho Canada GC
2013  Bill Sendell, Musty Putters
2012  Mike Spiller, First Tee of Monterey County
2011  Justin Russo, Rancho Canada GC
2010  Rob Hayes, Tehama GC

**MBAC Merchandiser of the Year**
The MBAC Merchandiser of the Year Award is designed to recognize those PGA Professionals who have excelled as business persons / merchandisers in the promotion of golf. The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Marianne Atwell, Pebble Beach Company
2013  Brant Wilson, Carmel Valley Ranch
2012  Joe Riekena, Pacific Grove Municipal GC
2011  Pio Fidelibus, Spyglass Hill GC
2010  Eric Goettsch, Tehama GC

**MBAC Player Development Award**
Awarded to PGA Professionals for their extraordinary & exemplary contributions to player development and promotion of the game. The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Bruce Vieira, DeLaveaga GC
2013  Todd Southard, Carmel Valley Ranch
2012  Katherine Marren, Quail Lodge GC
2011  Mark Fallon, Pasadera CC
2010  Bill Sendell, Pebble Beach Company

**MBAC Patriot Award**
The Patriot Award is presented to a PGA Professional who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America. NOTE: Due
to the nature of this award, it may not be awarded every year. The inaugural award was presented in 2014.

**2015** Coming Soon!
**2014** Eric Lippert, Spyglass Hill GC

**MBAC Assistant Apprentice of the Year**
The MBAC Assistant Apprentice of the Year Award is designed to recognize a PGA Assistant Professional or Apprentice for their overall performance as an Assistant or Apprentice. This award is based on a professional's overall performance in leadership, service to the Section and community and promotion of the game of golf.

**2015** Coming Soon!
**2014** John Crater, Corral De Tierra CC
**2013** Matthew Barksdale, Pebble Beach GL
**2012** Matthew Barksdale, Pebble Beach GL
**2011** Ray Otis, CordeValle GC
**2010** Brant Wilson, Carmel Valley Ranch

**MBAC Club Fitter of the Year**
The MBAC Club Fitter of the Year Award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who has exhibited great knowledge in club fitting while striving to improve the game through properly fitted equipment. The inaugural award was presented in 2010.

**2015** Coming Soon!
**2014** Not awarded
**2013** DJ Milligan, Bayonet & Black Horse GC
**2012** Todd Southard, Carmel Valley Ranch
**2011** Michael MacDonald, Bayonet & Black Horse GC
**2010** Jason Owen, Mobile Golf Fitting Lab

**MBAC Golf Course Superintendent of the Year**
The MBAC Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award is bestowed an individual for their service and contributions to the game of golf within the Northern California PGA Section. The inaugural award was presented in 2014.

**2015** Coming Soon!
**2014** Rafael Barajas, The Club at Crazy Horse Ranch

**MBAC Sales Representative of the Year**
The MBAC Sales Representative of the Year Award is awarded to an individual for their service to Northern California PGA Professionals, their merchandising team members and to the Section. The inaugural award was presented in 2014.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Gary Martin, Bushnell

**MBAC Player of the Year**

Player of the Year honors are awarded to PGA Professionals and apprentices for exemplary play throughout the tournament season and are based upon the Year to Date Points List. The inaugural Player of the Year honors were presented in 2015.

2015  Coming Soon!

**MBAC Apprentice Scholarship Award**

The MBAC Apprentice Scholarship Award is designed to recognize one PGA Apprentice who has demonstrated a strong commitment to becoming a PGA Member, as well as a commitment to his or her club and the surrounding community. The PGA Apprentice should currently be enrolled in the PGA PGM program in Level 1, 2, or 3, and actively participates in various MBAC Chapter events and meetings. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2014.

2015  Coming Soon!
2014  Eric Sharp, Bayonet & Black Horse GC

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**PGA Northern California Section  
North Coast Chapter**

**NORTH COAST CHAPTER (FORMED 2000)**

**Past Presidents of the Chapter**

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<td>Greg Senestraro, Redwood Empire G&amp;CC</td>
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<td>2009–10</td>
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<td>2000–03</td>
<td>Jim Hosley, Baywood G&amp;CC</td>
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*Structure & Governance*
History of the Chapter
In March, 2000, the Board approved the North Coast Chapter. Twenty years prior, there had been discussion to form a chapter in the Northwest portion of the Section but due to lack of time by the PGA professionals in the region, plans were out on hold. PGA professionals Mark Wotherspoon and Ted Mattila were instrumental in getting the Chapter approved by the Board of Directors.

Chapter Events & Activities
Coming Soon!

Chapter Special Awards & Recognition
Coming Soon!

NORTH STATE CHAPTER (FORMED 1976)

Past Presidents of the Chapter
2013-Present  David Knox, El Macero CC
2012           NO PRESIDENT
2010-11        Pat Gould, Peach Tree CC
2009           Pat Gould, Peach Tree CC (Interim President)
2005-07        Rob Frederick, Woodcreek GC
2004           No Record
2000-03        Rob Frederick, Woodcreek GC
1995           Rob Frederick, Woodcreek GC
1994           Brad Ables
1991           Nate Pomeroy
1988-90        Ed Hester, Butte Creek CC
1986-87        Dan Kowall
1985           Bill Womeldorf
1984 Bob McCallister
1982-83 Al Vaccaro
1980-81 Bill Krause
1976-79 Bob McCallister

History of the Chapter
Coming Soon!

Chapter Events & Activities
Coming Soon!

Chapter Special Awards & Recognition
Coming Soon!

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (FORMED 1976)

Past Presidents of the Chapter
2014 – Present Rich Howarth, Stockton G&CC
2012-2013 Joe Wiscoki, Ridge Creek Dinuba GC
2010-11 Dave Lewis, Stripes Practice Center
2009-2010 Tim Huber, Sierra Meadows Ranch
2006-07 Steve Pellegrine, Kings CC
2005 Dave Lewis, Turlock G&CC
2003 Eric Costa, Madera G&CC, Madera, CA
2000-02 Chris Borrego
1994- Gary Bauer
1993-94 Jeff Christensen
1991-92 Ed Luethke, Wawona Peachwood GC
1988-90 Kelly Wolfe
1984-87  Ron Goering  
1982-83  Mike Paniccia  
1979-81  Steve Menchinella  
1976-78  Steve Adams  

**History of the Chapter**  
Coming Soon!  

**Chapter Events & Activities**  
Coming Soon!  

**Chapter Special Awards & Recognition**  

**Golf Professional of the Year**  
2015  Coming Soon  
2014  Coming Soon  
2013  Joe Wisocki, Ridge Creek Dinuba GC  
2012  Bob Young, Stockton G&CC  
2011  Jeff Christiansen  
2010  Dave Lewis  

**Teacher of the Year**  
2015  Coming Soon  
2014  Coming Soon  
2013  Coming Soon  
2012  Steve Pellegrine, Kings River CC  
2011  Joe Wisocki, Ridge Creek Dinuba GC  

**Junior Golf Leader**  
2015  Coming Soon  
2014  Coming Soon  
2013  Coming Soon  
2012  Doug Hanson, Turlock G&CC and Jeff Palmer, The Reserve at Spanos Park  

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*Structure & Governance*
Assistant Apprentice of the Year
2015  Coming Soon
2014  Coming Soon
2013  Coming Soon
2012  Shea Rollins, Spring Creek G&CC

Player of the Year
2015  Coming Soon
2014  Coming Soon
2013  Coming Soon
2012  Kenny Collins

SIERRA NEVADA CHAPTER (FORMED 1975)

Past Presidents of the Chapter
2015-Present  Rick Christensen, Somersett G&CC
2013-2015    Dave LaFata, Thunder Canyon CC
2011-2012    Greg Enholm, Carson Valley Inn
2008-10      Gus Jones, Martis Camp Club
2007         Martin Chuck, ArrowCreek CC
2005-2006    Jim Kepler, Dayton Valley CC
2002-03      Bruce Towle, Truckee, CA
2002         Fred Elliott, Wildcreek GC
2000         John Hughes, Incline Village Golf Resort
1994-         Jim Kepler
1992-94      Al Weinhold, Hidden Valley CC
1989-91      John Hughes
1988         Tom Duncan
1983-87      Mike Mitchell
1981-82      Fred Elliott
History of the Chapter

Tradition and respect come with time and maturity. The Sierra Nevada Chapter is steeped in both. The Chapter was formed at the Semi Annual Meeting of the Northern California Section at Hidden Valley Country Club on July 14th 1975. The Chapter originated as the Sierra Nevada Pro-Am Association from the mid 1960’s until 1975. Leading our Chapter was President Don Krivanek, Vice President Orrin Vincent, Arnold Billingsley with Ken Haines and Mike Mitchell serving as Directors.

The Chapter had 25 original members at its inception and 25 facilities within its boundaries. The early committees established within the Chapter were employment, tournaments, junior golf, legal and apprentice committees.

The Chapters early tournament calendar included four Pro Am events with an average of 84 Amateurs and 13 professionals in competition. Some additional chapter event’s included the Sierra Nevada Open from 1977-1983 and the Silver State competition with teams from Las Vegas and Northern Nevada competing from the early 80’s to the early 90’s.

The Sierra Nevada Chapter has continued to develop and flourish from these early days. The Chapter witnessed a tremendous period of growth from 35 facilities in 2001 to 55 facilities in 2005. Our total number of members and apprentices has grown to 77 for 2013-14 calendar year.

Our Chapter remains innovative and progressive with local education seminars, an active tournament calendar and PGA Apprentice support through Chapter Scholarships.

Chapter Events & Activities

The Chapter continues committed to growing the game through its junior golf initiatives. With the efforts of former Section President Mike Mazzaferri and others, the Northern Nevada Youth Golf Foundation was founded in 1998 to create a Chapter of The First Tee in the Northern Nevada area. In August 2005, The First Tee of Northern Nevada was recognized as an official chapter of The First Tee. In addition, Shelly Wright and the Fred and Judy Alexander foundation created the Fred and Judy Alexander Clinic in 1996. The clinic has grown in size each year and has assisted more than 40,000 children and parents to date.

In recent times the Chapter has increased the number of PGA Junior League teams from five to more than a dozen. They spearheaded the Truckee Junior Tour and are developing a Golf In Schools program in our region having recently run the first classes. As the Chapter moves
forward, they hope for their activities to be subsidized by a junior golf foundation in the region.

The Chapter remains innovative and progressive with local education seminars, an active tournament calendar and PGA Apprentice support through Chapter Scholarships.

Our Chapter has proven worthy of Championship golf events over the years as well. A list of Championship in our area includes:

1947        Reno Open PGA Tour event hosted by Washoe G.C.
1948        Reno Open PGA Tour event hosted by Washoe G.C.
1956        Reno Open LPGA Tour event hosted by Washoe G.C.
1975        USGA Senior Open hosted by Hidden Valley
1978-1980    Sierra Nevada Open hosted by Tahoe Donner and Edgewood
1981-1983    Sierra Nevada Open hosted by Incline Village and Edgewood
1980        USGA Publinks hosted by Edgewood
1985        USGA Senior Open hosted by Edgewood
1991-1992    Ben Hogan Tour event hosted Northgate
1999-2014    RTO PGA Tour event hosted by Montreux
2013        USGA Junior Amateur hosted by Martis Camp

**Chapter Special Awards & Recognition**
The efforts made to promote the professional growth of our members and apprentices, has resulted in 39 Section Awards.

**Divisions**

A Senior Division in the Section was established in 1959. Dues started at $10. Bus Pendleton was the first President. Charter Members were Larry Brazil, Mike DeMassey, Dave Dillon, Dewey Longworth, John Perelli, Pat Patten, Ollie Sleppy and Fred Wetmore.

**Committees and Task Forces**

Committees and task forces are a driving force behind our governance structure and a critical in determining the direction in which the association heads. Committees, led by a chairman (or in some instances co-chairman) identified by
the Section President met with committee members on a regular basis to analyze, discuss their area of focus. They then provide direction and guidance to staff as well as the Board of Directors. Those interested on serving as a committee member should contact the chairman or their desired committee regarding participation.

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MEMBERSHIP OF NCPGA

The Northern California Section PGA membership as of July 2015, totaled 1,136 total members and apprentices. PGA Professionals (also referred to as members) totaling 905 in membership classifications below. In addition, 231 individuals in membership classifications below are registered in the PGA of America PGM Apprentice Program working towards meeting the requirements of membership. 71 of 231 apprentices are currently suspended (10/2011).

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<td>Those Section members who also have qualified as members of the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour and Futures Tour.</td>
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Golf Professionals whose main source of income is golf shows or clinics. |
| ii | A-11  **Golf Administrator:**  
Individuals who are employed by the Association, a Section or the PGA TOUR and individuals who are employed full-time as employees of PGA approved/recognized Golf Associations. |
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Individuals who are employed as golf coaches at accredited colleges, universities and junior colleges. |
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Individuals who are employed as General Managers/Director of Club operations who have successfully completed the requirements set forth by the PGA Board of Directors. Individuals in this classification shall manage the entire golf facility including golf operations, golf course maintenance, club house administration, food & beverage operations as well as other recreational activities at the facility. |
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<td><strong>A-15 Ownership/Management of a Retail Golf Facility:</strong></td>
<td>Individuals whose primary employment is ownership or management of golf products or services at a “PGA Recognized Retail Facility” provided such employment specifically excludes employment as a clerk.</td>
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<td><strong>A-16 Golf Course Architect:</strong></td>
<td>Individuals who are primarily employed in the design of golf courses as architects or individuals who are primarily employed in an ownership or management capacity as golf course builders.</td>
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<td><strong>A-17 Golf Course Superintendent:</strong></td>
<td>Individuals primarily employed in the management of all activities in relation to maintenance, operation and management of a golf course. Individuals in this classification are required to satisfy the criteria of either a Golf Course Superintendent or Assistant Golf Course Superintendent as defined by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.</td>
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<td><strong>A-18 Golf Media:</strong></td>
<td>Individuals primarily employed in the reporting, editing, writing or publishing of golf related publications in any form of media (inclusive of, but not limited to newspapers, magazines, the internet) or in the broadcasting or commentating about golf events on network television, cable networks, the internet or any form of related media.</td>
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LMC  Life Member Century:
Life Member Century are Life Members who are fully retired, are no longer active in the Association in any manner and have achieved a minimum age of 75 years and a minimum of 25 years of Active classifications. This is a one-time only permanent transfer into Life Member Century.

LMM  Life Member Master - Retired:
Not eligible for classification as Active Member and who have held a minimum of 20 years in an Active Classification (whether continuous or not). Cannot vote and hold office and must complete MSR. Those in this classification cannot work full-time.

RM  Retired Member:
Members who are fully retired (cannot be working in either a golf or non-golf position) and who have achieved a combined 65 years of age and Active membership and who are not eligible for Life Member.

The PGA Master Professional (MP) classification, the highest category a PGA member can attain, was begun in 1969 to recognize exceptional individuals for their accomplishments toward self-improvement as golf professionals. William J. Womeldorf became the first NCPGA member to achieve the elite Master Professional status when his college-level thesis, “Golf Car Operation at a Private Country Club,” was approved by a Master Professional evaluation panel in September 1991. He was then the head professional at Del Rio CC and became the 91st member of the PGA of America to earn Master status.

Carol Pence was the first woman to become a member of the NCPGA – as an A-8 assistant at Mira Vista CC – fulfilling all requirements and elected to membership in March 1984. In October 1987, Pence was re-classified into the A-1 category, achieving the distinction of being the first female head professional in the Section, employed at Mira Vista CC.

Murry Jacobs, a U.S. Army golf champion, club manager, golf professional, and service retiree, entered the rolls as the first African American NCPGA member on March 10, 1970, after joining Dick Fry’s staff at Lake Chabot GC as an assistant professional. In 1973 Jacobs became the head professional at the Golden Gate Fields GC. He passed all PGA qualifying requirements and was inducted as a Class A Professional of the PGA of America on May 1, 1973.
Jacobs died in 1983 while preparing to participate in the United States National Senior’s Open Golf Association spring championship which he won in 1976.

Honorary Members

NCPGA Honorary Members are recognized for contributions to the Northern California PGA Section and to the game of golf. Honorary members are nominated by any NCPGA member in good standing and submitted to the Section Secretary for review and determination by the Board of Directors. All recipients’ of this prestigious title, have the respect of his/her community and posses a solid reputation within his/her profession. Further, they also have a proven understanding and passion for the game of golf.

Mark “Buddy Fry, Jr. (1962)

In 1962, Mark “Buddy” Fry, Jr., (Son of Mark, Sr.) was presented with a plaque inscribed “Northern California Section, Professional Golfers Association, Honorary Member, in recognition of his contribution to the game of golf. “Buddy” had shown great promise as a junior golfer, winning several tournaments. However, he suffered a spinal injury in a high school football game and a subsequent operation left him paralyzed from the waist down. After several months of hospitalization, “Buddy” and his mother took over the operation of a Par 3 course on Doolittle Drive. For more than eight years he played, gave instructions and conducted his business from an electric cart. Early-day PGA by-laws made operators of Par 3 courses ineligible for PGA membership.

Dr. Pete Zidnak (1965)

In 1965, Dr. Pete Zidnak, Professor of Business at San Jose State University, was chosen as an honorary member, being cited as a friend of golf, whose dedicated service, inspiration, leadership and counsel have helped to create a better organization for all golf professionals. Zidnak passed away in August, 2000. Please refer to page (x) about the author for
Anthony A. Cardozo (1980)
In 1980 Anthony A. (Tony) Cardozo, an attorney from Modesto, was bestowed honorary membership as a long-time friend and booster of the NCPGA who devoted much time and energy for the benefit of individual professionals and the Section.

Ken Venturi (1993)
In 1993 Ken Venturi, a Northern California native and professional golfer, was proclaimed an honorary member because of his unique skills and dedication to the game of golf in our region. Besides achievements as an accomplished player and receiving such honors as 1964 PGA Player of the Year and 1964 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year, his unselfish attitude in helping others philanthropically has produced admirable results for the benefit of society, and has brought a special distinction to the game of golf and the Section.

John Whalen (1995)
John Whalen was awarded honorary membership for 20 years of service to the Sierra Nevada Chapter as their Executive Director as well as for his tireless contributions in organizing and championing amateur golf in Northern Nevada. Whalen was instrumental in founding two amateur golf associations: Northern Nevada Golf Association and Nevada State Golf Association. He served as the Executive Director of the Sierra Nevada Chapter upon its inception in 1975. He is the founder of the Northern Nevada Junior Golf Association (NNJGA), organizing events and providing scholarships to deserving juniors. In 1977, working with the Washington Junior Golf Association, he went on to co-found the Girls Junior America’s Cup. He was also instrumental in bringing USGA Qualifying to the state of Nevada, plus two National events; USGA Amateur Public Links Championship & USGA Senior
Open Championship. He also served on the USGA Junior Amateur Committee and as a USGA Rules Official. Bridging the amateur and professional relationship, he was the co-founder of the Sierra Nevada Brooks Park Cup Matches which are held at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course every year. These matches continue to this day and feature the top twelve professional and amateur players in Northern Nevada.

**Len Ross (1997)**

Known as “Mr. Junior Golf” in the greater Fresno area, Ross is recognized for more than fifty-years of dedicated service to his community and endless dedication to junior golf. In the 1970’s, Ross was instrumental in founding the Junior Golf Association of Northern California (JGANC), which now boasts thousands of members. He volunteered for over 25 years with the USGA Junior Boys Championship Committee, and was the founder of the Fresno-Greater San Joaquin Valley Junior Golf Foundation which runs the Len Ross Fresno City Junior Amateur Golf Championship (64th Annual as of 2011). In 1947 the event was contested by only seven boys. At the time of his induction (1997), it was contested by over 340 boys and girls. The Foundation later built the Len Ross Junior Golf Learning Center located in Fresno, CA which provides free instruction and equipment for San Joaquin Valley youth interested in learning the game. Len has also conducted numerous clinics at local elementary schools, seminars on the rules and etiquette of the game, assisted with financial aid and golf equipment for those in need, and overall encouragement about the game of golf to the juniors in his community. Ross served as a marine in World War II, then went to school at Fresno State, where he was the captain of the first lettered golf team. He went on to a career in education, serving first as a teacher, later as a principal, and his passion for imparting life lessons to youngsters through the game of golf has extended well into his "retirement."

**Bob Murphy (1998)**

Known as the voice of Stanford Sports, Murphy was and is a contributor and supporter for all sports, but his to golf are
great and span over several decades. Since 1975, Murphy has focused his promotion of sports to the game of golf, serving as consultant and promote for numerous facilities (Sharon Heights CC, Palo Alto Hills G&CC, Butte Creek CC, and many more) and sporting events including serving as Championship Director for the 1987 US Open and promoter of the Crosby. He was even invited to play in 1978. Murphy is a member of the Stanford Golf Club and former member of the California Country Club. He served as the promotion and marketing consultant for the PGA Championship at Pebble Beach in 1977. He has since served as a speaker and moderator at USGA Green Section Seminars in California, Arizona & Hawaii. A member of the California Golf Writers Association (CGWA), receiving the Hayward/Newland Award in 1987, he is known for his many years as emcee at the CGWA dinner. In 1998, Stanford & the University of California honored him with the Murphy Cup, a competition held annually between teams consisting of former players and prominent alums. He is also a true advocate for golf course development, translating into employment opportunities for Section Professionals.

**John Gilkison (2001)**

Gilkison has spent over thirty years as a sales representative for Titleist Golf. Known to most as “Johnny G”, his contributions to the game are endless. A former two-time recipient of the NCPGA Sales Representative of the Year Award, he continues to provide exceptional service and support to the NCPGA membership at tournaments, educational seminars and through scholarship programs. His first love for the game came through his early days as a caddie at Medinah CC & River Forest CC. He started in the golf business in 1958 with Wilson Sporting Goods, calling on PGA Club Professionals in Wisconsin, Northern Indiana, Michigan and Northern Illinois. Eleven years later he went to work for Titleist Golf with territories spanning New York, Connecticut, New Jersey & Massachusetts. From the mid 1970’s to early 1980’s he returned to his home state calling on green grass shops throughout Illinois. In 1983, he made the trip west, beginning his long tenure as a top Nor Cal representative with Titleist Golf.
**Emmy Moore Minister (2002)**

Emmy Moore Minister was awarded honorary membership for her contributions and support to the Section, its PGA Professionals, as well as in her community through the game of golf. Moore Minister is the ninth recipient of honorary membership and the first woman to have been bestowed this honor in the Section since its formation in 1924. Moore Minster served as the Communications Consultant for the NCPGA for 14 years as well as other allied associations in the region. She is the founder of Doctor’s Orders, Play Golf and a founding member of the NCPGA Growth of the Game Committee, California Alliance for Golf and Northern California Women’s Golf Summit. Her government and public affairs background includes service as the Chairperson for the City of Santa Clara Planning Commission and the Santa Clara County Assessment Appeals Board.

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**Hershel Noonkester (2004)**

Founder of the Taylormade Maxfli Championship and the Hershel Noonkester Scholarship Program, Hershel Noonkester was awarded Honorary Membership in 2004. Having dedicated over 38 years to the game and business of golf, Hershel remains a highly respected member of the Nor Cal golfing community. In its twenty-five year plus history, the championship has drawn over 5,700 top players from clubs and courses throughout California and Nevada. In addition to promoting the PGA Professional and amateur connection through his championship, he also promoted the game through partnership through Play Golf America and generous sponsorship of junior golf programming in the Section.

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**Lucius Bateman (2008)**

Posthumously elected, Bateman (1901-1972), was recognized as one of the premier golf instructors nationwide and served as a mentor for youth in the Oakland and Alameda, CA areas. Nine PGA Tour Players and Champions including Tony
Lema, dozens of elite PGA teaching professionals, and many amateur golfers were influenced by Bateman’s teaching. He helped his boys, known as the “Bateman Boys” (www.batemanboys.com), enter college or go on tour—oftentimes without charging a teaching fee. He only asked for these things in return: their commitment to fulfill their potential at everything they did; to behave with dignity on and off the golf course; and to treat others and themselves with respect. The “Bateman Boys” won virtually every major state and city golf championship in Northern California, including the California State Amateur. Bateman was known as a relentless competitor both on the golf course and as a pitcher in the Negro Baseball Leagues. Born in Louisiana and raised in Biloxi, Mississippi, he began caddying as a young boy at the Edgewater Hotel and Golf Club, where he was identified as a prodigy, tying the course record as a teenager. He also served his country in the Air Force during WWII and relocated to Oakland in 1947. He worked in the Oakland/San Francisco shipyards and played golf at Alameda Golf Course and many others around the San Francisco Bay Area. An exceptional player, he worked at Airway Fairways Driving Range (where the Hilton Hotel sits today) across from the old Oakland airport where he managed the driving range and taught golf. He remained the Head Pro at Airway Fairways for 27 years. Bateman died in Oakland in 1972.

Bruce Wilson (2010)

Wilson was relocated to Northern California from the Midwest in 1971 at age 25 by Wilson Sporting Goods Company (no relation). At the time of his retirement in April 2009 from FootJoy, he was considered one of the most respected sales representatives in the NCPGA Section. Wilson was a sales leader with responsibility for leading and mentoring sales representatives in seven western states. As a former Board Member of the Northern California Golf Representatives Association, Wilson was part of the leadership team that drove the close bond between it and the NCPGA Section. Wilson had a personal way of interacting with members and apprentices employed at his accounts. He was regarded as the unofficial “careerlinks” source for these golf professionals. Wilson knew all aspects of the business. From merchandising to buying plans and even assisting with resume development, he
always made himself available to share industry insights and best practices for success. He was also an active promoter of professionals who deserved career advancement and would often connect promising young golf professionals with new opportunities. Throughout his career, Wilson garnered numerous awards including NCPGA Sales Representative of the Year (1982), Golf World Business Magazine’s “Top 25 Golf Sales Representatives” in the country, FootJoy Worldwide - Salesman of the Year (2000), and Salesman of the Year awards from Wilson, Daiwa, and Nike. As a longtime resident of Napa, CA, Wilson has been an ardent supporter of local charities as well as high school athletics programs including Aldea Child & Family Services, Day on the Green (Special Olympics), and Men’s & Women’s Golf Teams for Napa Valley College, Justin Siena High School, and Vintage High School.

Frank LaRosa (2013)
The Northern California Section of the Professional Golfers' Association is pleased to award its 13th Honorary Membership to the Northern California Section of the PGA to sports media personality Frank LaRosa for his distinguished service to the NCPGA Section, its PGA Professionals, and countless non-profit organizations. The induction of this unique ambassador to golf will take place during the NCPGA Semi-Annual Meeting on June 30 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada. LaRosa displays an exceptional ability to reach and touch people through his creativity and communication expertise. Whether he is hosting ESPN Radio’s “Golf to Go,” writing an article for NCGA Magazine, hosting “Tee Time: Golf in Northern California for Public Television, or producing hundreds of yearly informational videos, his ability to take a piece of news and transform it into a captivating story that the audience will connect with is his hallmark. His reach and impact for the Section have transcended all communication mediums — from print, to radio and television, to the Internet. This is not LaRosa’s first honor by the Section. In 2005 and again in 2010 he was awarded the distinction of NCPGA Sports Media Person of the Year. Owner of
Frank LaRosa and Associates Advertising and Marketing Agency, his passion for golf is reflected in his many achievements including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the NCPGA Foundation and a Board Member of the Morton Golf Foundation. His impact on the game extends to many charitable organizations including The First Tee of Greater Sacramento, The George Archer Memorial Foundation for Literacy, Saving Strokes, and more. LaRosa was instrumental in helping the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association create Saving Strokes in 2000 to offer stroke survivors an opportunity to participate in golf for pleasure as well as for physical rehabilitation. The program, which utilizes NCPGA Professionals to deliver specialized golf instruction, was initiated in Sacramento. Thirteen years later, this small program has grown to 22 sites in five states. It now serves more than 1,000 participants annually and engages more than 100 golf professionals and instructors.

Dan Brace (2015)
The Northern California Section of the PGA (NCPGA) is pleased to award an Honorary Membership to attorney and legal counsel Danny Brace for his distinguished service to the NCPGA Section, its PGA Members and apprentices. This marks only the fourteenth time Honorary Membership to the NCPGA has been awarded since 1920. Brace is the longest tenured member of the NCPGA Board of Directors and has been legal counsel for the NCPGA Section since 2000. Brace has been a self-employed attorney-at-law since 1984 and donates a great deal of time to attending and contributing at Section meetings and events. He is known for his generosity and willingness to offer Pro-bono advice to many Section Professionals. A member of the American and California Bar Associations, he is licensed to practice in all California Superior Courts, appellate courts and the California Supreme Court. He also practices in all California Federal Courts, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and all U.S. Tax Courts. Brace has served the Sacramento Community as a member of the Rotary Club for the past 15 years. He has donated his time and expertise to Shriners Children’s Hospital, Firefighters Burn Unit, and the American Cancer Society. With a strong “love of the game,” Brace has a deep
connection to golf facilities and programs throughout the area. He is a founding member of Swallow’s Nest Golf and Country Club, and served as an officer of the club for 12 years. He has also been a member of El Macero Country Club, served on various committees, was a member of its Board of Directors, and served as Club President in 2007. Looking to the future of the golf industry, Brace is a staunch supporter of The First Tee program. The induction of this unique ambassador to golf took place during the NCPGA Semi-Annual Meeting on June 28 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada.

NCPGA SECTION OFFICE & PERSONNEL

From the beginning of group action, when the Northern California professionals banded together in a local organization and for many years after the 1924 incorporation with the PGA of America, the office and administrative responsibilities were taken care of by the elected officers with excellent support from their spouses.

In the 1960s, the Section abandoned the practice of having the elected officers doing all the administrative work as well as making policy decisions. On September 14, 1964, the “Bill Sherman Company,” a San Francisco-based golf consulting firm headed by Sherman, was hired on a trial basis to handle most of the administrative details of the Section. Sherman assigned Darlene Gomes (Rippon) to do the NCPGA work under his supervision. This arrangement lasted until November 1, 1966.

At that time, the Section assumed total responsibility for NCPGA work assignments. An office was rented in the Port of Oakland Building in Jack London Square. Miss Gomes was hired as secretary. During an August 1972 board meeting, there was some discussion on moving the office to Rancho Murieta Country Club.

In April 1973 a second and larger office was leased, also in Jack London Square (130 Webster Street) in Oakland, CA.
At the 1973 annual meeting, a proposal was presented to the membership recommending that the Section hire a full-time Executive Administrator to administer the Section’s operation and to help determine policy and course of action. Action was taken to make plans and to seek an Executive Director.

In April 1974, Miss Gomes resigned as secretary at the Section office. At this time, PGA Professional Lyle Wehrman was appointed as the Interim Executive Director until the final plans and selection for a permanent director were made.

At the annual meeting on November 25, 1974, it was announced that a contract would be signed with Wehrman retaining him as Executive Director as a full-time non-temporary basis. At the November 1974 meeting, the NCPGA Woman of the Year award, given for the first time, was presented to Mrs. Joan Wehrman for her help and efforts in keeping the office going when the former secretary left.

With the lease of the office at 130 Webster Street in Jack London Square slated to expire in April 1976, and after a vote of approval by the general membership at a January 26, 1976 meeting, the staff of two relocated to an office at the Sunol Valley Golf Course, Sunol, CA in May 1976 where they enjoyed free rent for eight months and later paid $50.00 per month.

In the fall of 1979, Wehrman resigned from his Executive Administrative duties. Wehrman remained at the Section Office until the beginning of 1980. John McCarthy, formerly with the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Department took the reins as Executive Director in December 1979. In the fall of 1980, the Section office was relocated to Palo Alto, CA. McCarthy resigned as Executive Director in early 1983. Mrs. Lynn Dust, the office secretary, assumed responsibilities for the administrative duties. When the lease expired in August 1983, the office was moved temporarily to Lynn Dust’s residence in Sunnyvale, CA.

On June 17, 1985, Mike Donahoe, a 14-year member of the NCPGA who served the Women’s Professional Golf Tour (Group Four) for two years as
Tournament Director, was hired by the Board of Directors as Director of Tournament Administration.

In January 1986, the Section Office was moved to Rickenbacker Circle in Livermore, CA. Mrs. Dust resigned her position as office secretary effective June 30, 1986. Donahoe was directed to assume the responsibilities for the office work. In September 1986, the Board renegotiated Donahoe’s contract, naming him the Section Administrator and making him responsible for all administrative activities for the Section in addition to his Tournament Administration duties.

By 1987, the NCPGA had outgrown its office on Rickenbacker Circle and moved to larger quarters on Las Positas Court, also in Livermore. Once again in December 1999 the office was moved to a new office building in Vacaville, CA at a considerable savings in rent and located just a couple of blocks from Interstate 80. The Section office still resides here at 411 Davis Street, suite 103.

In April of 1991 Mike Donahoe resigned as Executive Director and Gary Plato was asked to act as interim Executive Director until a new one was hired. Bob Fagan was hired in November 1991.

In October of 1998, Bob Fagan resigned. Emmy Moore-Minister, the Sections’ then-media/PR person, agreed to act as interim Executive Director, along with the help of Board Members Rick Jetter and Lyle Wehrman.

Scott Humphrey, a PGA member, as well as a member of the Board, was hired as Executive Director in May of 1999. Humphrey left the Section Office to return to the golf industry in 2004.

Chris Thomas was hired as Executive Director in June of 2004 after serving as Director of Operations for the Southern California Section of the PGA. He continues in this role as of 2011.
Section Attorney
The minutes of the June 24, 1965 meeting show Dan Murdock, an attorney, will be contacted for counsel in a case. On September 1, 1971, an attorney, Robert Harbough, was retained to represent the NCPGA in a case.

In 1973, the Board of Directors contracted with Mr. Tony Cardozo who headed a law firm in Modesto, to represent the NCPGA as needed. His responsibilities were to research and report various rules, regulations, laws, and etc. which pertain to the golf profession and business, and to provide interpretations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, the Robinson-Patman Act, and any other laws relating to buying, selling, advertising, personnel and other aspects of the business.

Attorney Dan Brace, on invitation, attended the August 11, 1999 Board meeting and offered his services to the Section on a Pro/Bono basis. At the September 14 Board meeting, attorney Dan Brace’s letter of understanding was presented to the Board. It was accepted unanimously, and Dan Brace became our Pro/Bono counsel. At the Annual Meeting held December 6, 1999, Dan Brace was sworn in for a two-year term as an Independent Director on the Section Board. He continues in this role as of 2011.

Section Lobbyist
In 1973, Mr. George Waldie, a registered lobbyist, was retained by the NCPGA Board of Directors as its Sacramento legislative representative. His main efforts were in the legislative arena to help the PGA become recognized as an established profession under California law. There is currently no Section lobbyist retained by the Nor Cal PGA Section.

Tournament Director
At a meeting held in September, 1962, Mark Fry was interviewed with the idea of hiring him as a tournament director. Apparently an agreement could not be finalized and the idea was dropped until February, 1963. Bob Whitaker, a PGA Member, was hired on a 90-day probationary period to conduct one-day Pro-Ams. He would be paid $100 per day, and for two days or more he would get an
additional $50 per day. For Pro-Pro events, he would get $35. The agreement did not go beyond the 90-day period.

The minutes of the April 29, 1971 meeting showed that there was considerable discussion in regards to hiring Walt Gamage (Palo Alto Times) as our PR media person and Tournament Director. No action was taken. At a May 28, 1971 meeting, Harvey Raynor, a PGA member, was interviewed in regards to coming on as a PR person and Tournament Director. At the June 19, 1971 meeting, he was hired. He was to be paid $1000 per month plus expenses, a leased car and insurance paid by the section. Approximately four months later at the October 5, 1971 Board Meeting, it was decided to sever relations with Mr. Raynor, due to lack of funds.

Records could not be found, but Section member John Hughes was hired for a short time to work on Section tournaments. Apparently, lack of funds was also reason for his dismissal. The minutes of February 1989 show that there was earlier discussion on hiring a Tournament Director. Marc Henry, son of Bill Henry, Professional at Pebble Beach and Del Monte and former Board member, was mentioned as a good prospect.

At the May 23, 1989 meeting, the minutes show that after considerable discussion, there was a vote of 6-2 approved the taking on and conducting of two Hogan events in the Northern California Section.

The minutes of the June 26, 1989 meeting indicated that Marc Henry was hired to run the two Hogan events and the Section tournament program as well.

The January 28, 1992 minutes show that Marc was promoted to Assistant Executive Director in addition to his tournament duties. Marc Henry resigned in January, 1995, to go to the Aloha Section as Executive Director.

Tim Goode was hired as tournament operations manager in February 1995. Brian Baylis had been staff assistant since June 1994, and when Goode left the Section in 1996, Brian was promoted to the position of tournament operations
manager. On December, 1997, Mike Sterling was hired as tournament administrator, and when Baylis left the Section in December 1999, Mike was promoted to that position. In the fall of 1999, Mike was elevated to Director of Marketing and continued to be involved with tournament operations even after Dan Johnston, a PGA transfer from the Southern California Section, was hired as tournament operations manager. Dan resigned in August, 2000, and Jamie Wasemiller was hired in November, 2000, to assist Sterling with tournaments.

In 2004, Nancy Maul was hired as Tournament and Marketing Manager for the NCPGA. Maul was promoted to Director of Operations in 2007, still responsible for overseeing tournament operations. In March 2007, Brandon Hill was hired as Assistant Tournament Director. In 2010, Brandon was promoted to Tournament Director. In May 2011, Hill left the position which was filled by Cameron MacGregor, PGA a 20 year plus member of the Association. Cameron remains in this position to this day.

**Media/PR Consultant**

At an August, 1993 meeting, Emmy Moore-Minister presented the Board with a proposal to establish a Media Communication and Public Relations program for the NCPGA Section. The Board directed President Mike Rawitser and Executive Director Bob Fagan to enter into a contract agreement with Emmy Moore-Minister as an independent contractor for the purpose of acting as a PR/Media Consultant for the NCPGA. Emmy’s contracts were renewed on a two-year basis and her duties expanded over time. She continued in this role up until 2007.

**Director of Marketing**

Claus Stubenrauch was hired in early 1993 to work independently to test market new business opportunities and also setting his sights toward involving the Section in the corporate outings business. At the June 22, 1993 meeting, there was some discussion on what Claus had been doing and whether his contract should be extended. The August 25, 1993 minutes show that Claus’ contract would be extended for six months at $1,000 per month. After that the Board
would decide if they wanted to utilize his services for a longer period of time. Before Claus had the opportunity to enter the Section into Corporate Outing Business, he was diagnosed as having cancer, and passed away early in the fall of 1994.

At the July 13, 1997 Board Meeting, Patti Rollins was introduced as the Director of Marketing for the Section. At the September 29, 1998 Board meeting, Rollins resigned. She had made a valiant effort to obtain tournament sponsors and the particularly market Saddle Creek Golf Club, but lack of a clubhouse, etc. proved to be too big an obstacle to overcome.

In the fall of 1999, current Tournament Operations Assistant Brian Sterling was elevated to Director of Marketing and continued to be involved with tournament operations. In February, 2001, Jud Walsh was hired as Director of Marketing and Development. Marketing related activities have been fulfilled by Nancy Maul since her hire in 2004.

**Player Development & Membership Services Director**

On May 30, 2014 Marshall Cusey, PGA, MBA was selected as the new Player Development and Membership Services Director for the NCPGA. His official start date was Thursday, June 19. Marshall came to the NCPGA Section from New Orleans and has an excellent understanding of Player Development and the importance it plays in the future of our business. His background includes most recently on course as a First Assistant Golf Professional at New Orleans Country Club. Prior to this assignment he earned his PGA Membership along with Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from New Mexico State University in 2011. From there he achieved a Master Degree in Business Administration at the University of New Orleans in 2014. Marshall interned in the Membership Department at the PGA of America in 2010 and also worked as an intern at the PGA Junior Series in 2011. His primary responsibilities include Growth of the Game education/counseling for the NCPGA membership, conducting the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship locally, serving as liaison to the Education and Player Development Committees, Teaching Task Force as well as Chapter and Division Event and Administrative Support.
Other Positions

Membership coordinator Barbara Hilde was hired in 1995 and left the position in 2002. Shawn Humphrey joined the team in 2000 as administration. Sherry Haleen, having taken on additional responsibilities as bookkeeper, replaced long-time office manager and bookkeeper Maureen Corrigan in 2000.

In December 2006, Nancy “Ida French was hired a temporary staff member, assisting in answering phones, and providing general administrative support while the search for a new Executive Assistant was underway. French was hired as permanent staff in 2008, with primary responsibilities surrounding membership services. Nancy French left the NCPGA in July 2014.

Jennifer Noel (formerly Fletcher) was hired in January 2007 as Executive Assistant, with primary responsibilities being support for the Section Executive Director. With the shift of staff responsibilities, Noel became more involved in Section Communications, thus receiving a title change to Executive Assistant & Communications Specialist in 2008. In 2014, she was promoted to Operations Director for the NCPGA where she manages Section Communications, Meetings, serves as liaison to several Committees and PGA HQ Administration Program and provides support for Section programming.

Suzy Schneider was hired in May 2010 as a temporary staff member while Jennifer Noel was on maternity leave. Shortly after, Schneider was hired as part time support for the Section Foundation and assisted with Chapter & Division tournament administration. In 2014, her focus was shifted to fundraising and giving administration for the Foundation as well as Section Communications support.

In 2014 Lisa Pierleoni was hired as Membership Programs Assistant with primary responsibilities being for support of the Section Office as well as membership programming.
**Section Golf Course**

Records show that in July, 1984, a Board Meeting was held at the site of a proposed business park and a golf course on Windsor Water District property. Mr. Richard Coombs, the developer, and Ronald Fream, the architect were present and conducted a tour of the 250-acre site. By April 1985, the negotiations had proceeded to the point where the NCPGA Board of Directors notified Mr. Coombs and Mr. Fream that Mr. Markovich had been appointed chairman of the golf course project and had been given full authority to handle negotiations and details.

At the October, 1985 Board Meeting, Pat Markovich stated that he feels that our involvement with Windsor should take careful consideration. The area had too many courses for the number of people, he advised.

March, 1985 minutes indicated that a corporation would be set up for the overall operation of the golf course and that the NCPGA should commit $25,000 to $50,000 and obtain a seat on the Board of Directors.

At the May, 1985 Board Meeting, Markovich recommended that the Section not put any money into the project. There are too many courses in the area and it is in a rural location.

The minutes of the August, 1985 meeting show a report by Pat Markovich that there were six 18-hole and three 9-hole courses within 10 miles. Markovich also reported on Discovery Bay stating that it was at least a year away. Earlier Geo Buzzini, Jr., had mentioned that Ken Hoffman, owner and developer, was interested in the NCPGA locating there with office space rent free.

In the September 9, 1986 minutes, it was noted that Algae Pulley was building a golf course (Chardonnay) near Napa, CA, and he was interested in involving the NCPGA. The matter was turned over to Pat Markovich and in the January, 1987 minutes, Pat reported that he thought a group of golf professionals could buy or get a major ownership in Chardonnay. The minutes of February 9, 1987 stated that it would cost $600,000 to obtain 20% ownership of the course.
January 1, 1995 minutes show that the Section started negotiations with Saddle Creek GC for it to become the “Home Course” of the Northern California Section. After almost a year of conversation and many revisions and changes to the contract, an agreement was reached between “Cloudburst Partners,” and the Northern California Section of the PGA. A contract was signed on November 10, 1995, naming the Saddle Creek GC “The Home Course” of the NCPGA. Saddle Creek is located in Copperopolis, CA, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The Section was to receive $50,000 per year and in addition would receive 10 full days or 20 half days including carts and range balls to use for Section events, or let out for Corporate events from which the revenue would revert to the Section.

In the early part of 1999, there was some conversation and letters exchanged regarding the last quarterly payment of 1998 being overdue. While this was going on the Section was informed that Castle and Cook/Nearou was the new operating partner. They in turn informed the Section that effective April 28, 1999, the agreement would be terminated. They did agree to honor all tournament dates that had been scheduled for the year. Eventually, an agreement and settlement was reached on the monies owed to the Section.

As of the termination date, there still had not been any signs of building the Clubhouse. Originally, the clubhouse was to have been built within two years of signing the contract which would have been November of 1997. The clubhouse was finally completed in the spring of 2001.