

IOWA GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION



2026 PARTNERS PROGRAM



OUR MISSION

To promote golf and its life-enhancing values with an emphasis on teaching, preserving and protecting the history and traditions of the game in Iowa.



LETTER

STEVE JERMIER, IGAF PRESIDENT

Friends and supporters of the IGA Foundation,

This will be my last official letter as President of the IGA Foundation. Since our founding in 2011, our mission has remained the same: to grow and advance amateur golf across Iowa. Today the Foundation is positioned to do that in new and exciting ways.

Golf House Iowa, located just east of Echo Valley Country Club in Des Moines, is central to that vision. The facility tells the story of golf in Iowa, honors the achievements of our great players, highlights signature events, and showcases the Foundation's work. It includes simulators, an indoor practice green, classroom space, and a top-tier artificial short game area. We built Golf House Iowa for Iowa golfers — it's open Monday through Friday, and we welcome you to visit.

Already, Golf House Iowa is accelerating our programs. In two short years it has hosted the First Tee of Central Iowa's youth curriculum, ladies' clinics led by local pros, and IGA rules workshops. These activities demonstrate how the facility is being used to advance the game across age groups and skill levels.

A priority for the Foundation going forward is strengthening our scholarship program. We want to increase awareness, equity, and the impact of our awards. The Ann Griffel Scholarship is currently a one-time payout, while the Herman Sani Scholarship is distributed over four years and has not increased in 25 years. College costs have risen substantially; we will focus on refreshing both scholarships so they provide meaningful support. If you'd like to learn more or help, please contact any IGA staff member or an IGAF board member.

Last fall we inducted another outstanding class into the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame: Nate Dunn, Whitey Barnard, Jeff Schmid, and Tom Verrips. The induction at Echo Valley brings our Hall of Fame to 105 members, a testament to the high standard set by Iowa's golf icons.

Each August, during the Sani Tournament week, Leighann LaRocca (Griffel Chair) and I (Sani Chair) present our Griffel and Sani scholars. Last year's Sani Scholars were Lauren Nuss (New Hampton; also a Griffel Scholar), Chloe Bolte (Sumner), Tomas Rascon (Burlington), and Emersen Motl (Ames). Griffel Scholars were



Sani Scholars (L to R): Chloe Bolte, Lauren Nuss, Emersen Motl, & Tomas Rascon



Paige Franzen (Nashua), Hope Faber (Sioux Center), Malinda Voortmann (Clear Lake), and Lydia Krueger (Norwalk). They represent the future of the game, and we wish them great success.

As I step down, I want to thank a few people who ensure amateur golf in Iowa will thrive:

- Charlie Taylor, who succeeds me as IGAF President. Charlie was instrumental in making Golf House Iowa a reality and is the right leader for our board.
- Mark Gambaiana, whose fundraising leadership kept the Golf House project moving forward.
- Chad Pitts, the heart of the IGA, who drives our world-class events — please thank him when you see him.

- IGA staff Katelynn, Clint, Nate, Karli, and Paige for their professionalism and dedication.
- Our interns, including Erika, Ashton, and Rylee, and all past interns for their enthusiasm and attention to detail.
- Our volunteers, board, and committee members for donating time and talent to our programs.
- Our donors — your generosity makes everything possible, and we work tirelessly to ensure your contributions advance the game.

It has been one of the great honors of my professional career to serve the Iowa Golf Association and the IGA Foundation. Thank you for your support and commitment to amateur golf in Iowa.

Steve

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

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





IOWA GOLF HALL OF FAME

The Iowa Golf Hall of Fame is administered by the IGA 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. Yearly inductions have occurred since. In 2025 we welcomed in Whitey Barnard, Nate Dunn, Jeff Schmid, and Tom Verrips.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The IGA Foundation administers two college scholarship programs, the Ann Griffel and Herman Sani, that benefit graduating seniors from Iowa high schools. On an annual basis the IGAF distributes \$42,000 in scholarship dollars to deserving students.



TURF & ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

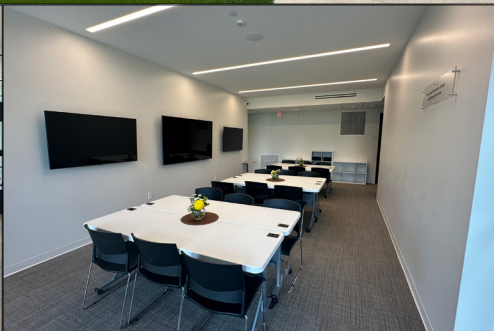
Each year the IGA and IGAF provide funding for the Iowa State University Turfgrass Extension Service, which provides important information and scientific troubleshooting for golf course superintendents and their facilities throughout Iowa.



JUNIOR GOLF & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Youth on Course allows Iowa kids to play golf at participating courses for \$5 or less. The participating course receives an additional subsidy (\$) for that round from the IGAF, so it’s a win-win! 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.

GOLF HOUSE IOWA



LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Individual

Couples

Par

A digital copy of the IGA Yearbook and satisfaction of supporting IGAF.

\$75

not available

Birdie

Receive all benefits of PAR LEVEL plus an IGAF polo, hat, and recognition in IGA publications which are distributed throughout the year.

\$125

Receive two (2) of each item listed under the BIRDIE LEVEL.

\$200

Eagle

Receive all benefits of BIRDIE LEVEL plus an IGAF logoed outerwear item.

\$250

Receive two (2) of each item listed under the EAGLE LEVEL.

\$400

Double Eagle

Receive all benefits of EAGLE LEVEL plus an IGAF logoed jacket.

\$500

Receive two (2) of each item listed under the DOUBLE EAGLE LEVEL.

\$800

Benefactor

Receive all benefits of DOUBLE EAGLE LEVEL plus three dozen IGA logoed golf balls.

\$1000

Receive two (2) of each item listed under the BENEFACTOR LEVEL.

\$1750

Patron

Receive all benefits of BENEFACTOR LEVEL plus a premium gift.

\$2000

Receive two (2) of each item listed under the BENEFACTOR LEVEL.

\$3500

2026 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

level	individual	couples
PAR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	
BIRDIE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
EAGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
DBL. EAGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800
BENEFACTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,750
PATRON	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500

My check for \$_____ is enclosed (payable to the IGA Foundation).

I do not wish to receive a gift so that I may receive 100% tax deduction.

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