

2024

IGA Foundation

Annual Report

President's Message

"We've built Golf House Iowa not just as a facility, but as a vibrant hub to inspire and teach future generations about the rich history and spirit of golf in our state."

Iowa Golf Hall of Fame

Clark Burroughs, Michael Coppola, Bill Dickens, Greg Ladehoff and Bob Smith join the ranks

Our General Objective & Board of Directors

The Corporation is organized and operated for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes and for the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be organized under the Revised Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act.

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed shall include, but is not limited to:

1. To promote and advance the game of golf in Iowa as an amateur sport.
2. To develop and disseminate information to the public concerning the game of golf as an amateur and recreational sport.
3. To develop, maintain, and operate a museum, library, and hall of fame devoted to golf in Iowa, which will provide the public with an opportunity to better understand the history and development of the game of golf in the state and the people associated with it.
4. To offer golf instruction to youth, with an emphasis on disadvantaged youth.
5. To promote golf and its values, particularly to youth and families.
6. To offer and administer scholarship programs.
7. To perform and support scientific research concerning golf and golf related subjects including turfgrass, environmental practices and impact, and to make available to the public the results of such research.
8. To solicit and receive gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, and conveyances of real estate, stocks, securities, commodities, monies, property, and other gifts in furtherance of the purposes set forth



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>> PICTURED

Rick Brown, a member of the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame and a renowned journalist, delivered a presentation on the history of women's golf in Iowa at the summit held on May 19th. This marked the inaugural event at the new Golf House Iowa facility.



2024 Year in Review



Friends and supporters of the IGA Foundation,

2024 will be a year that we'll all look back on as a historic and transformative period for the foundation. I can remember meeting Bill Dickens almost 15 years ago for breakfast to talk about getting more involved with the Sani Scholarship and potentially the IGA & IGAF. At the time, the association was headquartered in Urbandale in a strip mall off Douglas Avenue. Shortly after, the IGA relocated to a commercial office building in Ankeny where it remained until earlier this year. Hidden inside were stacks of books, artifacts, headshots of Iowa Golf Hall of Famers, and trophies from the biggest tournaments in the state.

All of that changed this year. Today, you can (and if you haven't yet...you should) step foot into a world class facility called Golf House Iowa just east of Echo Valley Country Club in Des Moines. Golf House Iowa provides an interactive experience for visitors to learn the history of

the game in Iowa, recognize the achievements of so many great players from our state, revisit the many signature events that have been held here, and take pride in the additional work our foundation does for the game. And that's just the main floor! Walk down the stairs and you'll see simulators, an indoor practice green, classroom space, and an artificial outdoor short game area that rivals anything in the state. We built this facility for all of you...the golfers in our great state. It's open Monday through Friday, and we'd love to see you there.

I want to take one more opportunity to thank the hundreds of donors that made this dream a reality. Without your support, we would have never reached this amazing finish line. Thank you!

So...we've built the house. Now what? Now we turn our attention to maximize every opportunity we have to use this amazing facility to spread our mission for the game. At its core, the IGA Foundation's mission is to, "Promote and Advance the game of golf in Iowa as an amateur sport". How does Golf House Iowa help us do that? Here are a few ways...

Providing a safe space in the winter months for the First Tee Central Iowa to teach their curriculum to youth from all backgrounds.

Creating an interactive learning experience for youth golfers and high school golf teams to learn the Rules of Golf from the best rules officials in the state.

Inspiring players of all ages and abilities with tours

of the Hall of Fame & Museum that teach you the amazing history of the game in Iowa.

There's more to come, but we're incredibly excited about all the opportunities to engage with our membership in a way we've never been able to before.

Beyond Golf House Iowa, there was a lot more going on with the Foundation this year. We had an amazing class that was inducted into the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame this fall. Michael Coppola, Bill Dickens, Clark Burroughs, Greg Ladehoff, and Bill Smith were the first class to be inducted at our new facility, and the event was truly a night to remember. Congratulations to this year's class!

On the scholarship front, both the Sani and Griffel Scholarship Committees continue to work diligently to raise funds with hopes of increasing both the value and the tenure of the scholarships. Leighann LaRocca (Chair of the Griffel) and I are consistently amazed with the quality of applicants we get each year for our scholarships. This year was no different. Congratulations to Crew Klingner, Drew DeGabriele, Hannah Pettit, and Makenna Carlson on being named this year's Sani Scholars. And congratulations to Isabella Pettersen, Brenna Bodensteiner, Olivia Axmear, Avery Lichter, and Malania Elliott on being named this year's Griffel Scholars. We're expecting great things from each of you!

So that's a wrap! Again...thanks to everyone who chooses to contribute to the IGA Foundation.



A Dream Becomes a Reality

On May 30, 2024, Golf House Iowa officially opened its doors to the public!

We are excited to have a dedicated space to honor the remarkable history of golf in Iowa and foster the development of future golfers through our state-of-the-art education and training facilities.

As you enter, you will be welcomed by the legends of the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame, accompanied by a vibrant collage of historic images and two digital screens that offer insights into their lives and contributions. Progressing through the hall, you will arrive at the museum, which showcases a timeline of golf from its beginnings to the present day. Here, you can explore the major championships hosted in Iowa and celebrate the exceptional performers on

the amateur and professional stage.

The walls are adorned with artifacts, including a golf ball from Zach Johnson and a club belonging to the Jack Welsh - past president of the Iowa PGA and Iowa GCSA. As you move on, you'll discover the Elliott Family Media Room where you can view the names inscribed on the Iowa Amateur, Iowa Women's Amateur, and Men's & Women's Match Play trophies while enjoying a feature film that narrates the history of golf in our beloved state.

There is so much to explore within these walls, including two simulators and an indoor putting green, which are actively used by juniors and IGA members. We invite you to visit us at our new location next to Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk!





IOWA GOLF HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

- Honor those elected to the Hall of Fame
- Interactive displays
- Large trophy cases
- Library
- Sani & Griffel Scholar section
- Timeline
- Feature film

JUNIOR GOLF AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Outdoor putting and chipping area for teaching the short game
- Learning area for training new golfers
- Provides space to promote initiatives such as Youth on Course
- Golf simulators for teaching the game during winter months

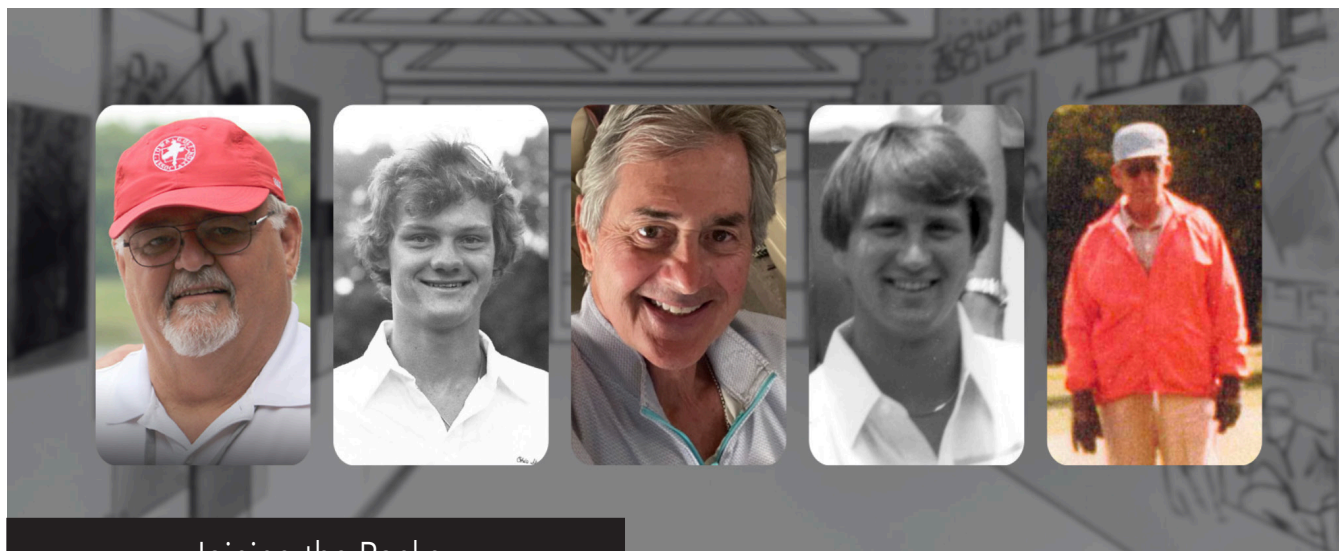
EDUCATION & GROW THE GAME INITIATIVES

- Interactive indoor Rules of Golf education space
- Classroom space for seminars
- Indoor/outdoor green complex for teaching rules situations
- Space to facilitate The First Green (STEM education) field trips

OFFICE SPACE

- Home for the IGA and IGAF
- Space to accommodate the Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association and First Tee - Central Iowa.
- Large, open meeting spaces
- Many areas/spaces designed for “dual-use” purposes to maximize efficiency and cost

Iowa Golf Hall of Fame



Joining the Ranks

>> PICTURED (L to R) - Hall of Fame 2024 Class Bill Dickens, Clark Burroughs, Michael Cappola, Greg Ladehoff, and Bob Smith

Class of 2024

Clark Burroughs

Waterloo's Clark Burroughs has a playing resume that ranks at the top with all from Iowa.

Growing up and developing his game in golf-rich Waterloo, Burroughs was successful in various local competitions in an era where there wasn't first-rate junior competitions available like there are today. Clark's success included a victory at the 1980 Iowa Junior Amateur.

Those 'early' victories were just the start for Burroughs, a fixture at the Byrnes Park (now Irv Warren) golf course who was a star at Waterloo West High School under Iowa Golf Hall of Fame member Don Narveson.

"He literally lived here while he was a kid," Narveson once said. "He's a winner."

Burroughs attended Ohio State University on a golf scholarship and put together an incredible college career. He was a First-team All-Big Ten selection all four years, from 1982 through 1985. He was also Big Ten Player of the Year in 1985, and won seven individual titles. Clark was named team captain for the Buckeyes in 1984 and 1985 and was inducted into the Ohio State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

Burroughs was named an All-American all four years at Ohio State. He capped off his college career by winning the NCAA Division I Individual title in 1985 and was named 1st team All-American.

Burroughs had considerable success in big time amateur golf outside of college as well. He was medalist in the 1983 U.S. Amateur and made it to the semifinals, earning him a trip to the 1984 Masters Tournament and a spot on the 1985 Walker Cup Team.

"He's our kid," Narveson after watching Burroughs

make the cut at the 1984 Masters.

Burroughs turned professional after college and returned home to win the Waterloo Open in 1987. He competed on the PGA Tour for a span of 11 years. During that time, he played in 130 tournaments and made 60 cuts.

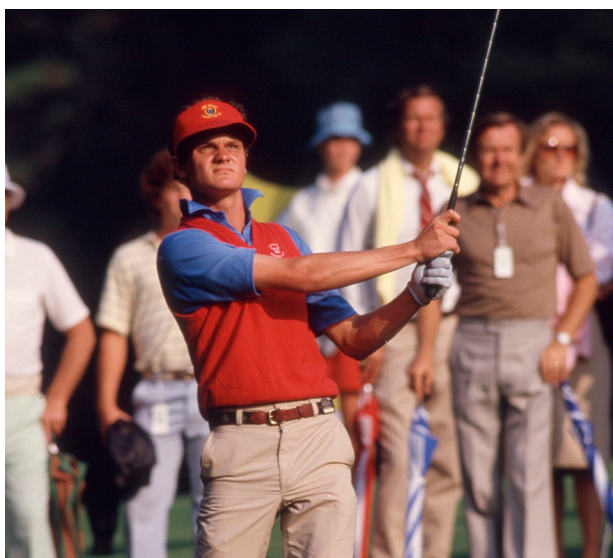
“Winning the NCAA and playing on the tour are totally different,” Burroughs said in 1989. “These guys don’t care what you did in college.”

Clark finished in the Top 21 four times during his PGA Tour career. His highest was a runner-up finish to Steve Jones at the 1989 Canadian Open.

“One of the qualities I admired most about Clark was his self-confidence and belief in himself,” Iowa Golf Hall of Fame member Doug Dunakey said. “I have to admit, Clark pushed me to be a better player. His play and accomplishments were standards I measured myself against.”

Michael Coppola

Michael Coppola’s passion for the game of golf in the state of Iowa is unmatched.



>> PICTURED (LEFT) - Clark Burroughs at the 1985 Walker Cup Team, USA defeated GB 13-11 at Pine Valley Golf Club.

>> PICTURED (RIGHT) - Michael Coppola

As Coppola’s friend, Charlie Taylor, describes it, Coppola didn’t move the needle for the project. He was the needle.

Coppola’s lead gift, including the land the building rests on just east of the ninth green of Echo Valley’s Creek Course, was crucial. Just as important is his behind-the-scenes role and volunteering his time to help the project move forward. His experience and insight during the fundraising, planning and construction of the project were invaluable.

“It is nearly impossible to completely and accurately summarize Mike’s contributions to the Iowa Golf Association,” Taylor said. “He has, in my opinion, single-handedly changed the course of the IGA like no one before him. Mike shares a vision with the IGA that Golf House Iowa will provide an important platform to promote the game of golf through its impact on junior golfers.”

This is not the first time the future of the game has prospered from Coppola’s generosity. The Sani Scholarship Fund, which is financed by donations and a percentage of entry fees from selected statewide tournaments, was struggling to find enough money to endow those scholarships.



Coppola was approached around 2013 about making a donation to keep the scholarships – \$2,000 a year for four years – up and running. Coppola attended a Sani Scholarship dinner and was deeply impressed with the award winners. He did some research on Sani, who purchased Hyperion Field Club in 1936 for back taxes and gave it back to the membership. Sani was also the first executive director of the IGA and served in that role on a volunteer basis for more than 30 years.

The Coppola brothers – Michael, Arthur and Edward – donated \$250,000 to help endow the Sani Scholarship in 2015. Witnessing the Sani Scholarship winners in person, and hearing their stories, was the driving force behind Coppola's decision to lend a helping hand.

“Mike's involvement and philanthropic contributions to the IGA already have, and will continue to shape, the game for players in our great state for years to come,” said former IGA president Steve Jermier, himself a former Sani Scholarship recipient.

Echo Valley Country Club, along with Hyperion Field Club in Johnston, host the Herman Sani Tournament every other year on the IGA Championship schedule, thanks again to the generosity of the Coppola family.

Coppola has also made significant investments to improve playing conditions and overall experience for the members at Echo Valley Country Club. The club grew to 27 holes in 2004 when the nine-hole Ridge course was built. The greens were rebuilt on the Vale course in 2021, returning them to their original size. The Creek nine underwent greenside renovations, movement of some fairway bunkers, the addition of new tees and a new irrigation system in 2022 and 2023. And all bunkers on the three nines have been rebuilt over the last two years with capillary concrete to improve drainage and playing conditions.

Coppola has commented that he looks into the future and sees a day when Mike McCoy, one of Iowa's greatest amateur players and a member of the

Iowa Golf Hall of Fame, sits in a meeting room at Golf House Iowa and talks to a group of youngsters about what the game of golf has done for him.

“It's about enriching lives through golf,” Coppola said. “How do we change a life through the game? And it might not even be on a golf course. Twenty-five years later a kid is going to say, “Mr. McCoy talked to be about what the game did for him. And one thing he said really got to me.”

As a golfer, Coppola isn't motivated by how many rounds he plays in a year. It's more about the canvas that golf provides.

Bill Dickens

He was the right guy at the right time for the Iowa Golf Association. Those words have been mentioned numerous times when describing Bill Dickens.

The IGA as we know it today is due in large part to the efforts of Bill and his passion for golf administration. After establishing an IGA office in Urbandale when he was hired in 2001, he helped prepell the IGA to what it is know for today:

- Building a strong revenue stream and balance sheet with cash reserves able to carry the association through tough times.
- Building and supporting a schedule of great IGA Championships and other events that provide competitive opportunities for players all across the state, which many consider to be unmatched anywhere else in the country.
- Championed the effort to include all members into events with the use and understanding of the USGA Handicap System and the GHIN Service.
- Working with then-IGA President Joe Kehoe on a multi-year effort to merge the Iowa Women's Golf Association with the IGA, strengthening the game for women golfers in the state, and promoting the Ann Griffel Scholarship.

- Established the IGA Foundation in 2011 to administer and support the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame, the Herman Sani Scholarship, junior golf initiatives and turfgrass and environmental education.

- Reinvigorated the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame in 2006 after a nine-year hiatus of inductions, and created member plaques and other historic displays in the IGA office.

- Formulated the idea for Golf House Iowa and put energy and drive behind the idea that has now been brought to fruition.

Those first few years of Bill's leadership could be titled 'Back to the Basics.'

"He (Bill) faced a hurdle when he first started at the IGA," IGA Executive Director & CEO Chad Pitts said. "He found he needed to get back to the basics of golf administration, and he had to teach those basics to staff and board members alike. Things as simple as referring to every person on the GHIN roster as a member of the IGA, having full teams to perform course ratings, how to conduct board meetings, how to properly mark a golf course and prepare a rules sheet, or even getting a new thing called a website up and running. Sounds simple now but that was what the IGA wasn't doing before

Bill got there. I think it is fair to say he revamped the way the staff and board thought about the IGA and what it was capable of and there is no doubt that has carried on to today."

Due to Bill's tireless efforts, it is accurate to say that many associations around the country look to Iowa as a blueprint for how golf should be administered at the highest level.

"Bill was the driving force behind so many efforts around the IGA and IGAF, it's difficult to just pick a few to highlight," Steve Jermier said. "The IGA is known nationally among its peers as a standard bearer for producing an incredible product with limited resources compared to larger state and regional associations. That reputation simply wouldn't exist without the contributions, leadership, and vision from Bill Dickens."

Greg Ladehoff

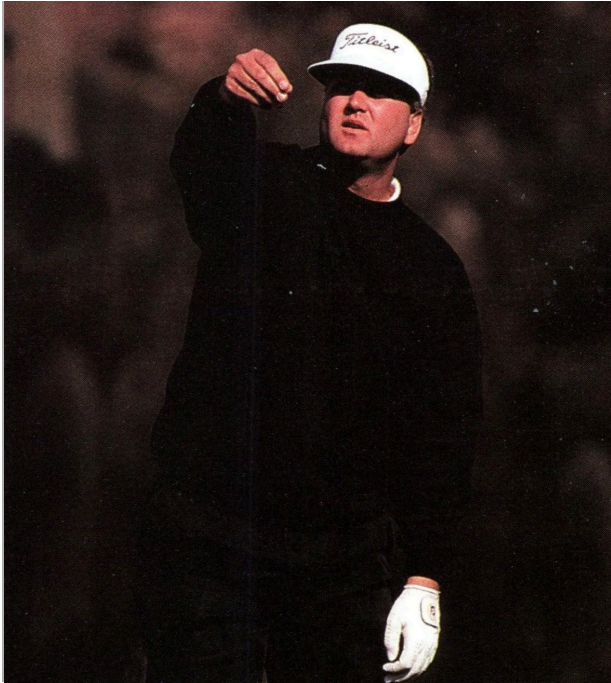
Greg Ladehoff of Clinton steadily improved as he climbed golf's ladder, a less-than-guaranteed journey that took him all the way to the PGA Tour.

Following a successful junior career at Clinton High School and as the 1979 Iowa Junior champion, Ladehoff accepted a scholarship to Ohio State University. There, he was one of the few golfers ever to earn All Big-Ten honors four years in a row (1981-84). Ladehoff then decided to try a career playing professionally. He made it through Q-School for the first time in 1985, and also in 1987, 1988 and 1990. Greg played the PGA Tour regularly for eight years (1985-92), making 154 starts. His best career finish was a tie for third with Nick Faldo in the 1986 USF&G Classic as a rookie.

"My attitude is that I want to play good enough get in position where I have a chance to screw up," Ladehoff said in 1988. "If you never get in that position, you never have a chance."



>> PICTURED - Bill Dickens devoted 25 years to the IGA as Executive Director.



>> PICTURED (LEFT) - Greg Ladehoff, made 154 starts on the PGA Tour and 47 starts on the Ben Hogan Tour.
>> PICTURED (RIGHT) - Bob Smith, dedicated more than 30 years to working within the golf industry.

After leaving the tour, Ladehoff still played at a high level. He won the Iowa PGA Section Championship in 1994 at Finkbine in Iowa City. But Greg would retire from competitive golf after numerous injuries, and he joined his father in a well-known and respected duck decoy business in the Clinton area.

“Ladehoff attacked golf courses over his career, the way he approaches everyday business life of which he is equally successful,” Gary Dolphin said of Ladehoff. “He did it with purpose and a great sense of humor. Whether shooting a course record 68 in the Ohio Amateur at Inverness in Toledo, a 66 that chased down Tommy Armour III in Tallahassee or his present day worldwide success building a duck decoy business, Ladehoff marches and lives with the times.”

Those who knew Ladehoff know there was more to the man than just golf.

“I hope that 100 years from now, when a visitor to the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame is pondering the great Greg Ladehoff, they can see him as I do,” Mark L.

Burden said. “A terrific player and competitor, of course, but to see Greg solely through the prism of golf would obscure his towering commitment to family, to friends, to his passion for business and to his love for the Hawkeye State. Golf afforded Greg tremendous opportunities and to his credit, he pursued the game to the pinnacle.”

Bob Smith

Bob Smith dedicated his career to being the best golf course superintendent. He studied and strived to be just that for more than 30 years at seven different Iowa golf courses and communities. He was recognized over the years by the Iowa Golf Course Superintendent Association with many awards and accolades.

Bob served the association at its highest levels, being elected to the Board of Directors in 1953, and served as President in 1956 and 1957. He believed service to the IGCSA was most important and received 25- and 50- year membership pins. In 1990 he had the honor of receiving the Distinguished Service Award from IGCSA.

In addition to his achievements as a golf course superintendent, Bob's career included being a pioneer on the sales side of turf products. He would go to golf courses, both large and small, offering valuable advice on many aspects of turf maintenance. He helped with disease and weed identification by offering his expertise on treatment, insect management, grass seed, and irrigation.

“As one of the first golf course superintendents to work in sales, he combined his knowledge and experience,” Iowa Golf Hall of Fame member Doug Snook said. “He was like a doctor making house calls. With education opportunities limited in turf, managers relied on Bob to solve their turf problems. Bob would take the time to walk with the turf managers inspecting their facilities, troubleshooting turf and equipment issues while helping them with their management problems.”

He might even show how to cut a cup properly or help pick flags or markers when needed. At many small golf courses, the turf maintenance employees were seasonal and even part-time visits were much anticipated.

“Bob Smith's lifework was the betterment of golf through creating well-maintained facilities,” John Hollen said. “He helped players both as a caddy when growing up and by providing golf lessons while working as superintendent, educating turf managers by sharing his knowledge, helping strengthen his association through lifetime involvement, and setting an example so impactful that many of his family followed suit.”

Bob was always experimenting with new golf course management techniques and was a great golfer in his own right, giving golf members golf lessons that did not have a golf professional at their club.

“If a young person could model their career after an old timer, Bob Smith would be someone who I would recommend,” Iowa Golf Hall of Fame member Rick Tegtmeier, CGCS, MG, said. “He worked at many golf courses around the state, he mentored young people and Iowa golf was in his blood.”

VOTING COMMITTEE

- Jon Brown, Chairman ('13) Adel
- John Ausen ('17) Urbandale
- Rick Brown ('17)..... Des Moines
- Gene Elliott ('12) West Des Moines
- Mike McCoy ('11) Norwalk
- Bob Moreland ('06)..... Ottumwa
- Ken Schall ('12)..... Norwalk
- Dave Sergeant ('14) Fort Dodge
- Jeff Smith ('13) Oskaloosa
- Doug Snook ('11) Waverly

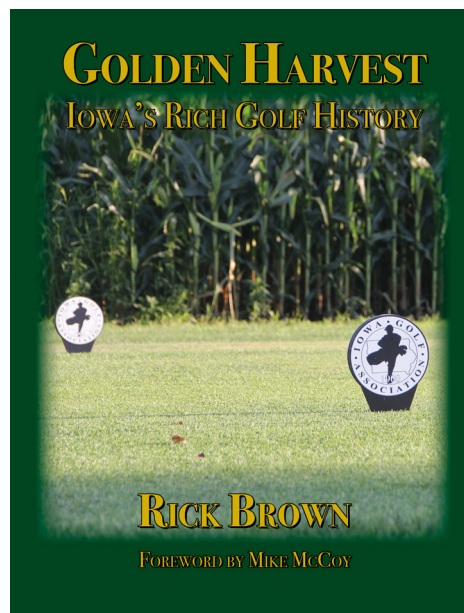
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Joe Butler Burlington
- Tom Christensen Waterloo
- Ross deBuhr Waukee
- Mike Green..... Ames
- Rose Kubesheski Dubuque
- Leighann LaRocca Clive
- Al Nelson Fort Dodge
- Jim Sedrel..... Johnston
- Ron Van Buskirk..... Sioux City
- Jeff Wendel..... Ankeny



History of Golf in Iowa



One of the foundational pillars of the IGAF is to preserve and protect the history of the game. One way we have accomplished that is through our partnership with Hall of Fame golf writer Rick Brown. Rick spent an entire year researching and writing a book on the history of golf in Iowa. As you can imagine, this would be a monumental task as the history of golf in Iowa stretches well over a century.

Golf came to Iowa in the late 1800s, planting the seeds for a rich harvest of golf history.

Much of that history, long forgotten, comes to life in “Golden Harvest. Iowa’s Rich Golf History.”

Written by 11-time Iowa Sportswriter of the Year Rick Brown and commissioned by the Iowa Golf Association, this book is a must-read for those who love the game.

Iowa is the home to major champions Jack Fleck, Judy Kimball and Zach Johnson. It’s also the home to 254 nine-hole golf courses, the most of any state in the nation.

It has produced many champions who had success in and out of Iowa, like Jack Rule, Steve Spray, Barb Thomas Whitehead, Ann Casey Johnstone, Lucile Robinson, Art Bartlett, John Jacobs, Mike McCoy, Gene Elliott, Sean McCarty, Ken Schall, Joe Brown, Edith Estabrooks, Rudy Knepper and so many more. Their stories are chronicled in these pages.

“Golden Harvest” is 496 pages, written in narrative form. Proceeds from book sales benefit Iowa Golf Association Foundation programs and services. Purchase your copy today at iowagolf.org.

Junior Golf Grants



Iowa PGA Foundation

- Golf in Schools Program: IGA “Grow the Game” grants funded start-up programs.
- Golf in Schools introduces the game of golf to kids in physical education classes. These classes are taught by Iowa PGA Professionals. This program is designed to teach these students more than just the game of golf. They focus heavily on character building and life skills that will benefit them in their life beyond the classroom.
- The IGAF has been a sponsor of this program and has donated \$2,000 to local schools in the surrounding area.



First Tee

- First Tee is a youth development organization that teaches life skills and healthy habits through the game of golf.
- In 2023, the IGAF donated \$1,000 to each of the Iowa First Tee Chapters (Central Iowa, Quad Cities, Siouxland).
- The IGAF has been an annual sponsor of First Tee - Central Iowa and in years past participated in the Putt-Putt @ the Park fundraising event.



Iowa High School Athletic Association

Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union

- Provide Rules Education Seminars for both organizations.
- Provide live scoring services and support for Girls' High School State Championships.



Midwest Junior Championship

- IGA Rules Officials work as Rules Committee for annual event.
- The Midwest Junior Championship is a premier junior golf championship that has been held annually since 2013.



Waterloo Junior Golf Association

- The WJGA is a complete junior golf program for young people between the ages of 12 and 18.

Scholarships



Ann Griffel & Herman Sani Scholarships

\$42,000 Awarded Annually

The IGA Foundation administers two college scholarship programs that annually benefit graduating seniors from Iowa high schools. Each year the IGAF awards \$42,000 between the Ann Griffel and Herman Sani Scholarship Funds.

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.

The Herman Sani Scholarship Program is a four-year scholarship awarded to outstanding graduating seniors who have excelled 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.

>> RIGHT - Griffel Scholars in black, Sani Scholars in blue

Isabella Pettersen



Isabella Pettersen, of North Liberty, will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in business.

Brenna Bodensteiner



Brenna Bodensteiner, of Waverly, plans to play basketball and golf at Wartburg College while majoring in kinesiology.

Olivia Axmear



Olivia Axmear, of Nevada, will be attending the University of Dubuque and major in human health science.

Avery Lichter



Avery Lichter, of Algona, is attending Iowa State University to study Landscape Architecture.

Malina Elliott



Malina Elliott, of Dallas Center, will be attending the University of Iowa to major in English with a minors in sports studies and Spanish.

Crew Klinger



Crew Klinger, of Williamsburg, will be attending Central College to study Engineering.

Drew DeGabriele



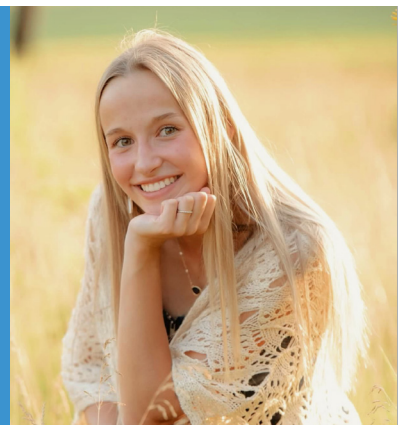
Drew DeGabriele, of Mason City, will attend North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) for two years and then transfer to a 4-year university to complete his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Drew plans to major in either sports statistics or math education and coaching.

Hannah Pettitt



Hannah Pettitt, is a graduate of Waukee Northwest High School and will attend South Dakota State University to study Biochemistry.

Makenna Carlson



Makenna Carlson, resident of Story City, plans to study Professional Golf Management at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln).



All About Access

Youth Age 6-18 Play for \$5

Youth on Course is all about giving junior golfers a chance to play. Kids aged 6-18 can sign up for a yearly membership. Courses that are in the program host special days and times when YOC members can come and play for \$5 or less. At the end of each month, the IGA Foundation sends each course a subsidy for every round played by a YOC member. These subsidies usually range from \$5-7 per round, so courses end up making about \$10-12 for each YOC round.

Chad Pitts, the Executive Director of IGA/IGAF, took on a Hundred-Hole-Hike in 2024 to support

YOC. This is a nationwide fundraising event where people challenge themselves to play 100 holes of golf in a single day, walking the whole time. Chad raised just over \$13,000 for the program while walking more than 23 miles!

Youth on Course keeps growing each year (we got started in Iowa in 2018). In 2024, we gave back \$58,000 in subsidies to the courses involved.

The program helps bring some extra players during off-peak times at participating courses. Plus, stats show that more than half of YOC rounds are played

with a full-paying adult. We like to think the kids are the ones getting their parents out to the golf course instead of the other way around!

We have multiple goals for this program. We want to make it easier for kids to try out golf by reducing costs (they only pay \$5!), help courses when they need business, and get families playing this great game together more often. The program is now nationwide and is hitting those goals!

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Memberships

2019	157
2020	271
2021	480
2022	599
2023	1,055
2024	1,682

Rounds Posted

2019	451
2020	721
2021	1,236
2022	3,181
2023	6,225
2024	10,201

Participating Courses

2019	28
2020	29
2021	33
2022	34
2023	42
2024	37



"Super" Support

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 2024 the Iowa Golf Association Foundation donated \$4,000 to be used to assist Iowa State University 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.

Additionally, the IGA and IGAF provide annual sponsorships to support the Iowa Turfgrass Institute

and the Iowa Turfgrass Conference/Trade Show. The conference offers over 35 unique educational sessions along with a vibrant Trade Show featuring over 70 different exhibitors.

The IGAF 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.



2024 Financials

IGA Foundation Statement of Activities and Financial Position

	2024	2023
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Unrestricted Funds Donations	\$ 58,623	\$ 12,955
Youth on Course Donations and Memberships	23,283	35,937
Partners Program (net of expenses)	19,837	18,712
Iowa Golf Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Donations	2,563	7,537
Iowa Golf History Book Sales	570	1,755
Golf House Iowa Donations	485,832	2,635,201
Herman Sani and Ann Griffel Scholarship Donations	27,763	36,079
Tournament Travel Donations	6,000	-
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gains	32,022	115,638
	656,493	2,863,814
EXPENSES		
Youth on Course Subsidies and Expenses	15,000	38,147
Iowa Golf Hall of Fame	12,382	14,781
Iowa Golf History Book	340	992
Golf House Iowa Depreciation	115,464	-
Golf House Iowa Interest Expense	11,596	-
Golf House Iowa Expenses	680	1,263
Herman Sani Scholarship Grants and Expenses	32,193	32,314
Ann Griffel Scholarship Grants and Expenses	10,241	10,365
Junior Golf Support Grants	9,000	6,000
Environmental and Turf Research Grants	4,000	4,000
Tournament Travel Grants	3,000	-
Management and Operations	31,092	26,502
Investment Management Fees	2,819	2,562
	247,807	136,926
REVENUE less EXPENSES	\$ 408,686	\$ 2,726,888
ASSETS		
Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines	\$ 581,760	\$ 534,716
Bank Accounts and Temporary Cash Investments	78,162	409,723
Golf House Iowa	4,951,181	4,475,394
Golf History Book Inventory	11,191	11,311
Other Assets	5,100	1,428
	\$ 5,627,394	\$ 5,432,572
NET ASSETS / FUND BALANCES		
Beginning of the Year	\$ 5,108,064	\$ 2,334,587
Revenue less Expenses	408,686	2,726,888
Increase (Decrease) in Net Unrealized Gains on Investments	19,180	46,589
End of the Year	\$ 5,535,930	\$ 5,108,064

IGAF Donors

The individuals below were part of the Partners Program in 2024 and/or contributed directly to one of the IGAF's programs like the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame, Book Project, Herman Sani and Ann Griffel Scholarship funds, Turf & Environmental Research, Golf House Iowa, or Junior Golf and Player Development.

The Partners Program is the annual giving campaign to raise funds for the IGA Foundation. This program helps us raise unrestricted funds that ultimately support all of our causes.

For more than a decade golfers from all parts of Iowa have supported the Iowa Golf Association through their participation in the Partners Program. The IGA Foundation (IGAF) is an IRS approved 501(c)3 public charity and therefore all gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible.

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