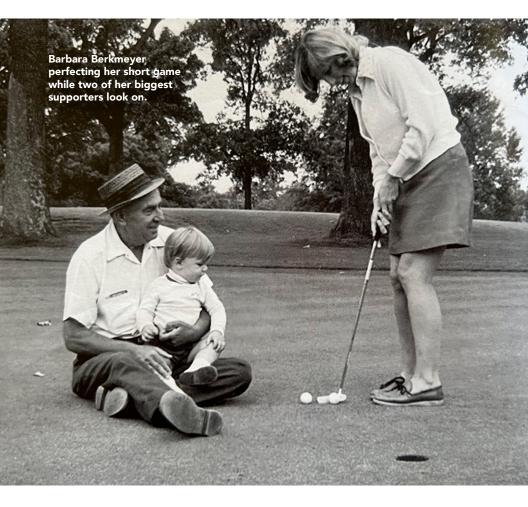
# IOWA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

## 2023 PARTNERS PROGRAM



Share the Game Impact the Future Preserve the Past



# Friends and supporters of the IGA Foundation, 2022 was a landmark year for the IGAF.

Normally, I'd cover all of the different aspects of our foundation and the progress we've made. This year, I'm going to do something a little different. I'm going to focus on a project that provides a platform for all the wonderful IGAF initiatives to grow and thrive in a way none of us could have imagined a few short years ago.

The IGA's office is currently located in a modest commercial suite in Ankeny. On the walls of that office are plaques for all of our Iowa Golf Hall of Fame members, books, trophies, and memorabilia representing a rich history of golf from our great state. There's just one problem. Unless you have a specific reason to go to their office. you'd never know it's there. We've never had a true home to display and educate golfers from our state about the amazing accomplishments of all our great players. I remember Bill Dickens chatting with Chad and me nearly a decade ago and saying how amazing it would be if we had a "golf house" to properly display and honor Iowa's golf history.

Two years ago, Echo Valley owner Michael Coppola provided a gift that made that dream feel attainable. A beautiful piece of land that sits adjacent to the 9th hole on the Creek Course at Echo Valley Country Club. Since then, a small team has been working diligently to make Golf House Iowa a reality. In 2022 we made a public announcement with the goal to break ground in Spring 2023. I'm excited to report that we're making significant progress toward that goal, but we need your help.

If you're wondering what Golf House Iowa is and why it's so important to the game in our state, allow me a few lines to paint that picture. Golf House Iowa will provide the following...

- A permanent home for the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame and Museum
- Office Space for the Iowa Golf Association, the Iowa Golf Course Superintendent's Association, and the First Tee - Central Iowa
- An interactive space for youth, including First Tee participants, to learn about the core fundamentals our great game teaches
- A space for our IGA staff to teach the rules of the game in a setting that creates hands-on learning and real-life scenarios
- A formal facility for the Superintendent's Association to begin expanding its STEM programs that focus on agronomy

The following pages will show you more about the wonderful programs the IGAF facilitates each year, but Golf House Iowa provides a permanent structure to allow us to grow and deepen those programs.

If you've already contributed to Golf House Iowa, thank you! If you haven't, we need your help to get Golf House Iowa across the finish line...and we're close! To learn more, simply visit <u>https://iowagolf.org/golfhouseiowa/</u> or contact the IGA staff or me directly.

Thank you for your support towards making golf even stronger in Iowa!



### IGA FOUNDATION INITIATIVES



IOWA GOLF HALL OF FAME

The **Iowa Golf Hall of Fame** is administered by the Iowa Golf Association and the IGA Foundation on behalf of all golf organizations in Iowa. Established in 1989, six "classes" were inducted through 1997. After a nine year respite the IGA led the effort to revitalize the Hall of Fame resulting in the induction of the "Class of 2006". Yearly inductions have occurred since.

The Iowa Golf Hall of Fame inducted three total members at last year's ceremony. The Class of 2022 included elite amateur golfer, Barbara Berkmeyer, PGA teaching professional, Mark Egly, and standout superintendent Charlie Pribble. The Iowa Golf Hall of Fame now has 92 total members that have helped shape Iowa golf.

The class of 2023 has been announced and will be inducted in mid-October. Congrats to Joe Palmer, Jim Currell, Doug Dunakey, and Kevin Beard.



TURF & ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

Each year the IGA and IGAF provide funding for the **Iowa State University Turfgrass Extension Service**, which provides important information and scientific troubleshooting for golf course superintendents and their facilities throughout Iowa.

In 2022 the Iowa Golf Association Foundation donated \$4,000 to be used to assist Iowa State Univeristy Extension Turfgrass Specialist, Dr. Adam Thoms' travel. Although Dr. Thoms doesn't exclusively support IGA Member Clubs he has been an invaluable asset. Since 2018 Dr. Thoms made over 150 in-person visits to IGA Member Clubs and has supported countless others remotely.

We will continue to support educational programs that demonstrate best environmental practices that positively address the game's agronomic issues. These programs provide educational benefits to the general public, clubs, and all golfers around the state.

## Sharing the game, impacting the future!



JUNIOR GOLF & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The IGA Foundation is working to "Impact the Future" by supporting Junior Golf Programs statewide.

Five years ago the IGA partnering with Youth on Course in an effort to get new young golfers to the golf course for an affordable price. This program allows Iowa kids to play golf at participating courses (approximately 1,700 nationally) for \$5 or less. The participating course receives an additional subsidy (\$) for that round from the IGAF, so it's a win-win! In 2022 we saw a 25% increase in membership from 480 to 599 and rounds were up 157%. Our participating course list has also jumped to 34 facilities in all regions of the state.

In addition, the IGAF provided funding and volunteer time in support programs like the **First Tee**, the Iowa PGA **Golf in Schools** initiative and local **Drive**, **Chip and Putt** competitions.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The IGA Foundation administers two college scholarship programs that annually benefit graduating seniors from Iowa high schools.

The Herman Sani **Scholarship** Program is a four-year scholarship awarded to outstanding graduating excelled seniors who have in academics, community service, and have been involved with golf. Each recipient receives \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year) over a consecutive four-year period. Since 1950, 194 Iowa students have been awarded Sani Scholarships.

The IGAF awards **\$2,000 Ann Griffel Scholarships** to Iowa high school senior girls who intend to further their education at an Iowa institution of higher learning, whether a college, university, or trade school. Since 1963, 258 students have received assistance.

On an annual basis the IGAF distributes **\$46,000 in scholarship dollars** to deserving students.

#### IGAF POINTS OF PRIDE



The IGA Foundation gained momentum in many important areas of support for growth of the game and to protect both the past and the future of golf. The generosity of our growing list of supporters provides the fuel for increasing our impact in vital areas like junior golf programs, scholarships, turfgrass research, and preservation of the history of the game in Iowa.

#### Annual dollars spent by the IGAF on Griffel & Sani Scholarships.

Golden Harvest - Iowa's Rich Golf History includes 496

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pages of history written in narrative form by renowned

sportswriter, Rich Brown. For \$30 you can relive some of Iowa's greatest golf moments and celebrate those that have contributed to the game over the last century.

The number of students that have received an **IGAF Scholarship** since 1950.

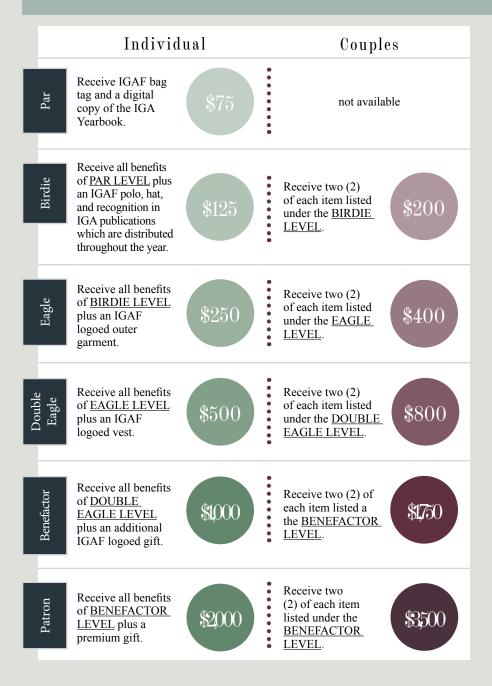
BICK BROWN

\$32K

Amount raised in 2022 by the Partners Program.

The amount of money donated to the **Iowa Turfgrass Institute** to support the Iowa State University Turf Extension Service and **turfgrass research**.

# PARTNERS PROGRAM LEVELS OF SUPPORT



## 2023 IGAF DONATION FORM

The IGA Foundation is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For PAR level donors, 100% of your donation is tax deductible. For BIRDIE level and higher donors, the amount of your donation that is deductible for income tax purposes is limited to the excess of the amount you contributed over the value of the goods you received from the IGA Foundation. If you decline the benefits for your specified level of support, 100% of your donation will be tax deductible. The IGA Foundation will provide a tax receipt letter to all BIRDIE level and higher donors

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