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## STRUCTURE OF THE NCPGA

The Northern California PGA 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 nationwide.

At the time of incorporation, the NCPGA Section comprised 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, Calif. 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. In January 2016, 11 PGA Professionals from the Southern California Section requested that the boundary between the two sections be changed with the intent to align the two amateur bodies, to enable professionals on the central coast of the state to participate in Northern California Section and chapter events, and to reduce the amount of travel time required to get to these events.

On August 26, 2016, the change was approved by the PGA Board of Directors and now follows a line from Beatty, Nev., including Porterville, to the intersection of California State Hwy. 33 and California State Hwy. 41, then continuing with a line from the intersection of the 33 and 41 to the intersection of State Hwy. 58 and U.S. Hwy. 101 then a line extending from the 58 and 101 intersection to the intersection of Kern Ave. and State Hwy. 1 and from that intersection a line through the intersection of Ramona Ave. and S. Bay Blvd. in Baywood Park to the Pacific Ocean.

The Section is geographically divided into six chapters, with which each professional is affiliated: Bay Area (est. 2008), Monterey Bay Area (est. 2009), North Coast (est. 2000), North State (est. 1976), San Joaquin Valley (est. 1976), and Sierra-Nevada (est. 1975). 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 NCPGA 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).

## CHAPTERS

Beginning with the establishment of the Sierra Nevada Chapter in 1975, attempts for full Section chapterization were launched over the years in order to promote participation and active involvement of the membership in tournaments, education, and meeting opportunities.

A call for better communication throughout the Section appeared in the 1984 NCPGA Long Range Planning report, followed by a request to expand the chapters throughout the Section. Led by the Chairman of the Chapterization Committee<sup>1</sup>, Bob McCallister, this request eventually became a recommendation by the NCPGA Board of Directors to establish more than three chapters in the Section and to adjust the number of at-large director seats on the board to allow for chapter representation. The proposed boundaries of these chapters included regions along the North Coast (Calif.), North State (Calif.), Sierra Nevada (Calif. & Nev.), Bay Area (Calif.), South Coast (Calif.), and San Joaquin (Calif.) Chapters.

In November 2008, chapter presidents and Section staff met to review and realign these boundaries, resulting in the creation of a master map housed within the Section's 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 or by their city of residence (if unemployed).

To date, each NCPGA professional and apprentice is affiliated with one of the six chapters within the Section. With the adoption of the Section bylaw (6.7) in 2009, per the PGA of America, the term of each chapter president was changed from three years to two years.

### Bay Area Chapter

Established in 2008, the Bay Area Chapter covers the San Francisco Bay and surrounding areas, encompassing more than 500 members and apprentices employed at more than 100 facilities. The mission of the BAC is to provide its members with continuing education, outreach, and professional advancement opportunities in order to promote the game of golf, and to uphold the history and traditions of the game.

#### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2018-Present	Scott Steelman, Las Positas G.C. (Livermore, Calif.)
2016-2017	Jeff DeBenedetti, Las Positas G.C. (Livermore, Calif.)
2014-2015	John Vest, Chuck Corica G.C. (Alameda, Calif.)
2012-2013	Joe Gile, Ruby Hill G.C. (Pleasanton, Calif.) <sup>2</sup>
2010-2011	Mark Naylor, Castlewood C.C. (Pleasanton, Calif.)
2008-2009	Mark Naylor, Castlewood C.C. (Pleasanton, Calif.)

### Monterey Bay Area Chapter

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 1984 Chapterization Committee members included Bob Lunn (Central Valley), Bob Moore (Bay Area), Jim Hosley (North Coast), Bob Badger (Sacramento), Steve Menchinella (San Joaquin), Don Krivanek (Sierra Nevada), Jack Doss (South Coast), and Chairman Bob McCallister (North State).

<sup>2</sup> Resigned early from chapter presidency.



PGA professionals and apprentices in the region began collecting signatures to request that a new chapter be formed in the Northern California Section. In 2009 the NCPGA Board of Directors approved the formation of the Monterey Bay Area Chapter.

The MBAC has allowed area professionals to stay connected, earn Member Service Requirements (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 G.C. in Pebble Beach, Calif., and chapter bylaws were approved by the membership at the inaugural Monterey Bay Area Chapter Annual Meeting<sup>3</sup> at Monterey Pines G.C. in Monterey, Calif.

### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2016-2017	Pat Jones, Bayonet and Black Horse G.C. (Seaside, Calif.)
2014-2015	Brant Wilson, Carmel Valley Ranch (Carmel, Calif.)
2012-2013	Dale Taylor, Tehama G.C. (Carmel, Calif.)
2009-2011	Eric Lippert, Del Monte G.C. (Monterey, Calif.)

### **North Coast Chapter**

In March of 2000, the Section board approved formation of 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 put on hold. PGA professionals Mark Wotherspoon and Ted Mattila were instrumental in getting the chapter approved by the NCPGA Board of Directors.

### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2016-2017	Pat Jones, Bayonet and Black Horse G.C. (Seaside, Calif.)
2015-2016	No Record
2014-2015	Wayne Clark, Hidden Valley Lake (Calif.) G. & C.C.
2011-2014	Greg Senestraro, Redwood Empire G. & C.C. (Fortuna, Calif.)
2009-2010	Ted Mattila, Buckingham G. & C.C. (Kelseyville, Calif.)
2004-2008	Mark Wotherspoon, Buckingham G. & C.C. (Kelseyville, Calif.)
2000-2003	Jim Hosley, Baywood G. & C.C. (Arcata, Calif.)

### **North State Chapter**

### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2016-2017	Mike Galli, North Ridge C.C. (Fair Oaks, Calif.)
2014-2015	No Record
2013-2014	David Knox, El Macero (Calif.) C.C.
2012	No Record
2010-2011	Pat Gould, Peach Tree C.C. (Marysville, Calif.)

<sup>3</sup> The inaugural MBAC Annual Meeting was held on November 3, 2009

2008-2009	Pat Gould, Peach Tree C.C. (Marysville, Calif.) – Interim President
2005-2007	Rob Frederick, Woodcreek G.C. (Roseville, Calif.)
2004	No Record
2000-2003	Rob Frederick, Woodcreek G.C. (Roseville, Calif.)
1996-1999	No Record
1995	Rob Frederick, Woodcreek G.C. (Roseville, Calif.)
1994	Brad Ables, Auburn Valley G.C. (Auburn, Calif.)
1992-1994	Pat Gould, Plumas Lake G. & C.C. (Olivehurst, Calif.)
1991	Nate Pomeroy, North Ridge C.C. (Fair Oaks, Calif.)
1988-1990	Ed Hester, Butte Creek C.C. (Chico, Calif.)
1986-1987	Dan Kowall, The Golf Club Tierra Oaks (Redding, Calif.)
1985	Bill Womeldorf
1984	Bob McCallister, Lake Shastina Golf Resort (Weed, Calif.)
1982-1983	Al Vaccaro
1980-1981	Bill Krause
1976-1979	Bob McCallister, Lake Shastina Golf Resort (Weed, Calif.)

## San Joaquin Valley Chapter

### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2016-2017	Jeff Palmer, The Reserve at Spanos Park (Stockton, Calif.)
2014-2015	Rich Howarth, Stockton (Calif.) C.C.
2012-2013	Joe Wisocki, Ridge Creek Dinuba (Calif.) G.C.
2010-2011	Dave Lewis, Stripes Practice Center (Tracy, Calif.)
2008-2009	Tim Huber, Sierra Meadows Ranch (Ahwahnee, Calif.)
2006-2007	Steve Pellegrine, Kings C.C. (Hanford, Calif.)
2004-2005	Dave Lewis, Turlock (Calif.) G. & C.C.
2003	Eric Costa, Madera (Calif.) G. & C.C.
2000-2002	Chris Borrego, Pine Mountain Lake C.C. (Groveland, Calif.)
1995 <sup>4</sup>	Gary Bauer, Fig Garden G.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1993-1994	Jeff Christensen, Meadowmont G. & C.C. (Arnold, Calif.)
1991-1992	Ed Luethke, Wawona Peachwood G.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1988-1990	Kelly Wolfe, Belmont C.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1984-1987	Ron Goering, Javier's Fresno West G.C. (Kerman, Calif.)
1982-1983	Mike Paniccia, San Joaquin C.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1979-1981	Steve Menchinella, Sunnyside C.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1976-1978	Steve Adams, Gold Hills G.C. (Redding, Calif.)

## Sierra Nevada Chapter

The Sierra Nevada Chapter was formed at the NCPGA Semi-Annual Meeting at Hidden Valley Country Club on July 14th 1975. The chapter originated as the Sierra Nevada Pro-Am Association

<sup>4</sup> Date term ended is unknown.

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 Sierra Nevada Chapter has continued to develop and flourish from its 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.

### *Past Presidents of the Chapter*

2016-Present	Ward Sutton, Hidden Valley C.C. (Reno, Nev.)
2015-2016	Rick Christensen, Somerset G. & C.C. (Reno, Nev.) <sup>5</sup>
2013-2015	Dave LaFata, Thunder Canyon C.C. (Washoe Valley, Nev.)
2011-2012	Greg Enholm, Carson Valley Inn (Minden, Nev.)
2008-2010	Gus Jones, Martis Camp Club (Truckee, Calif.)
2007	Martin Chuck, The Club at ArrowCreek (Reno, Nev.)
2005-2006	Jim Kepler, Dayton Valley G. & C.C. (Dayton, Nev.)
2002-2003	Bruce Twole (Truckee, Calif.)
2002	Fred Elliott, Wildcreek G.C. (Sparks, Nev.)
2000	John Hughes, Incline Village (Nev.) Golf Resort
1994	Jim Kepler, Dayton Valley G. & C.C. (Dayton, Nev.)
1992-1994	Al Weinhold, Hidden Valley C.C. (Reno, Nev.)
1989-1991	John Hughes
1988	Tom Duncan
1983-1987	Mike Mitchell
1981-1982	Fred Elliott
1979-1980	Orrin Vincent
1975-1978	Don Krivanek

### **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.

#### 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

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<sup>5</sup> Resigned early due to employment change (ineligible).

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

2017-Present	Bill Troyanoski, Half Moon Bay (Calif.) Golf Links
2015-2017	Tracy Stansberry, Sequoyah C.C. (Oakland, Calif.) <sup>6</sup>
2014-2015	John Hughes, Castlewood C.C. (Pleasanton, Calif.) <sup>1</sup>
2012-2013	Len Dumas, Contra Costa C.C. (Pleasant Hill, Calif.)
2010-2011	Monte Koch, Chardonnay G.C. (Napa, Calif.)
2008-2009	Bob Young, Stockton (Calif.) G. & C.C.
2006-2007	Sue Fiscoe, FM Golf (Modesto, Calif.)
2004-2005	Mike Mazzaferri Hidden Valley C.C. (Reno, Nev.)
2002-2003	Shim LaGoy, Orinda (Calif.) C.C.
2000-2001	Jim Collins, San Ramon (Calif.) G.C.
1998-1999	Pat Gould, Peach Tree G.C. (Marysville, Calif.)
1996-1997	Paul Wilcox, Diablo (Calif.) C.C.
1995	Nate Pomeroy, North Ridge C.C. (Fair Oaks, Calif.)
1993-1994	Mike Rawitser, Santa Teresa G.C. (San Jose, Calif.)
1993	William Womeldorf, Del Rio C.C. (Modesto, Calif.)
1991-1992	Ed Hester, Butte Creek C.C. (Chico, Calif.)
1990	Barry Brumfield, San Jose (Calif.) C.C.
1988-1989	Jerry Thormann, Sunol Valley G.C. (Sunol, Calif.)
1987	Al Vaccaro, California G.C. (South San Francisco, Calif.)
1984-1986	Ty Caplin, Elkhorn C.C. (Stockton, Calif.)
1982-1983	Vic Loustalot, Mira Vista C.C. (El Cerrito, Calif.)
1981	Dan Lippstreu, Las Positas G.C. (Livermore, Calif.)
1979-1980	Dale Mead, Del Rio C.C. (Modesto, Calif.)
1978	Gary Plato, San Jose (Calif.) C.C.
1977	Bob Badger, El Macero (Calif.) C.C.
1975-1976	Steve Menchinella, Sunnyside C.C. (Fresno, Calif.)
1974	John Fry, Harding Park G.C. (San Francisco, Calif.)
1973	Rick Jetter, Cambrian G.C. (San Jose, Calif.)
1971-1972	Charles Leider, Crystal Springs G.C. (Burlingame, Calif.)
1970	Gary Loustalot, DeLaveaga G.C. (Santa Cruz, Calif.)
1968-1969	Joe Zakarian, Los Altos (Calif.) C.C.
1965-1967	John Zontek, Contra Costa C.C. (Pleasant Hill, Calif.)
1962-1964	Lyle Wehrman, Merced (Calif.) G. & C.C.
1959-1961	Tom Fry, San Mateo (Calif.) G.C.
1958	Bob Moore, Corral de Tierra C.C. (Salinas, Calif.)
1956-1957	Max McMurry, Alameda (Calif.) G.C.

<sup>6</sup> Resigned early due to relocation.

1953-1955	Harold Stone, Sonoma (Calif.) G.C.
1950-1952	Pat Patten, Orinda (Calif.) C.C.
1948-1949	Pat Markovich, Richmond (Calif.) C.C.
1940-1947	Eddie Duino Sr., San Jose (Calif.) C.C.
1938-1939	Earl Fry, Alameda (Calif.) G.C.
1934-1937	Dewey Longworth, Claremont C.C. (Oakland, Calif.)
1931-1933	Harold Sampson, Burlingame C.C. (Hillsborough, Calif.)
1922-1930	Sam Whiting, The Olympic Club (Daly City, Calif.)
1921	Billy Blackhall, Spalding Bros. and Fairmont Hotel (San Francisco, Calif.)
1920	Willie Locke, San Francisco (Calif.) G.C. and Women's Athletic Club <sup>7</sup>

## 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. & C.C.), 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 NCPGA Membership Committee asking for consideration of reduced or no dues for those who have been members for over fifty years and are not active with The Association, however desire to be a PGA Professional for life.

The letter was presented at the Section's board of directors meeting on July 11, 2010, 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 also a member of the national membership committee, presented the topic and thus direction as to creating a formal resolution was made. After much discussion, analysis and revisions, the resolution passed as presented below.

### Qualifications are based on the following:

- 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 bylaws).
- Life Member Century members will not be provided with professional liability insurance.

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

## 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 at 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.

## 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 are led by a chairperson (or co-chairs) identified by the Section president and meet on a regular basis to analyze and discuss a given area of focus. They then provide direction and guidance to staff and the board of directors. Those interested on serving as a committee member should contact the chair(s) of their desired committee regarding participation. A list of committees and chairpersons can be found on the Section website under *Governance*.

## NCPGA MEMBERSHIP

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.

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Description</i>
<b>MP</b>	<b>Master Professional:</b> The highest category of membership, reflecting exceptional self-improvement as golf professional. The Master Professional classification recognizes PGA members who have successfully completed advanced professional training. The board of directors shall establish the requirements to be classified as Master Professional, including the requirement that such members shall have served, for a minimum of six (6) years, in the capacities of Class A head golf professional and/or director of golf at PGA recognized golf facilities.
<b>A-1 / B-1</b>	<b>Head Professional / Apprentice:</b> Those who own and operate or supervise and direct a golf shop at a PGA recognized club/course.
<b>A-2 / B-2</b>	<b>Head Professional / Apprentice:</b> Those who operate and supervise a PGA recognized golf range.



A-3	<b>Exempt TOUR Player:</b> Those Section members who also have qualified as members of the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour and Futures Tour.
A-4 / B-4	<b>Director of Golf / Apprentice:</b> Those in charge of the total golf operation at a PGA recognized golf facility; including the golf shop, golf range, golf car operations, and supervision of the head golf professional.
A-5	<b>Past Presidents of The Association</b> (Apprentices are not eligible)
A-6 / B-6	<b>Golf Instructor / Apprentice:</b> Individuals employed at PGA recognized golf facilities, PGA recognized golf schools, and PGA recognized indoor facilities as either golf instructors, supervisors of golf instructors or individuals who instruct PGA Professionals how to teach.
A-7 / B-7	<b>Head Professional:</b> Head Professional at a PGA recognized facility under construction.
A-8 / B-8	<b>Assistant Golf Professional / Apprentice:</b> Any individual who is primarily employed at a PGA recognized golf facility and spends at least 50% of the time working on club repair, merchandising, handicapping records, inventory control, bookkeeping and tournament operations.
A-9 / B-9	<b>Owner, Operator, or Management / Apprentice:</b> Employed in professional positions in management, development, ownership operation and/or financing of facilities. Also, individuals employed at three or more facilities, regardless of position are placed into this classification.
A-10 / B-10	<b>Golf Clinician / Apprentice:</b> Golf professionals whose main source of income is golf shows or clinics.
A-11 / B-11	<b>Golf Administrator / Apprentice:</b> 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.
A-12 / B-12	<b>College or University Golf Coach / Apprentice:</b> Individuals who are employed as golf coaches at accredited colleges, universities and junior colleges.
A-13 / B-13	<b>General Manager / Apprentice:</b> Individuals who are employed as general managers/directors 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.
A-14 / B-14	<b>Director of Instruction / Apprentice:</b> An individual who manages, supervises, or directs the total teaching program at a PGA recognized golf school or golf facility.
A-15 / B-15	<b>Ownership/Management of a Retail Golf Facility / Apprentice:</b> 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.
A-16 / B-16	<b>Golf Course Architect / Apprentice:</b> 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.

A-17 / B-17	<b>Golf Course Superintendent / Apprentice:</b> 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 (GSCAA).
A-18 / B-18	<b>Golf Media / Apprentice:</b> 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.
A-19 / B-19	<b>Golf Manufacturer (Management) / Apprentice:</b> Individuals employed in an executive, administrative, or supervisory position with a golf industry manufacturer or golf industry distributor.
A-20 / B-20	<b>Golf Manufacturer (Sales Representative) / Apprentice:</b> Individuals primarily employed by one or more golf manufacturing or distributing companies involved in the wholesale sales and distribution of merchandise or golf related supplies to facilities, retail stores or other golf outlets.
A-21 / B-21	<b>Tournament Coordinator or Director for Organizations, Businesses or Associations / Apprentice:</b> Individuals primarily employed in the coordination, planning and implementation of golf events for organizations, businesses, or associations.
A-22 / B-22	<b>Rules Official / Apprentice:</b> Individuals primarily employed in the provision of services as a rules official for recognized golf associations.
A-23 / B-23	<b>Club Fitting or Repair / Apprentice:</b> Individuals primarily employed in the business of club fitting.
A-24	Employed within the golf industry and not eligible for another active classification. (Class B Apprentices are not eligible)
HM	<b>Honorary Member</b>
F	Members who have failed to meet the requirements of the Professional Development Program (Member Service Requirements or "MSR").
IN	<b>Inactive:</b> Not eligible for classification as Active, Life Member or Retired Member.
LM	<b>Life Member (Retired):</b> 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 or hold office and must complete MSR. Those in this classification cannot work full-time.
LMA	<b>Life Member (Active):</b> Not eligible for classification as active member and who have held a minimum of 20 years in an active classification (whether continuous or not). Can vote and hold office and must complete MSR. Those in this classification cannot work full-time.
LMC	<b>Life Member Century:</b> Life Members who are fully retired, are no longer active in The Association in any manner, 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	<b>Life Member Master (Retired):</b> 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 or hold office and must complete MSR. Those in this classification cannot work full-time.



<b>RM</b>	<b>Retired Member:</b> 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 status.
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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 C.C. and became the 91st member of the PGA of America to earn Master status.

In March of 1984, an A-8 at Mira Vista C.C. by the name of Carol Pence became the first female elected to membership in the NCPGA. 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.

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 G.C. as an assistant professional, Jacobs moved on to become the head professional at the Golden Gate Fields G.C. in 1973, and earned his Class A status on May 1 that same year. Jacobs died in 1983 while preparing to participate in the United States National Senior’s Open Golf Association spring championship which he previously won in 1976.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

NCPGA honorary members are recognized for their 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 possess 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)

Mark “Buddy” Fry, Jr. was presented with an honorary membership status in recognition of his contribution to the game of golf. Fry showed 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, Fry 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 bylaws made operators of par 3 courses ineligible for PGA membership.

### Dr. Pete Zidnak (1965)

Dr. Pete Zidnak, Professor of Business at San Jose State University, was chosen as an honorary member and cited as a friend of golf whose dedicated service, inspiration, leadership, and counsel helped create a better organization for all golf professionals. Zidnak passed away in August 2000.

### Anthony “Tony” Cardozo (1980)

An attorney from Modesto, Cardozo 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)

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

### John Whalen (1995)

Whalen was awarded honorary membership for 20 years of service to the Sierra Nevada Chapter as their executive director, and for his tireless contributions in organizing and championing amateur golf in Northern Nevada. Whalen was instrumental in many activities in the area, including the founding of the Northern Nevada Golf Association (NNGA), the Nevada State Golf Association, and the Northern Nevada Junior Golf Association (NNJGA); the cofounding of the Girls Junior America’s Cup (JGAC); and bringing events such as USGA Qualifying, USGA Amateur Public Links Championship, and the USGA Senior Open Championship to the state of Nevada.

Whalen served on the USGA Junior Amateur Committee and was a USGA Rules Official, and was the cofounder of the Sierra Nevada Brooks Park Cup Matches held at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course every year. These matches bridge the amateur and professional relationship of golfers in Northern Nevada and continue to this day.

### 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 1970s, 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. 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, Calif., which provides free instruction and equipment for San Joaquin Valley youth interested in learning the game. Ross 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 juniors in his community. Ross served as a marine in World War II and 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 and later as a principal, extending his passion for imparting life lessons to youngsters through the game of golf well into his retirement.

### **Bob Murphy (1998)**

Known as the “Voice of Stanford Sports”, Murphy contributed and supported all sports, but his influence on golf in the area spans several decades. Since 1975, Murphy focused his promotion of sports to the game of golf, serving as consultant and promoter for numerous facilities including Sharon Heights C.C., Palo Alto Hills G. & C.C., Butte Creek C.C., and sporting events including serving as championship director for the 1987 U.S. Open and promoter of the Crosby, receiving an invitation to play in 1978.

Murphy is a member of the Stanford G.C. and former member of the California C.C., serving as the promotion and marketing consultant for the PGA Championship at Pebble Beach in 1977, and as a speaker/moderator at USGA Green Section Seminars in California, Arizona, and Hawaii.

A member of the California Golf Writers Association (CGWA), Murphy is known for his many years as emcee at the CGWA dinner and for receiving the Hayward/Newland Award in 1987. In 1998, Stanford and the University of California honored him with the Murphy Cup, a competition held annually between teams consisting of former players and prominent alumni. Murphy is 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 provides 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 C.C. and River Forest C.C. 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, and Massachusetts.

From the mid-1970s to early 1980s 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 Northern California representative with Titleist Golf.

### **Emmy Moore-Minister (2002)**

Emmy Moore-Minister was awarded honorary membership for her contributions to the Section, its PGA professionals, and 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-Minister served as the communications consultant for the NCPGA for 14 years in addition to 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 (CAG), 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.

### **Hershel Noonkester (2004)**

As the founder of the Taylormade Maxfli Championship, the Hershel Noonkester Scholarship Program, and a highly respected member of the Northern California golfing community, Noonkester was awarded honorary membership in 2004 after dedicating more than 38 years to the game and business of golf.

In its twenty-five year plus history, the Taylormade Maxfli Championship has drawn over 5,700 top players from clubs and courses throughout California and Nevada and promoted the connection between amateurs and PGA professionals. Noonkester also supports growth of the game through partnering with Play Golf America and his generous sponsorship of junior golf programs in the Section.

### **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, Calif. 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](http://www.batemanboys.com)), enter college or go on tour – oftentimes without charging a teaching fee. In return, he asked for their commitment to fulfill their potential at everything they did, to behave with dignity on and off the 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, Miss., he began caddying as a young boy at the Edgewater Hotel and G.C. where he was identified as a prodigy after tying the course record as a teenager.

Bateman served his country in the Air Force during WWII and relocated to Oakland in 1947, working in the shipyards and playing golf at Alameda G.C. and many others around the San Francisco Bay Area. An exceptional player, he managed the driving range and taught golf at Airway Fairways Driving

Range (where the Hilton Hotel sits today) across from the old Oakland airport. He remained the head professional 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<sup>8</sup>. 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 (NCGRA), Wilson was part of the leadership team that drove the close bond between it and the NCPGA Section.

Regarded as the unofficial “careerlinks” source, Wilson had a personal way of interacting with members and apprentices employed at his accounts. He knew all aspects of the business, from merchandising to buying plans, and even assisting with resume development, making himself available to share industry insights and best practices for success. Wilson was an active promoter of those 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, Calif., 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 and women’s golf teams for Napa Valley College, Justin Siena High School, and Vintage High School.

### **Frank LaRosa (2013)**

Awarded honorary membership status for his distinguished service to the Section, its professionals, and countless nonprofit organizations, LaRosa was the 13th inductee to receive this distinction.

In his career, LaRosa has displayed an exceptional ability to reach people through his creativity and communication expertise. Whether 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 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. 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 on the NCPGA Foundation Board of Directors and on the Morton Golf Foundation board. 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

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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 and now serves more than 1,000 participants annually, engaging more than 100 golf professionals and instructors.

### **Dan Brace (2015)**

Brace is the longest tenured member of the NCPGA Board of Directors and has been legal counsel for the NCPGA Section since 2000. As a self-employed attorney-at-law since 1984, he has donated a great deal of time to attending and contributing to Section meetings and events. Brace 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 G. & C.C., and served as an officer of the club for 12 years. He has also been a member of El Macero C.C., serving on various committees, as a member of its board of directors, and as club president in 2007. Looking to the future of the golf industry, Brace is a staunch supporter of The First Tee program.

### **Selena, Taylor, and Tara Thomas (2017)**

## **NCPGA SECTION OFFICE & PERSONNEL**

From the beginning of its establishment and for many years after the 1924 incorporation with The PGA of America, Section 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 in addition to making policy decisions. On September 14, 1964, the Bill Sherman Company, a San Francisco-based golf consulting firm, was hired on a trial basis to handle most of the administrative details of the Section. Upon termination of this arrangement in November of 1966, the Section once again assumed total responsibility for NCPGA work assignments and rented an office in the Port of Oakland Building in Jack London Square. In April 1973 a larger office was leased in the same vicinity at 130 Webster Street.

At the 1973 annual meeting, a proposal was presented to the membership recommending that the Section hire a full-time executive administrator to run Section operations and to help determine policy and course of action. In 1974, PGA Professional Lyle Wehrman was appointed as the executive director on a full-time basis.

With the lease of the office at 130 Webster Street slated to expire in April of 1976, and after a vote of approval by the general membership in January of 1976, the staff relocated to an office at the Sunol Valley G.C. (Sunol, Calif.) in May. Following the move, Wehrman resigned from his executive administrative duties in the fall of 1979 and remained at the Section office until John McCarthy, formerly with the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Department, was hired in his place. The following year, the Section office was relocated to Palo Alto, Calif.

In early 1983, McCarthy resigned as executive director and administrative duties were assumed by Lynn Dust. When the lease expired in August 1983, the office was temporarily moved to Dust's residence until January 1986 when the office was relocated to Rickenbacker Circle (Livermore, Calif.) and again to Las Positas Court (Livermore, Calif.) in 1987.

In April of 1991, the Section's Executive Director Mike Donahoe resigned from his position and Interim Executive Director Gary Plato took office until November of that same year when Bob Fagan was hired for the role. The following year, Tournament Director Marc Henry was promoted to the position of assistant executive director. His tenure was short lived however, as he resigned in 1995 to join the Aloha Section as their executive director.

By this time the office had grown to include a membership coordinator, tournament operations manager, a contracted public relations and media consultant, and a staff assistant. A director of marketing was added in 1997. In October 1998, Executive Director Bob Fagan resigned and PR/Media Consultant Emmy Moore-Minister was named interim executive director. Moore-Minister remained in this position until NCPGA Board Member Scott Humphrey was hired in May 1999. A few months later in December, the Section office moved to its current location in Vacaville, Calif.

In 2004, Executive Director Scott Humphrey left the Section office to return to the golf industry. That same year, SCPGA Director of Operations Chris Thomas was hired as executive director and held the office until his untimely death in October 2017.

## SECTION ATTORNEY

In June 1965, attorney Dan Murdock was contacted for counsel in a case, and in September 1971, 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, 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 pro-bono counsel of the NCPGA. 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 2018.

## SECTION LOBBYIST

In 1973, registered lobbyist George Waldie 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.

## 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.

In 1985, directives 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. Mr. Markovich cautioned that our involvement with Windsor should take careful consideration as the area had too many courses for the number of people.

In the September 1986, the developers of Chardonnay G.C. in Napa, Calif., expressed interest in involving the NCPGA. The matter was turned over to Pat Markovich and in January of 1987, he reported that a group of golf professionals could buy or get a major ownership in Chardonnay at a cost of \$600,000 for 20% ownership of the course. No records were found to support additional interest in this offer.

Almost 10 years later in 1995, the Section began negotiations with Saddle Creek G.C. for it to become the "home course" of the Northern California Section. After almost a year of conversation and many revisions, 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 G.C. "The Home Course of the NCPGA."

Saddle Creek is located in Copperopolis, Calif., in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The Section was to receive \$50,000 per year and would also 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. In the midst of the exchange, the Section was informed that there was a new operating partner who terminated the agreement effective April 28, 1999. Eventually, an agreement and settlement was reached on the monies owed to the Section.



