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A Letter from the Director...

It seems like the 2018-2019 academic year is the year of change. And when one thinks of change, feelings of uncertainty and concern tend to be present. However, the changes we experienced this past year really set the stage for some amazing things to occur in future years.

In collaboration with the PGA of America, we engaged a new PGA PGM curriculum with our freshmen class. This new, robust program centers on offering students a lifelong learning journey that will carry them long beyond their time at Mississippi State University. Students will still complete the PGA curriculum on campus, just as they always have, but now they will have opportunities to focus on areas of specific interest, to include: golf operations, teaching and coaching, and general management. We are excited about the new curriculum and working with the students as they advance through their career interests.

We also experienced a lot of change in the staff associated with golf at Mississippi State. As we announced last year, Adam Scott, PGA, returned as the Head Professional at the University Golf Course. Earlier this year, we hired Chelso Barrett as our Assistant Professional. Chelso joined the team after a career playing professionally. We also hired Jimmy McPherson as the Assistant Superintendent at the University Golf Course. Jimmy previously served at Old Waverly Golf Club on their grounds staff. The PGA Golf Management program also experienced staffing changes throughout the year. Angie Chrestman assumed the Director position for the University Career Center, and her position was filled by Martha Jones. Martha has worked with Career Center for over 10 years, primarily working with outside employers seeking interns and cooperative education students. Martha is quite familiar with the program as she has participated in a few of our player development programs. We also welcome Erika Scott as our Program Assistant. Erika replaces Luke Millhouse who returned home to be closer to family. Erika's prior experiences include 2 years on the LPGA Symetra Tour, with the First Tee of Colorado Springs, Assistant Golf Professional, and Golf Instructor. We are grateful for those who served our students so diligently over the years, and hate to see them leave, but are excited for their future opportunities and those we have with our new team members. I am really excited about our future!

As we continue the theme of change, the next time you play the University Golf Course, you will notice a number of trees are no longer in place. In just the past few weeks, the storms that passed through Mississippi left their toll on the golf course as a tornado destroyed some 200 trees. Cleanup continues at the course, but most importantly, no injuries occurred.

Moving on from the theme of change, I am most excited to announce the establishment of the Carrie and Chad Parker Fund for Excellence and the Carrie and Chad Parker Endowment for Excellence. Their generous contribution will enable students to continue to develop leadership skills necessary to positively impact the golf industry in the future. Students will have additional opportunities for networking and exposure to some of the industries greatest leaders. We cannot thank Carrie and Chad enough for their continued support of the PGA Golf Management program.

We are also proud of our students and alumni and their successes over the past year! Students continue to earn top jobs for both internship and graduate placement, and a number of alumni have accepted new jobs. We also have 11 alumni who were recognized as PGA Section Award winners for their outstanding contributions in a variety of ways. Rod Perry and Bill Hassell both competed in the PGA Professional Championship at Belfair in Bluffton, SC. Rod's T6 finish qualifies him for his 6th PGA Championship at Bethpage Black in New York. Junior, Cameron Chhim, recently found himself in the middle of a chase for a championship as he finished 4th in the 33rd PGA Works Collegiate Championship played at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Like all PGA Golf Management programs, recruiting future students is a focus. We do not have enough students to meet the demand from employers. As you continue to visit with young golfers, please continue to encourage them to consider Mississippi State University and the PGA Golf Management program. They will be rewarded with a great education and preparation for a successful career in the greatest game.

Keep sending us your news, we always enjoy hearing from you. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Be a Bulldog,



**Jeff Adkerson, PGA Master Professional
Director**



Chhim, Wyatt compete in PGA Works Championship; Chhim scores top 5



The playing of the 33rd annual PGA Works Championship held at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, FL featured two PGA Golf Management students from Mississippi State. Juniors Cameron Chhim and Nick Wyatt, competed in the 3 day event held on the Ryder Course. After the first round of play, Chhim held a one stroke advantage over the field after carding a -1 par round of 71. Day two brought a similar result with Chhim carding a +1 73 to continue leading the field. After a tough opening 9 on the final round Cameron battled back to shoot 75 on the day, which left him in solo 4th place. Nick was able to secure 20th place after an opening round 82.

"The PGA Works Collegiate Championship was an incredible experience. It was a unique experience and I hope I can complete again in the future." Cameron Chhim

For more information about the event or to see all the tournament results, please [click here](#)

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MSU Staff Updates....



Erika Scott joined the PGA Golf Management staff on May 1st, 2019.

"I am very excited to join the MSU PGA Golf Management team. Mississippi State is a very special place to me and I look forward to working with Jeff and Zach to develop the next generation of golf professionals. Hail State!"

On June 1st, 2018, Adam Scott returned to Starkville to become the Head Golf Professional at the MSU Golf Course.

"It is an honor to be back in Starkville serving as the Head Golf Professional at the Mississippi State University Golf Course. This facility has had a massive influence over many PGA Golf Management students, Golf and Sports Turf Students, Student Athletes, and the community. I take this role understanding the history of this facility and want to continue to ensure it is one of the most important facilities for not only Mississippi golf, but the game nationwide."



Martha Jones is the Manager of Employer Relations and Recruiting and PGA Co-op Coordinator for the Career Center at Mississippi State University. Martha assumed this role when Angie Chrestman was named Director of the Career Center last summer. Martha's role as PGA Co-op Coordinator is responsible for handling all the internship appointments and placements tracking for PGA Golf Management students through the PGA Portal. She serves as the coordinator to plan and implement the PGA Golf Management Networking and Interview Day event at MSU.

Carrie and Chad Parker Establish Fund and Endowment for Excellence

Long time supporters of the PGA Golf Management Program and graduates of Mississippi State, Chad and Carrie Parker recently established both the Chad and Carrie Parker Endowment and Fund for Excellence. These generous gifts will help enhance the opportunities for each student in the PGA Golf Management Program.

Chad is currently the President and General Manager at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, GA. He is a 1995 graduate of the PGA Golf Management Program. Carrie is also a graduate of MSU and she is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"Carrie and I are thrilled to be part of the continued success of the College of Business at Mississippi State University. We have both benefited tremendously from our time at State and wish to extend similar opportunities for others by establishing the Carrie and Chad Parker Fund for Excellence." - Chad Parker

Thank you again to the Parker's for their support of the Program!



PERRY, HASSELL COMPETE IN PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Rod Perry and Bill Hassell both competed in the 52nd PGA Professional Championship, held April 28- May 2 at Belfair in Bluffton, South Carolina. With a field of 312 competitors, Rod finished the event tied for 6th.

The low 20 scorers in the Championship earned a spot in the 2019 PGA Championship, at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York. This will be Rod's 6th appearance at a PGA Championship.

For more information and tournament results [click here](#)

Dean's Update...

The 2018-19 school year has come to an end, and what an exciting year it has been for the College of Business at Mississippi State University!

The College of Business celebrated two special anniversaries this past year for its Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree– the 60th anniversary of its on-campus program and the 20th anniversary of its online program. The College of Business' Online MBA program remains one of the best in the country at No. 26 in U.S. News' Best Online MBA Program rankings. This marks the fourth consecutive year MSU's Online MBA program has ranked in the top 30 nationally. The Online MBA program continues to offer flexibility for graduate students between time spent with career endeavors and MSU classwork.

An MBA can provide a well-rounded educational background for any student, regardless of their major. Because of this, the College of Business implemented the MBA Venture Pathway (MVP) last fall. MVP is an exclusive, invitation-only program offering exceptional incoming freshmen pursuing majors outside the College of Business a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a hands-on education that provides an accelerated path to a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. The purpose of MVP is to provide motivated, high-achieving students with the knowledge needed to successfully land a business venture by taking a designated business class one evening per week through the Center for Entrepreneurship & Research (CEO).

This spring, the College of Business launched the Turner A. Wingo Maker Studio and MSU Retail Product Accelerator (Idea Shop) in downtown Starkville. The Maker Studio provides a comprehensive assortment of design workstations, 3D printers, electronics workbenches and advanced woodworking tools not commonly available, to help people build anything imaginable. Membership is available to the general public, and various workshops are regularly hosted for newcomers to the "maker movement."

The front of the Idea Shop is a fully operational retail store, featuring products sourced from student and faculty entrepreneurs, in addition to other local community startups.

Once again, we experienced record enrollments this past year, with more than 3,000 College of Business students. These students learn and are mentored by 80 distinguished faculty across the College, which includes endowed professors and chair holders, all housed in the Seal Family Business Complex at McCool Hall.

Mississippi State is currently in its sixth year of Infinite Impact, the University's capital campaign, which is less than \$1 million away from reaching its \$1 billion goal. The College of Business is one of MSU's largest academic units, and because of this our College is pivotal to the success of the capital campaign. Any contribution through 2020, regardless of the designation, will count toward our campaign goal.



As always, it is our alumni and friends that make MSU a great place to work. We would love to see you if you are in town, and please let us hear about your achievements!

Thank you for your continued support of the College of Business, and Hail State!

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102nd PGA Annual Meeting Leadership Session

By: Robbie Fields (Graduating Senior)

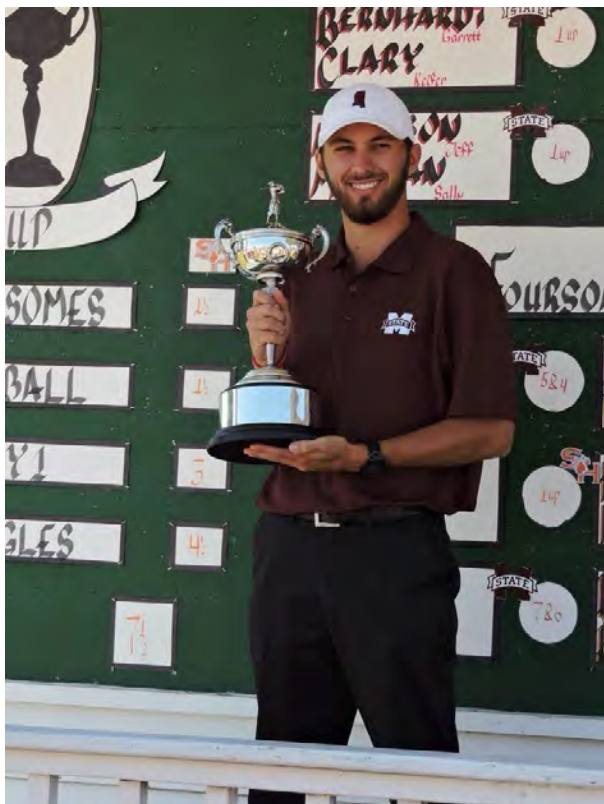
Representing the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management Program at the 102nd PGA of America Annual Meeting was an absolute honor and an experience I will carry with me throughout my career. I had made it a goal early on in my time at Mississippi State to attend the Annual Meeting. It is a tremendous opportunity to learn about the governance of the PGA of America and meet students from other programs as well as PGA Professionals from around the country. Through this trip, I was not only able to grow and learn about my future as a PGA Professional, but also learn how I can improve our program before I

The 102nd PGA Annual Meeting was a monumental one. I am honored to have witnessed the first female elected as president of the PGA of America. Mrs. Suzy Whaley, PGA was elected as the 41st president of the PGA of America after serving four years as Secretary and Vice President. It was an emotional time for so many, and a sign of the growth of the PGA. It was inspiring to see how great the support for her was from leaders throughout the PGA of America and the golf community as a whole.

A valuable part of the PGA Golf Management Leadership Conference was the opportunity to learn from students from other universities and their experiences. Since one of the requirements of attending is having served a leadership role in your respective PGA Golf Management



Student Association, we were able to discuss ideas to take with us from other students. We also were able to discuss our internship experiences and what we have learned, who we have met and what we are looking for next. We also had the opportunity to meet with the outgoing president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and honorary president in an open forum setting. That conversation gave me confidence that I have made the right decision to pursue a career in golf and that the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management Program is doing the right things to prepare us. One afternoon, we ate with PGA Past Presidents where we were able to learn even more from years of experience and success.

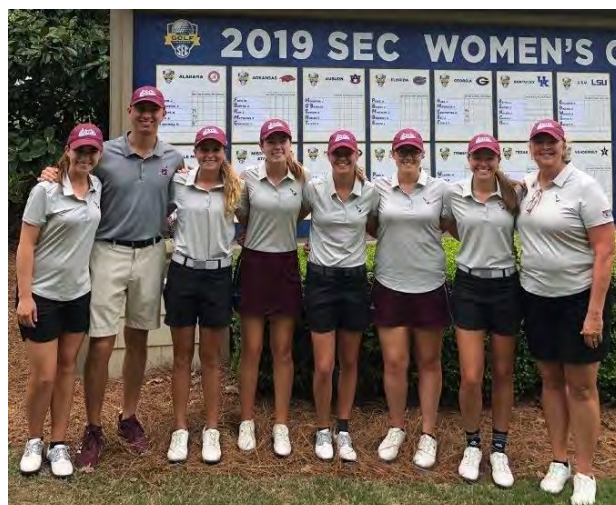


With hundreds of PGA Professionals in attendance, I had ample opportunity to network and learn from some of the most successful professionals in golf. It was pleasantly surprising to see how much PGA Professionals value the PGA Golf Management Program and how highly they view such students. These men and women were excited to hear about my experiences and share stories of their own. I have always been told, but I finally started to realize what people mean when they talk about how small the golf world is.

The first of the three guest speakers was Dr. Stephen Norris who spoke about kaizen which is Japanese for continued improvement. He focused on how to create value and develop a strategy for continued value. Second, Will Robins spoke about the importance of coaching in golf. Not only does this create value for the professional, but it motivates people to play golf more often while also building stronger relationships.

He—along with many others—addressed the opportunity for instructional improvements of PGA Members. The final speaker was Tera Jay Frank who spoke on the need for more inclusion in golf. She emphasized how to welcome certain demographics to encourage them to enjoy golf.

It was truly an honor to represent my classmates and the Mississippi State University PGA Golf Management Program at the 2019 PGA Annual Meeting and Student Leadership Conference. I take pride in my time as a Mississippi State student and serving our program on the Student Association Board. I hope that through my experiences other students can learn and grow as I have. In order to be a leader, I must continue to learn and serve others. I am appreciative of the PGA Golf Management staff and fellow students for pushing me over the past five years, and for instilling in me the value of learning and serving other. Thanks to my time here, I am prepared to go out and serve my community, the golf world and the PGA of America as a PGA Professional.



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Alumni Spotlight: Daniel Byrd

Q. What is your fondest memory from your time at Mississippi State?

Friday night baseball games, early Saturday rounds at "The Yard", and BBQ lunches at Sonny's

Q. When and how did you identify what career path in the golf industry you were passionate about?

After graduation, my first "real" job was at Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville, Tennessee. For the first time I had the opportunity to work under a golf professional, Don Jones, PGA, that owned his own shop. Since then, I have worked for three other PGA Professionals that have owned their own shops. That is the path I see myself going down when I move on from Southern Hills.

Q. When and what got you into the game of golf?

I was lucky enough to grow up in a big family with a lot of golfers. My dad, older brother, and several uncles are all avid golfers, and we had a huge yard that allowed my family to hit shots right in front of the house. This was probably a huge help for my mom... when she wanted some peace and quiet, she would casually suggest I go out and hit some golf balls for a while!

Q. What is the most memorable experience that your career in golf has provided you?

It is hard to pick just one. I have been very fortunate to have been able to travel around the country a bit and see some really great places and visit some other awesome PGA Professionals.



Q. Describe your proudest moment as a PGA Professional.

Being named 2018 PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year for the South Central Section. Any time you are recognized by your peers for the work you are doing at your club and in your section is extremely special.

Q. Is there a PGA Professional that you would like to say "THX" to that impacted your career or life? How did they do so?

Matt Heitmueller, PGA Head Golf Professional - Green Island Country Club

I grew up playing a lot of golf with Matt's father and younger brother at the famed Cullman Municipal Golf Course, and I never would have considered what was then called the PGM Program if not for always hearing about Matt being "one of the pros" at this great private club down in Columbus, Georgia. When trying to figure out where my first internship would be, it only made sense to go and work for Matt and PGA Director of Golf Richard "Do-right" Korytoski. Those two gentlemen had a big influence on the beginning of my career.



Alumni Spotlight: Blake Hatfield

Q. You were able to become a head professional at an early stage in your career, what advice do you have for assistant professionals who are close to becoming head professionals themselves?

I would say the most important thing would be to expand their professional network by attending events within their section. I was given the opportunity at Fallen Oak because of relationships I had formed from attending meetings and tournaments. It can be a vital tool in growing young professionals careers.

Q. At what age did you become aware you wanted to pursue a career in the industry and why did you chose MSU?

After I had spent a couple years in college as a communications major I realized I did not have much of a passion for that career path. That led me to thinking about what I wanted to do that I knew I would love and be passionate about. Golf was an obvious choice for me. I had been a lifelong MSU fan growing up and I knew how great of a PGM program was there so for me it was a perfect fit.

Q. Who would be in your dream foursome and where would you play?

Me, my dad, Tiger Woods, and Jack Nicklaus, and we would definitely play at the fabulous Booneville Golf & Country Club. I would really enjoy watching two legends try to putt grainy, bumpy, and slow greens while my dad and I argued over who was the better golfer in their primes.

Q. What is the most memorable experience that your career in golf has provided you?

I was lucky enough to meet Jack Nicklaus a few weeks ago when we hosted the Champions Tour at Fallen Oak. He came into town to watch his son Gary play during the final round. I was blown away by how down to earth and nice he was to everyone he encountered.

Q. Describe your proudest moment as a PGA Professional.

My proudest moment so far has been winning Assistant Professional of the Year for the Mississippi Chapter a couple years ago. I think that one was special to me because my mentor Tim Basel, PGA was the one who got to inform me I won, and I was presented the award by Jeff Adkerson, PGA during the awards ceremony. I was fortunate to have been mentored by both of them and having them be a part of that award process made it very special to me.

Q. Is there a PGA Professional that you would like to say "THX" to that impacted your career or life? How did they do so?

I would like to say thanks to Tim Basel, PGA. He taught me and showed me more about being a PGA Professional than he probably realizes. He took the time to mentor me and make sure that I was given everything I would need to be successful. I will always appreciate everything he did for me in the time I worked for him at Reunion and in the few months I've been at Fallen Oak.

Dr. S. Roland Jones Student of the Year

Dr. S. Roland Jones was the first Director of the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management program. He served in this position until his untimely passing in 1997. Dr. Jones cared deeply for his students and challenged them to become better students and better people, knowing this would lead to successful PGA members. A mentor to so many, his legacy continues today on campus and throughout the golf industry.

The Dr. S. Roland Jones Student of the Year award bestows special recognition on a Mississippi State University PGA Golf Management student who has performed outstanding services as an overall PGA Golf Management student during their collegiate career. As the highest honor the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management program can bestow, candidates must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, strong moral character, and a substantial record of service to the program and the game of golf. Individuals honored with the Roland Jones Student of the Year award will be held as a model Mississippi State University PGA Golf Management student.

"Receiving the Dr. S. Roland Jones Student of the Year Award is such an incredible honor. It is a testament to the leadership within the program, from staff to alumni to my fellow students and all that I have gained from them. Throughout my four and a half (now almost five) years at Mississippi State, I have been pushed to be the best me that I can be, and, without that, I would not be the man I am today nor have the opportunities I have experienced. This award is more than something I earned in 2018, but recognition of the growth I have experienced thanks to my mentors, employers, friends and family. I am a firm believer in hard work and being a life-long learner. These two beliefs have made a tremendous difference in my life and I hope that my fellow students can see that and learn from it. Sometimes you have to do things that may not be 'cool' in order to set yourself up for a success. I hope that in my time at MSU, and in my time going forward, I can make a similar difference that Dr. Jones made in so many PGA Professionals' lives."

2018 Winner: Robbie Fields



Robbie Fields (Senior), and Assistant Director,
Zach Tate

Joe Assell Leadership Award

Joe Assell, PGA, is a graduate of the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management program and has a successful career in the golf industry. He is the founder, President and CEO of GolfTEC, an innovative teaching and coaching company that has grown to over 200 instruction centers in the United States. GolfTEC is the second largest employer of PGA members and has taught 2.5 million golf lessons since its founding.

The Joe Assell Leadership Award is an annual award that bestows special recognition on a Mississippi State University PGA Golf Management student who personally displays outstanding integrity, character, and leadership. This individual is an unsung hero/heroine at their University, facility, and in their community, who serves to inspire, empower, and assist others, both in and out of the game of golf.

2018 Winner: Mitchell McMurtry



"Receiving the Joe Assell Leadership Award was a very rewarding and humbling experience for me during the 2018-2019 year. I am honored to know others have recognized me as having a personality that encompasses integrity, character, and leadership. Through the PGA Golf Management Program, I was able to begin to connect pieces of the program into the community, both inside and outside of the game of golf. Individuals such as Mr. Joe Assell have created a pathway for students to have a successful academic career, but also take initiatives to better the community outside of one's normal comfort zone. The Joe Assell Leadership Award is a humbling result of a year of obstacles, both physical and mental, leaving me with an optimistic outlook for what the future holds."

Mitchell McMurtry (Sophomore), and Assistant Director, Zach Tate

Ryan Coyle Academic Award

Ryan Coyle, PGA, is a graduate of the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management program, who graduated with the highest cumulative GPA in program history. To top off this great accomplishment, Ryan also double majored during his time on campus.

The Ryan Coyle Academic Award is a semester award that recognizes Mississippi State University PGA Golf Management students for their outstanding achievements in the classroom. This honor is awarded based on the highest GPA by class.

Spring 2019 Winners

Graduating Senior: Robbie Fields
Senior: **N/A (Internship)**
Junior: Matt Voss
Sophomore: Jacob McClish
Freshman: Davis Markham

Fall 2018 Winners

Graduating Senior: **Austin Moeller**
Senior: **Cade Diehl**
Junior: **N/A (Internship)**
Sophomore: **Connor Eghigian**
Freshman: **Davis Markham**

Rod Perry Player of the Semester

Rod Perry, PGA, is a graduate of the Mississippi State PGA Golf Management program and has one of the most decorated playing careers of any PGA member. A two-time PGA of America Player of the Year, Rod has also won his Section Player of the Year award seven (7) times and has won the PGA of America Professional Championship. He has represented the United States in two (2) PGA Cup matches, competed in four (5) PGA Championships, and numerous PGA Tour events. Rod is also the first PGA Golf Management University graduate to win PGA Player of the Year honors!

The Rod Perry Player of the Semester award recognizes our most outstanding men and women players for their success on the golf course. This award is presented to the student who accumulates the most points throughout our semester tournament series, for both men and women. Points are earned based on finishes in each tournament.

Spring 2019 Winners

Men's Division: **Cameron Chhim**
Women's Division: **Allison Schraer**

Fall 2018 Winners

Men's Division: **Zachary Weaver**
Women's Division: **Allison Schraer**





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PGA SECTION AWARD WINNERS

Each year, numerous graduates make great contributions to their respective facility, community, and PGA Section. This past year, there were 6 alumni to earn the nod for one of these distinguished awards.

In honor of the accomplishments of our alumni, the PGA Golf Management staff designed PGA Section Awards boards that are displayed in the GolfTEC-Hansberger Simulator Room to recognize our alumni who have won a Section Award. An individual board was hung in honor of Rod Perry, PGA, and his National PGA Professional Player of the Year Award in 2012 & 2013. In addition, there is one for our Director, Jeff Adkerson, PGA, and his National Horton Smith Award in 2017. These boards serve not only as recognition, but also as inspiration for current students to work hard and strive to be the best.

Bill Strausbaugh Award

Jeff Adkerson, PGA
*Mississippi State University
Gulf States PGA*

Teacher of the Year

Eric Johnson, PGA
*Nemacolin Woodlands Resort
Tri-State PGA*

Merchandiser of the Year

Amanda Davis, PGA
*Essex Country Club
New England PGA*

Merchandiser of the Year

Chris Jester, PGA
*Mossy Oak Golf Club
Gulf States PGA*

Merchandiser of the Year

Elliott Oscar, PGA
*Forest Dunes Golf Club
Michigan PGA*

Merchandiser of the Year

Jason Prendergast, PGA
*Country Club of Jackson
Gulf States PGA*

Player Development Award

Max Doster, PGA
*Greystone Golf & Country Club
Alabama-NW Florida PGA*

Player Development Award

Doug Strawbridge, PGA
*GolfTEC - Upper Kirby
Southern Texas PGA*

Player Development Award

Matt Williamson, PGA
*TPC Louisiana
Gulf States PGA*

Youth Player Development

Paul Whitman, PGA
*Pine Tree Country Club
Alabama-NW Florida PGA*

***Congratulations!
Continue to pave the
way!***

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

Andrew Sterrit, PGA
*Big Canoe Club
Georgia PGA*



FAMILY



Weekend

By: Zach Tate, PGA

Starkville, MS- The 19th annual PGA Golf Management Family Weekend was one to remember! The weekend provided great food and weather and best of all a great game day experience for over 150 guests who spent their weekend on campus to see Joe Moorhead's team take on the Bulldogs from La Tech.

Similar to past events, this year's Family Weekend provided three days of excitement. The three day event kicked off in McCool Hall for a dinner and silent auction. The silent auction benefits both the PGA Golf Management Club and the Folds of Honor Foundation. There were several exciting items auctioned off that included MSU signed sports balls from current coaches and memorabilia from the PGA Championship and Ryder Cup.

In 2016, a new tradition was started by having a live auction at the end of the festivities on Friday evening. This year, we were able to auction off a Stitch Golf leather bag. The golf bag sold for over \$500! The proceeds from this live auction went to the Folds of Honor Foundation and PGA Reach.

Per Program tradition, each family in attendance received a gift respective to their class standing. Freshman families received a MSU PGA Golf Management logo cowbell; Sophomore families received a MSU PGA Golf Management logo maroon sweatshirt blanket; Senior families received a set of laser-etched MSU PGA Golf Management drinking glasses; and Graduating Senior families received a picture frame with their prospective pictures in the frame. We look forward to seeing each family return every year to collect all four gifts!

Following Friday's events, the Bulldogs took the field against the Bulldogs of LA Tech. Before the game, each family enjoyed a beautiful morning and afternoon in the Junction. The Bulldogs coming off a win against #17 Texas A&M in the prior week were hungry to reach the postseason for a school record 9th straight year. After the 45-3 win over La Tech, MSU improved to 6-3 after the win against the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs would go on to finish 8-4 in the regular season.

On behalf of the staff of the PGA Golf Management Program, we would like to say thank you to all of you who attend the 19th Annual Family Weekend. We appreciate your time, effort, and support of the Program and your student. We hope to see you all again at our next Family Weekend!

20th Annual Family Weekend!

Save the Date!



2019 PGA Golf Management Family Weekend

All current students and their families are invited to attend the 20th Annual PGA Golf Management Family Weekend on September 20th-22nd. The weekend will feature a dinner and silent auction in McCool Hall on September 20th and on September 21st the Bulldogs will take on SEC foe Kentucky. More details and information will be coming soon!





MSU narrowly falls to Sam Houston State in the 12th Annual Heritage Cup

The 2019 Heritage Cup holds the record for the one of the most entertaining events to date. MSU traveled to Huntsville Texas for the 12th Annual playing of the Heritage Cup. The Bulldogs brought 8 returning players from either the 2017 or 2018 teams. Each of the three sessions saw multiple lead changes throughout the duration of the matches.

MSU was trailing by just two shots on the final day and narrowly missed out on retaining the Heritage Cup. Each of the singles matches were hotly contested and the Bearkats were able to keep the trophy in Huntsville for the coming year. The Bulldogs will play host to Sam Houston State in Starkville for next year's event.



2019 MSU Heritage Cup Team. From Bottom left: Christian Melson (Junior), Cameron Chhim (Junior), Frank Jones (Sophomore), Michael Ferrer (Junior), Austin Barr (Junior), Zach Tate, PGA. From Top left: Jackson Koenig (Junior), Colin Meyer (Junior), Brock Dowdy (Junior), Zach Weaver (Sophomore), Luke Millhouse, PGA.

Past Winner
2018 (@MSU)



2017 (@SHSU)



2016 (@MSU)



2015 (@SHSU)



2014 (@MSU)



2013 (@SHSU)



2012 (@MSU)



2011 (@SHSU)



2010 (@MSU)



2009 (@SHSU)







2008 (@MSU)







2019 Heritage Cup Results

Match			RESULTS		
1	Zach Weaver	Brock Dowdy	AS	Spencer Dillard	Jesse Campbell
2	Cameron Chhim	Matt Voss	2 UP	Marko Lloyd	Rhys Phinnessee
3	Michael Ferrer	Colin Meyer	AS	Matt Boundy	Jesse Cosma
4	Frank Jones	Christian Melson	2 UP	Kayla McFall	Hunter Thomas
5	Austin Barr	Jackson Koenig	5&4	Nick Jones	Blake Graham
Session 1: Foursomes - MSU 2 - SHSU 3					

Match			RESULTS		
6	Zach Weaver	Brock Dowdy	2 UP	Marko Lloyd	Rhys Phinnessee
7	Cameron Chhim	Frank Jones	1&1	Spencer Dillard	Jesse Campbell
8	Michael Ferrer	Colin Meyer	3&1	Kayla McFall	Hunter Thomas
9	Jackson Koenig	Matt Voss	4&3	Matt Boundy	Jesse Cosma
10	Austin Barr	Christian Melson	4&3	Nick Jones	Blake Graham
Session 2: Four Ball - MSU 2 - SHSU 3					

Match			RESULTS		
11	Brock Dowdy		3&2	Spencer Dillard	
12	Austin Barr		AS	Jesse Campbell	
13	Frank Jones		1 UP	Rhys Phinnessee	
14	Zach Weaver		AS	Marko Lloyd	
15	Cameron Chhim		AS	Jesse Cosma	
16	Christian Melson		3&2	Matt Boundy	
17	Matt Voss		6&5	Kayla McFall	
18	Jackson Koenig		2 UP	Hunter Thomas	
19	Colin Meyer		6&5	Blake Graham	
20	Michael Ferrer		7&5	Nick Jones	
Session 3: Singles - MSU 5.5 - SHSU 4.5					

	9.5	FINAL	10.5	
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2018-2019 PGA Golf Management Tournament Results

The 2018 and 2019 tournament schedules each included three (3) 36-hole majors and (3) Sunday Games. We also held Singles and Doubles Match Play tournaments throughout each semester. Sunday Game #3 in both the fall and spring semesters varied from a stroke play event. Sunday Game #3 in the fall featured a Stableford event while the spring event was a Fourball tournament. The format for Doubles in the spring semester is Foursomes, and Four-ball for the fall semester. Below are the top finishers and their scores in each of those events.

Fall 2018

Sunday Game #1, Aug. 26

Men's Division

Connor Young*	72 (+1)
Frank Jones	72 (+1)
Luke Millhouse	72 (+1)
Zach Weaver	72 (+1)
Robbie Fields	73 (+2)

**won in a playoff*

Elaine Cup, Sept. 8-9

Men's Division

Zach Weaver*	72-72-144 (+2)
Carson Willis	72-72-144 (+2)
Shelby Tucci	72-73-145 (+3)
Frank Jones	73-73-146 (+4)
Brandon O'Kray	71-76-147 (+5)

**won in a playoff*

Women's Division

Allison Schraer	88-92-180 (+38)
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Sunday Game #2, Sept 16

Men's Division

Jonathan Newman*	70 (-1)
Carson Willis	70 (-1)
Brandon O'Kray	72 (+1)
Harrison Joyner	73 (+2)
Robbie Fields	73 (+2)

**won in a playoff*

Women's Division

Taylor Ross	81 (+10)
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Fall Championship Sept 22-23

Men's Division

Zach Weaver	68-71-139 (-3)
Chandler Gann	70-70-140 (-2)
Mitchell McMurtry	73-69-142 (E)
Brandon O'Kray	73-74-147 (+5)
Brice Lombard	74-73-147 (+5)

Women's Division

Taylor Ross	84-84-168 (+26)
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Sunday Game #3 (Stableford) Oct 7

Men's Division

Brandon O'Kray	38 Points- 69 (-2)
Jesse Grimes	35 Points- 72 (+1)
Matt Wilson	34 Points- 73 (+2)
Ean Dunton	32 Points- 77 (+6)
Frank Jones	32 Points- 75 (+4)

Director's Cup Oct 20-21

Men's Division

Zach Weaver	72-74-146 (+6)
Carson Willis	73-77-150 (+10)
Mitchell McMurtry	75-79-154 (+14)
Jonathan Newman	75-80-155 (+15)
Frank Jones	77-79-156 (+16)

Women's Division

Allison Schraer	91-89-180 (+40)
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Singles Match Play Champion

Zach Weaver

Doubles Match Play Champions

Adam Scott/Erika Scott

SPRING 2019

Sunday Game #1, Jan 13

Men's Division

Cameron Chhim	69 (-2)
Matt Voss	74 (+3)
Austin Joerg	75 (+4)
Frank Jones	75 (+4)
Brock Dowdy	75 (+4)

Cowbell Classic Feb 2-3

Men's Division

Cameron Chhim	71-73-144 (+2)
Zach Weaver	75-70- 145 (+3)
Griffin Diamantis	72-73-145 (+3)
John-David Cunningham	73-76-149 (+7)
Christian Melson	75-75-150 (+8)

Women's Division

Allison Schraer	97-95-192 (+51)
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Bulldog Classic Feb 16-17

Men's Division

Cameron Chhim	71-71-142 (E)
Griffin Diamantis	73-70- 143 (+1)
Zach Weaver	72-74-146 (+4)
Austin Barr	76-71-147 (+5)
Brock Dowdy	76-71- 147 (+5)

Women's Division

Allison Schraer	105-88-193 (+52)
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Sunday Game #2 Jan 13

Canceled due to inclement weather



Spring Championship Mar 3

Men's Division

Brock Dowdy	66 (-5)
Zach Tate	68 (-3)
Matt Voss	69 (-2)
AJ Panyko	71 (E)
Christian Melson	71 (E)

Women's Division

Allison Schraer	94 (+23)
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*round 2 canceled due to inclement weather

Sunday Game #3 (Stableford) Mar 31

Men's Division

Garrett Clay	42 Points
Austin Hill	
Ean Dunton	34 Points
Trey Smith	
Nick Watts	30 Points
Jonathan Newman	
Trystain Brawdy	28 Points
Andrew Kelley	
Jacob McClish	25 Points
Luke Miller	

Singles Match Play Champion

Cameron Chhim

Doubles Match Play Champions

Brock Dowdy/Zach Weaver



To view tournament pictures, view awards presentations, and stay up-to-date on Program and Club events, follow all of our social media outlets!



Bulldog Family News

Matt Fraser, PGA, and The Alotian Club to Host the Palmer Cup



NORMAN, Okla. – The Alotian Club, one of America's premier golf clubs, will host the 23rd playing of the Arnold Palmer Cup in 2019. The annual Ryder Cup-style competition will be played June 7-9 and will be the first to be played in the United States expanded to include men's and women's USA collegiate golfers against their counterparts from around the world.

"Many of the alumni of the Arnold Palmer Cup have become prominent professional golfers and have earned numerous victories around the world, including several of golf's major championships." said Amy Saunders, daughter of Arnold Palmer. "Arnold Palmer's vision for growing golf globally and perpetuating golf's positive character building attributes through the next generation of youth, is something that was very important to my father. Arnie's Army Charitable Foundation is honored to continue Arnold Palmer's legacy of international team golf competition through this tournament. We're grateful to The Alotian Club for hosting our event in 2019."

Opened in 2004, The Alotian Club is ranked No. 27 on Golf Digest's biennial ranking of "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses." The course was built by Little Rock businessman Warren Stephens and was identified by Golf Digest as the best new private course in the country in 2005.

Program Assistant Luke Millhouse, PGA returns to home to Wisconsin



Luke Millhouse, PGA at the 2016 PGA Annual Meeting.

Since the fall of 2013 Luke Millhouse has been an integral part of the PGA Golf Management Program both as a student and the Program Assistant. While a student in the Program, Luke was the PGA Golf Management Student Association President. He also was able to attend the 100th PGA Annual meeting as the representative for MSU. Luke became the PGA Golf Management Program Assistant in the Spring of 2018, after he graduated in the fall of 2017. He filled the role of former Program Assistant Daniel Soehren, PGA when Daniel left the Program to pursue green grass opportunities. Luke provided great support and insight to both the students and the staff during his 16 months serving in his former role. On March 31st, 2019, Luke moved back home to Wisconsin to get closer to family and friends. He plans on continuing to work in the golf industry in the coming months as a teaching professional. We wish Luke the very best in the future and we are excited to see him reach his full potential within the industry.

Bulldog Family News

Jeff Adkerson, PGA, Runs The NYC Marathon for PGA REACH

Jeff Adkerson, PGA, a graduate in 1999, is the Director of the PGA Golf Management Program at Mississippi State University. Jeff, along with nine other PGA Professionals, ran in the 2018 NYC Marathon in an effort to raise money for PGA REACH, one of PGA of America's largest charitable foundations. Jeff helped raise over \$60,000 for the foundation, doubling the goal of \$30,000. To go along with raising the money, he also ran all 26.2 miles of the marathon in less than five hours.

PGA REACH is the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America. The mission of PGA REACH is to positively impact the lives of youth, military, and diverse populations by enabling access to PGA Professionals, PGA Sections and the game of golf. To target the three populations, there are three flagship pillar programs: PGA Junior League, PGA Hope, and PGA Works. PGA Junior League has the goal of making the program accessible to all interested kids in the United States and around the world. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. The PGA WORKS Fellowship desires to establish a pool of diverse talent that is prepared to ascend to key employment positions within golf.



Tim Pagel, PGA, 1999 Graduate, Passes Away in November 2018

The world lost a bright star. Timothy James Pagel, 41, of Kenosha, passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Tim loved his life, no matter how difficult it was. His courage and tenacity were incomparable. Born in Beaver Dam, on March 18, 1977, he was the son of Donald and Karen (Rader) Pagel. He spent his youth in Horicon, WI, playing hockey, golf and enjoying small town life.

Tim received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. While there, he developed a love for the Bulldogs and most importantly, lifelong friendships that he cherished. Tim had a rewarding career as a Golf Professional where he got to do what he loved: teach golf, be outside & interact with people. He worked until MS would no longer allow it.

On March 6, 2004, he married Liza Freeman. His love for Liza was his motivation to keep up his battle for as long and strong as he did. He wanted his "Sweets" to be proud of his battle scars, and she was. Survivors include his wife, Liza; his parents, Don and Karen; his brother, Mike (Heather) Pagel; his father and mother-in-law, Butch and Sheila Freeman; his brother-in-law, Jes Freeman; his sister-in-law, Katie (Taylor) Henning; two nephews, Kaleb and Ethan; a niece, Lexi; and Great Dane, Ziggy.



2018-2019 Graduates

Trystain Brawdy
Assistant Golf Professional
Maridoe Golf Club
Carrollton, TX

Colin Brenner
Assistant Golf Professional
The Prairie Club
Valentine, NE

Michael Brown
Assistant Golf Professional
Sara Bay Golf Club
Madison, MS

Ryan Crissman
Assistant Golf Professional
Brook Hollow Golf Club
Dallas, TX

Robert Fields

Jake Finn
Assistant Golf Professional
Quail Valley Golf Club
Vero Beach, FL

Matthew Giese
Assistant Golf Professional
Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club
Cashiers, NC

Gregory Harnage
Assistant Golf Professional
The Ledges
Huntsville, AL

Dylan Hartsell
Assistant Golf Professional
Richmond Country Club
Richmond, VA

Michael Hundley
Project Manager
King George Welding
King George, VA

Harrison Joyner
Assistant Golf Professional
Crooked Stick Golf Club
Carmel, IN

Dawson Kipniss
Assistant Golf Professional
Pine Forest Country Club
Houston, TX

Brice Lombard
Assistant Golf Professional
Southern Hills Country Club
Tulsa, OK

Austin Moeller
Assistant Golf Professional
Riomar Country Club
Vero Beach, FL

Brandon O'Kray
Assistant Golf Professional
McArthur Golf Club
Hobe Sound, FL

Chase Rappaport
Assistant Golf Professional
Country Club of North Carolina
Pinehurst, NC

Carey Ray

Zachary Taylor
Assistant Golf Professional
The Alotian Club
Roland, AR

Shelby Tucci
Assistant Golf Professional
Chenal Country Club
Little Rock, AR

Carson Willis
Assistant Golf Professional
Glenwild Golf Club
Park City, UT





Team Members (L-R): Frank Jones (So.), Zach Weaver (So.), Robbie Fields (Sr.), Carson Willis (Sr.), Brandon O'Kray (Sr.)

Florida Gulf Coast Cruises to Victory

By Bob Denney, PGA of America

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — PGA Golf Club is situated roughly 140 miles from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). By no means is the Wanamaker Course considered to be the home track of the Eagles. But with three returning players, they could've fooled anyone.

FGCU trekked across the Florida peninsula and cruised to a 14-stroke victory over Clemson University in the 2018 PGA Jones Cup. With a total tally of 590, the win is the first in FGCU PGA Golf Management program history. Following a couple close finishes in 2016 (2nd) and 2017 (4th) where FGCU's combined deficit was 10 strokes, they sealed the deal in convincing fashion.

"This is really exciting, but to do it in the style they did today was special," said Marty Hall, Assistant Director for FGCU's PGA Golf Management program. "To have all five players clicking at the same time was awesome. This creates a lot of excitement about making the team. I think there will be a lot of competition amongst our 160 students to try and repeat next year."

The margin of victory was the largest since 2012, when Campbell University defeated runner-up New Mexico State by 17. Wednesday's results also marked the first time since 2013 that a PGA Golf Management program not from Campbell or New Mexico State hoisted the Jones Cup (Ferris State).

The veteran of the squad after competing in 2016 and 2017, Alex Holt finished with a two-day total of 147 (73-74). Playing in their second consecutive PGA Jones Cup were Cameron Fady and Eric Costa, who posted a 146 (73-73) and 148 (78-70). Darin DeLelys and Reece Kornfeld rounded out the five-person team.

"I don't know that it's hit us yet – what we just accomplished," said Holt. "Obviously we're excited and happy to represent our school. My teammates are really good. They can get hot and go low if the putters are working."

Runner-up Clemson University (604) was led by Chris Gabriele, who shared medalist honors after carding a 70 and 72 for a two-day score of 142. Campbell University's Shea Wolfle shot a 75 in the first round but charged up the leaderboard with a second-round 67 to match Gabriele's total.

PAST CHAMPIONS



2018



2017



2016



2015



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2002



Hail State Updates

Men's and Women's Basketball seasons end during the NCAA Tournament

Men's Basketball Finds the NCAA Tourney for the 1st time since 2009

by Matt Dunaway, Associate Director/
Communications

SAN JOSE, California – The trio of Quindary Weatherspoon, Lamar Peters and Robert Woodard II combined for 51 points, but Mississippi State was handed an 80-76 defeat by Liberty in a 5-12 matchup during Friday's NCAA Round of 64 at the SAP Center, home of the NHL's San Jose Sharks.

The Bulldogs (23-11) were making their return to March Madness for the first time since the 2008-09 season, while Liberty (29-6) advances to face either No. 16 Virginia Tech or Saint Louis in Sunday's NCAA Round of 32.

Weatherspoon became the third player in program history to eclipse 2,000 career points as he poured in 15 of his 27 points after halftime. He knocked down 13-of-16 of his free throw attempts. The Canton native wrapped his career with 2,012 career points only behind Jeff Malone (1980-81-82-83) and Bailey Howell (1957-58-59). His 201 career steals also was third in program history trailing only Ray White (1976-77-78-79) and Derrick Zimmerman (2000-01-02-03).

Lamar Peters racked up 21 points on the strength of a quartet of three-pointers and dished out five assists. The 21-point effort enabled him to surpass Greg Lockhart (1986-87-88-89), Lawrence Roberts (2004-05) and Fred Thomas (2013-14-15-16) into 35th place on MSU's all-time scoring list..... Story continues on Hailstate.com.



Back to Back SEC Champions!

by Brian Ogden, Assistant Coordinator/
Communications

PORTLAND, Ore. – Mississippi State's women's basketball team saw its historic season come to an end with an 88-84 loss to No. 7/7 Oregon in the Elite Eight on Sunday afternoon in Portland, Oregon.

"I just thought my team was just phenomenal," head coach Vic Schaefer said. "I mean, I couldn't be prouder of them for how hard they played, how hard they fought against a really good team. I've watched a ton of film. I've not seen [Oregon] make that many threes in a while. They made shots today. You got to take your hat off to them. When you make shots in a big game like that, you got to tip your hat to them."

MSU closes the season as back-to-back SEC Champions. The senior class of 2019, finished their careers with the program's all-time wins record at 132 and advanced to the Sweet 16 every year along with two National Championship appearances.

Hail State Updates

The New \$68 million Dudy Noble Field is here!



STARKVILLE, Miss.—The standard has been raised in college baseball as Mississippi State University officially opened the new Dudy Noble Field with a grand opening ceremony Friday [Feb. 15] before the 2019 season opener against Youngstown State.

Keenum thanked those who helped make the project possible, including IHL trustees and the many financial supporters of the stadium.

"This stadium was built by you, our fans, who have a love and passion for Mississippi State," Keenum said.

As part of Friday's festivities, MSU also unveiled two statues of "Thunder and Lightning," Bulldog baseball legends Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro. The statues were sculpted and donated by Dr. Rusty Reid, an MSU alumnus and Brookhaven dentist. Both Clark and Palmeiro, whose college careers elevated the status of MSU and college baseball in the 1980s, were on hand for the opening of the new Dudy Noble Field.

MSU Falls in Outback bowl; Moorhead wins 8 games in 1st Season, including Egg Bowl

by Caleb Garner, Graduate Assistant/Communications

TAMPA, Fla. – A late fourth-quarter comeback attempt fell just short for No. 18 Mississippi State on New Year's Day, with MSU dropping a 27-22 decision to Iowa in the Outback Bowl.

Fitzgerald finished his record-setting career ranked highly in several offensive categories in both MSU and Southeastern Conference record books, holding the top spot in career rushing yards by a QB (3,607) and most 100-yard rushing games (21) in SEC history. He also tied Kevin Faulk for fourth all-time in career rushing touchdowns.

In MSU history, Fitzgerald ranks first in career rushing touchdowns (46) while finishing second all-time in career rushing yards, career touchdowns responsible for (101), passing touchdowns (55) and total offense (9,814).

The Bulldogs open the 2019 campaign Aug. 31, battling Louisiana in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.



New Positions

Jason Chick, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Country Club of Sapphire Valley
Cashiers, NC

Alex Clemens, PGA
Assistant Golf Professional
Olde Farm Golf Club
Bristol, VA

Jon Crane, PGA
Golf Instructor
The River Golf Club
Sioux Center, IA

Gathon Garriga, PGA
Assistant Golf Professional
Westhaven Golf Club
Franklin, TN

Blake Hatfield, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Fallen Oak Golf Club
Saucier, MS

Shelby Tucci, PGA
Cobra- Puma Sales Representative
Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas
Little Rock, AR

Keith Penke, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Ridgeway Country Club
Memphis, TN

Scott Primm, PGA
Assistant Golf Professional
Ridgeway Country Club
Memphis, TN

Caleb Stodden, PGA
Assistant Golf Professional
Ross Bridge
Birmingham, AL

Adam Scott, PGA
Head Golf Professional
MSU Golf Course
Starkville, MS

Tripp Pritchett, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Lion Hills Country Club
Columbus, MS

Jordan McKelvy, PGA
Assistant Golf Professional
St. Louis Country Club
St. Louis, MO



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