

Spring 2025

Growth of the Game

Player Development Grants opened on March 1st and will remain open until March 31st. This year, we have decided to split the grants from the previous Junior and Adult categories to align with our pillars of PGA REACH Michigan. We are offering junior, military, and inclusion grants and PGA Professionals are limited to applying for a grant in a maximum of two categories. Grant applications can be found on our website.

The 2024 Program of the Year was selected by a new process that included voting by the Growth of the Game sub-committees and interviews by the finalists. The two winners will be recognized at the Spring meeting and during the Presidents Dinner in the fall.

Junior POY: Lynn Janson - The Legacy at Hastings

Adult POY: John Aude - Gaylord Golf Club

Junior PGA Championships will both be held at Bedford Valley Golf Course this year. The Girls Junior PGA Championship will be held on June 18th & 19th and the Boys Junior PGA Championship will be held on June 26th & 27th. The top 2 boys and girls will advance to the National Championships held this year at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex in West Lafayette, Indiana on July 29 - August 1, 2025.

PGA Jr. League - Due to budget adjustments at the national level, PGA REACH funding for PGA Jr. League scholarships has been fully allocated for the 2025 season. However, the PGA of America remains committed to supporting players by offering a limited number of scholarships for Military, Financial Need, and Extenuating Circumstances. While these scholarships do not include Coach Fee reimbursement, they will cover the #GameChanger Club fee and provide a team kit at no cost.

The PGA Jr. League Section Championship will once again be held at Binder Park Golf Course on August 7-9, 2025. Thank you to Alex Johnson for his interest and cooperation with our championship.

Drive Chip Putt - Registration is now open for the 2025 season! This year, we are hosting 16 local qualifiers with 4 new locations.

A big thank you to the staff at

Salem Hills Golf Club
Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club
White Lake Golf Club
Katie Golf Course @ Ferris State
Harbor Shores Golf Club
Boyne Mountain Resort
Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club
StoneWater Country Club
Hawk Hollow Golf Course



Bay Meadows Family Golf Course
Milham Park Golf Club
Currie Municipal Golf Course
Rouge Park Golf Course
Binder Park Golf Course
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
Pheasant Run Golf Club

We are looking forward to an exciting season!

Boulder Creek Golf Club and The Orchards Golf Club will host Subregionals again for 2025.

With all of your help and use of your facilities the DCP is able to be so successful! THANK YOU!

PGA HOPE is expanding for 2025 with 9 new program locations. We are scheduled to operate 53 sessions across 23 locations serving nearly 700 Veterans! Thank you to the following locations for your unwavering support of PGA HOPE!

Auburn Hills
Battle Creek
Bay City
Bellaire
Belmont
Big Rapids
Comstock Park
Flint
Gaylord
Grand Haven
Grand Rapids
Harrison
Lansing
Livonia
Midland
Mount Pleasant
Pierson
Plymouth
Rochester
Royal Oak
Schoolcraft
Taylor
Troy

PGA HOPE Graduate Opportunity Events

PGA HOPE CUP will be held at The Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth on TBD. Hopefully it will be a two-day event with a reception the night before and lodging offered.

PGA HOPE Operation: Hero Challenge will be held at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek on Thursday, September 18th.

PGA REACH Budget

PGA HOPE Budget - We are being funded \$92,800 from PGA REACH to run 10 PGA HOPE programs. To successfully run all 23 program locations, we have estimated the cost to be \$207,000. Michigan PGA Staff has met virtually with all 23 Lead Professionals to strategize ways in which we can possibly reduce program expenses. Some progress was made through locations donating back facility fees, covering graduation food, and in some cases, Professionals donating back a portion of instructor fees. We are actively working on applying for grants, reaching out to potential sponsors/donors, meeting with county VSOs to inquire on potential county funding, etc. to reduce our funding gap.

Fundraisers - Thanks to the fantastic work of our PGA Professionals involved and generous sponsors, our Patriot Classic Charity Hockey game exceeded budget and helps to offset some of the PGA HOPE program expenses. We budgeted to profit \$20,000 from the hockey game and are projected to profit nearly \$40,000.

We are actively working on developing a committee to oversee and operate a Birdies Fore Charity type fundraising event for the fall.

We will continue to operate the Operation: Hero Challenge fundraiser amongst other national campaign initiatives.

PGA WORKS Fellowship - Our current PGA WORKS Fellow, Hayley Guilinger, is coming to the end of her time with the Section in May. In 2025, PGA WORKS Fellow positions have transitioned to a 6-month term due to hopefully a short-term funding reduction from PGA REACH. The foundation's new leadership team is actively reorganizing its finances to adapt to these changes. We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates for this position.