

# Chapter hands out annual awards



**From the Bunker**  
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Ken McMaster didn't want to forget anybody. So he divided his thanks after being named the Southwest Chapter PGA Golf Professional of the Year -- the organization's highest honor -- on Monday in two parts.

"One is my peers and those who are older than me who accepted me and provided a good example for me to follow," said McMaster, the director of golf at Miramar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, at the chapter's spring meeting at Heritage Palms in Fort Myers. "The other group is who are my peers who are younger than me, who also accepted me and who continue to inspire me to be the best version of myself."

McMaster first came to Southwest Florida in the winters at The Island Country Club on Marco Island, then was the professional at Tuscany Reserve -- now Talis Park -- from 2005-07 before moving over to Miro-mar.

"It's very humbling for me to accept something like this -- an award where I look down the list of past recipients and I see the names of incredible people and golf professionals," he said. "... The question I guess is then how does somebody from northern Ontario with average intellect and average abilities from a very humble background get to stand up here. I think the answer is there are some things that we can't control, but there are things that we can."

"For me it's been a tireless effort toward self-improvement as a person, as a father, as a husband, as a golf professional. Things that are very, very important to me are to do our jobs and to live our lives with a sense of kindness and purpose. And finally, and maybe most importantly to everybody that knows me the best is that giving back and inspire others to be the best versions of themselves."

McMaster credited his family -- wife Melissa and children Adin and Ella -- as well.

"They've made me better than I ever could be," he said.

Eleven other pros received awards, plus Brendan Cunningham, the longtime advocate and volunteer best known for his announcing at the area's professional tour events. For the second time, Cunningham won the Henry B. Watkins Jr. Award for an amateur.

During the meeting, the chapter elected Bill Harley of Wildcat Run as the new president. Nathan Groce of Verandah is the new vice president and treasurer, and Jeff Nixon of Stoneybrook is the new secretary. Bob Radunz of The Quarry was elected the new at-large board member for the South Florida PGA Section.

Other award recipients:  
Teacher of the Year: Adam Bazalgette, Mediterra

Bill Strausbaugh Award (club relations): Karl Bublitz, Grey Oaks

Horton Smith Award (education): Paul Fitzpatrick, Fiddlesticks

Player Development Award: Kristine Connell, Worthington

Junior Golf Leader Award: Allen Mangu-son, Coral Oaks

Jeremy New Assistant of the Year Award: Matthew Sawicki, Wilderness

Merchandise of the Year -- Public Facility: Bob Ridge, Riverwood

Merchandise of the Year -- Resort Facility: Robert Duke, Gasparilla Inn and Golf Club

Merchandise of the Year -- Private Facility: E.J. McDonnell, Bonita Bay Club

Player of the Year: Gene Fieger, The Club Pelican Bay

Assistant Player of the Year: Gene Fieger, The Club Pelican Bay

The chapter also gave out donations to: Florida Gulf Coast University's men's and women's golf teams (\$5,000 each), the FGCU Professional Golf Management Program (\$10,000), SalusCare (\$10,000), Southwest Florida Junior Golf (\$8,000) and The First Tee of Naples/Collier (\$2,000).

High school seniors also were awarded scholarships by the chapter: Ashley Cardona, Barron Collier; Alexis Davis, Golden Gate; Azelle Dietter, Gulf Coast; Grayce Harris, Gulf Coast; Nolan Jerriey, Bishop Verot; Aly Packish, Barron Collier; Annie Thorp, Fort Myers.

**Patriot Golf Day:** The Patriot Golf Day benefiting Folds of Honor Foundation will be Saturday, May 26 at Vineyards Country Club. The tournament has been moved from its usual September date.

There will be an opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format is two best balls of foursomes. A por-



Southwest Chapter PGA President Bill Harley poses with five of the seven chapter high school scholarship winners on Monday at Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club in Fort Myers. SOUTH FLORIDA PGA SECTION

tion of the entry fee will benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides post-secondary educational scholarships for the spouses and children of military men and women killed or disabled while serving. For more information on Folds of Honor, go to [foldsof-honor.org](http://foldsof-honor.org).

The entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per person. Hole sponsorships are \$100.

Call 353-1500 for more information.

**Tamulis qualifies for Women's Open:** Napes High graduate Kris Tamulis, who plays out of Grey Oaks, won the U.S. Women's Open qualifier at Sugar Mill Country Club in New Smyrna Beach on May 4. Tamulis had a 36-hole total of 135. The Women's Open is May 31-June 3 at Shoal Creek in Shoal Creek, Alabama.

Tamulis also made an appearance at the Deaconess Classic recently, posing for pictures and signing autographs, and giving a clinic at Evansville Country Club. The fundraiser has raised over \$2.3 million since its inception, going directly to help women's health locally.

"Anything that I can do to support women and healthcare, and everything I think it's awesome, what they're doing for underprivileged girls to get the care that they need," Tamulis told a local TV station. "I think there's not one person that cancer hasn't effected in their life, I've had a lot of friends and some of my family that have had their issues with and I think that it's something that everybody needs to be aware of no matter how old you are and how young you are."

**The First Tee of Naples/Collier:** Summer programs -- First Tee Junior Tour, 18-hole tournaments for juniors 12-18, \$100 fee for five tournaments, Schedule -- June 14, Naples Heritage; June 21, The Club Pelican Bay; June 28, Hideout; July 12, Golf Club of the Everglades; July 19, TBD; July 26, Parent/Junior tournament; Summer camp (\$90 a week), June 11-15 (Beginner), Quality Inn & Suites Golf Resort, 8 a.m. to noon; June 18-22, (Beginner), Panther Run, 8 a.m. to noon; June 25-29 (Advanced), Golf Club of the Everglades, 8 a.m. to noon; July 9-13 (Beginner), Island Club, 8 a.m. to noon; July 16-20 (Beginner) Vasari, 8 a.m. to noon; July 23-27 (Beginner), Quality Inn & Suites Golf Resort, 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, go to [thefirsttee-naplescollier.org](http://thefirsttee-naplescollier.org).

**South Florida Senior Open:** Gene Fieger of The Club Pelican Bay won the tournament for the third time, this time at Monarch Country Club in Palm City.

"I went birdie, birdie, eagle on holes 6-8 and it allowed me to build a lead and some momentum heading to the final holes," Fieger said.

Fieger shot a 68 for a two-day total of 7-under 137 to win by six over J.C. Anderson of Bonita Springs and Marty Stanovich of Tamarac. Jerry Tucker of Stuart shot rounds of 69-67 to win the 60-69 age division while Jay Horton shot 71-70 to win the 70-74 age division. Tom Joyce shot 70-70 to win the 75-and-over age division.

Dan Heaslip of Windstar tied for fourth at 1-over 145. Florida Gulf Coast University men's golf coach Eric Booker, Joe Allinder of Imperial and Dennis Meyer of Dennis Meyer's Golf School were part of a tie for 12th at 150.

**EWGA Pro-Am:** The 15th annual event April 28-29 at Quail Creek Country Club raised the most in 15 years -- over \$20,000 for Pace Center for Girls in Immokalee and the local LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program. The total raised in the event history is close to \$200,000.

The full field of 36 teams with a LPGA pro and three amateurs had the following teams winning first place in the 2 flights for Low Gross and Low Net: Flight 1 -- 1st Gross, Cindy Booker Vivian Ebert Kim Benedict Mary Jane Hiestand, 56; 1st Low Net, Carol Sudar

Greer Lowry Marlene Fox Sheri Lindsey, 51; Flight 2 -- 1st Low Gross, Marianne Meola Lori Drumm Nancy Stone Sarah Trew, 60; 1st Low Net, Jeannie Gibbons Tricia Loeb Faith Matous Katie Bohnke, 54

The Sunday awards luncheon featured two recipients of \$2,000 scholarships -- Ashley Cardona and Annie Thorp -- presented by LPGA-USGA Golf Director Janie Huling.

**Jim Lynch Golf Classic:** The 29th annual Jim Lynch Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic will be at Kensington Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 3. Registration is at 7 a.m., with a breakfast from 7 to 8:15 a.m., and an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. The American Culinary Federation Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island presents the tournament, which raises money for young culinary students in Southwest Florida.

Sponsorships are available for \$100. The entry fee is \$125 or for lunch only is \$25. For more information, go to [acfnapleschefs.org](http://acfnapleschefs.org) or call Ralph Feraco at 438-6575 or [cheffr@kensingtoncc.com](mailto:cheffr@kensingtoncc.com).

**Florida Women's Mid-Amateur:** Bonita Springs' Kim Keyer-Scott won the tournament at Sugar Mill Country Club in New Smyrna Beach on April 23. Keyer-Scott shot a 70 to lead by four shots, then closed with a 69 to win by seven strokes.

Mary Jane Hiestand, a Hideout Golf Club member, was third with a 152.

Kim Koenig of Naples won the Middle First Flight by one stroke with a 173 total.

**Florida State Mid-Amateur:** Naples' Carl Santos-Ocampo made it to the quarterfinals at Coral Creek Club from May 10-13. Santos-Ocampo was the 10th seed coming out of stroke play, then beat Adam Fox of Belleair Bluffs, 4 and 3, and Chad Frank, 4 and 3, then lost to T.J. Shuart in 19 holes. Naples' Isaac Drew was the ninth seed out of stroke play, but lost 5 and 4 to Devin Hernandez of St. Petersburg. Fort Myers' Rokki Rogan, 18th seed lost to Shuart, 4 and 2. Kevin Johnson of Naples was the seventh seed out of stroke play and lost to Frank, 5 and 4.

**SFPGA Junior Prep Tour:** Naples' Nick Allen finished third in the Boys 9-10 Division at Cypress Woods Country Club in Naples in the rain-shortened event on Sunday, shooting a 49. J.J. Livingston of Naples was fifth in the Boys 11-12s with a 48.

In the Boys 13-18s, Mason Dozer of Estero and Aaron Zamora of Naples tied for sixth with 37s, and Noah Kent of Naples tied for eighth with a 38. Ethan Boone of Naples was 14th with a 45, Justin Landi of Naples was 15th with a 49, and Owen Nichols of Fort Myers was 16th with a 51.

In the Girls 13-18 Division, Mikaela Burnett of Fort Myers was fifth with a 45, and Alexandra Quinonez of Naples tied for sixth with a 46.

**Wounded Veterans Relief Fund tournament:** The April 28 event had 88 players to Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club. The tournament raised \$40,501.

**Hadinger Flooring fundraiser:** Hadinger Flooring hosted its annual golf tournament on Friday, May 4 at Tiburón Golf Club at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. A total of \$10,000 being donated to St. Matthew's House.

**Men's Summer Interclub:** At Quail Course at Quail Creek (5-11) -- 1. Gerald Swiacki (Lely Classics)-Jim Santos (Fox-fire)-Jim Sullivan (TwinEagles)-Andrew Gaworth (Treviso Bay); 2. Theo Neteler (Spanish Wells)-Dave Abernethy (Naples Lanes)-Jerry Craft (Miro-mar Lakes)-Joe Giampa (Countryside); 3. Kelly Horner (Naples Heritage)-Jack D'Alessio (Lely Classics)-Dan Delea (Royal Wood) - Buddy Guinn (Treviso Bay)

Next event on Friday, May 18 at Royal Palm.

To submit an item, send an email to [ghardwig@naplesnews.com](mailto:ghardwig@naplesnews.com).

## HOLES-IN-ONE

**Les Wicker:** with an 8-iron on the 128-yard No. 13 at The Quarry (5-7); Witnesses: J.D. Sheedy, Darrell Hay  
**Bob White:** with a 4-iron on the 144-yard No. 4 at Spring Run (5-8); Witnesses: Neil Tiernan, Chris Schaeffer, Ben Florida  
**Allain Russo:** with a pitching wedge on the 95-yard No. 2 at Naples Grande (5-1); Witnesses: Dave Galloway, Carl Crosetto  
**Dominic Regan:** with a 7-iron on the 122-yard No. 8 at Vanderbilt (5-11); Witnesses: James Kavney, Fred Geffken, John Vendlinski  
**Alan Ewing:** with a 6-iron on the 135-yard No. 5 Preserve at The Strand (5-10); Witness: Linda Ewing  
**Jeffrey Tierney:** with a 7-hybrid on the 138-yard No. 17 at Royal Palm (5-12); Witnesses: Jeff Gross, Mike Bazley, Paul Labonte  
**Ken Kalil:** with a 6-hybrid on the 166-yard No. 12 at Esplanade (5-12); Witness: Ron Guthy  
**Rebecca Krimski:** with a 7-iron on the 138-yard No. 3 at Eagle Creek (4-12); Witness: Jan Raphael  
**Diane Eicher:** with a 6-hybrid on the 111-yard No. 4 at Esplanade; Witness: Gail Graham  
*Clubs may report holes-in-one by sending an email to [sports@naplesnews.com](mailto:sports@naplesnews.com).*

## GOLF EVENTS

**CHARITY**  
**QBE Shootout Summer Series**  
**Info:** The series that features tournaments with two golfers playing the three formats in the PGA Tour's QBE Shootout has opened registration. The schedule: May 19, Tiburón Black, 12:45 p.m.; June 30, Kensington, 8:30 a.m.; July 21, Hammock Bay, 8:30 a.m.; Aug. 18, Raptor Bay, 8:30 a.m.; Sept. 8, The Quarry, 8:30 a.m.; Oct. 6, Tiburón Gold, 12:45 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefits CureSearch for Children's Cancer.  
**Contact:** [shootoutsummerseries.com](mailto:shootoutsummerseries.com), email [kroundy@teamwass.com](mailto:kroundy@teamwass.com), or call 254-9770.

**Golden Gate Kids Camp Tournament**  
**Info:** Saturday, May 19 at Hammock Bay and is presented by the Collier County Sheriff's Office Golden Gate Patrol District and Golden Gate Kiwanis. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.  
**Contact:** Paul Cabral at 0792@colliersheriff.org or 239-252-9200, or go to <http://birdseapro.com/Kidsclubkiwanis>.

**Community School Seahawk Scramble**  
**Info:** Set for Saturday, May 19 at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Proceeds benefit Community School of Naples athletics. There will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch. The entry fee is \$200 per person.  
**Contact:** [communityschoolofnaples.org](mailto:communityschoolofnaples.org).

**JUNIORS**  
**Alico Family Golf**  
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**First Tee of Naples/Collier**  
**Contact:** [thefirstteenaplescollier.org](mailto:thefirstteenaplescollier.org), Derek Clemmens at 331-1800 or [1tnaplesleedee@yahoo.com](mailto:1tnaplesleedee@yahoo.com).

**Impact Zone Golf Juniors**  
**Info:** Junior Academy's Operation 36, after school at Tiburón. Development program pairs Impact Zone-based teaching. Weekly classes, on-course lessons and weekend tournaments. Packages start at \$140 per person per month. Ages 7-18.  
**Contact:** [RSVP@impactzonegolf.com](mailto:RSVP@impactzonegolf.com).

**Junior Golf Performance Academy**  
**Info:** At Quail Creek Country Club. After-School Group Program (August-May). Openings available for Beginner to Advanced juniors from ages 5-15, Monday-Friday, 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Currently has 96 of 120 junior time slots reserved, with 24 spots remaining for March-May before Summer Golf Camps start. 1-Hour Sessions priced monthly from \$140/4, \$265/8, \$315/12. New JGPA Saturday Groups starting soon. Golf camps -- Half-day, cost \$225, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 5-15; Full day, cost \$450, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ages 5-15; Dates, June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29, July 9-13, July 16-20, July 23-27, July 30-Aug. 3, Aug. 6-10.  
**Contact:** Call or text JGPA Academy Director, Spencer Graham, at (561) 339-4688, or email [jgpa@gmail.com](mailto:jgpa@gmail.com).

**LPGA Girls Golf**  
**Info:** High school/middle school (advanced) -- May 19, Wildcat Run, driver, 9-hole scramble, 10:30 a.m.; June 2, Hunters Ridge, iron shots, 9-hole shambles, 10:30 a.m.; June 9, Copperleaf, putting, 9-hole best ball, 10:30 a.m.; June 16, Spanish Wells, chipping, 9-hole match play, 10:30 a.m.; June 23, Spring Run, sand shots, 9-hole stroke play, 10:30 a.m.; June 30, Pelican Sound, fairway woods, 9-hole Stableford, 10:30 a.m.; July 7, Hideout, swing videos, 9-hole stroke play, 10:30 a.m.; July 14, Country Club of Naples, pitching, 9-hole alternate shot, 10:30 a.m.; July 21, Quail Creek, chipping contest, 9-hole best ball, 10:30 a.m.; July 28, Stonebridge, swing videos, 9-hole shambles, 10:30 a.m.; Aug. 4, Spring Run, swing videos, 9-hole match play, 11 a.m.; Aug. 11, The Club at Pelican Bay, putting contest, 9-hole Stableford, 10:30 a.m.; Aug. 18, Wildcat Run, 3-hole scramble, 3-hole best ball, 3-hole alternate, 10:30 a.m.; Aug. 25, Wildcat Run, 18-hole Pro-Junior and awards party, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Oct. 27, Moorings, Halloween Scramble/Party, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Dec. 15, Naples Grande, Christmas Scramble/Party, 2:30-6:30 p.m.; Elementary/middle school (just learning the game) -- 9 weeks of instruction and play Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- June 6, at Spanish Wells; June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8 at Worthington.  
**Contact:** Janie Huling at [janiegolfpro@embarqmail.com](mailto:janiegolfpro@embarqmail.com) or 239-390-1619.

**Southwest Florida Junior Golf Association**  
**Info:** Registration is open. There are both 9-hole and 18-hole schedules. 18-hole schedule -- June 4, Kelly Greens; June 11, San Carlos; June 18, Stoneybrook; June 27, Copperleaf; July 4, Off; July 11, Wildcat Run; July 17, Countryside; July 31, The Strand; Aug. 6, Legends. 9-hole schedule -- June 5, San Carlos; June 12, Stoneybrook; June 19, Pelican Sound; June 26, Cross Creek; July 4, Off; July 10, Spring Run; July 17, Landings; July 31, Myerlee; Aug. 6, Whiskey Creek. The deadline for the first events is May 20 for the 18-hole and May 22 for the 9-hole. The schedule ends with the Nolan Henke/Patty Berg Junior Masters from July 25-27 at Stoneybrook Golf Club in Estero.  
**Contact:** [swfjga.org](mailto:swfjga.org).

**AREA ORGANIZATIONS**  
**Alico Family Golf Center**  
**Info:** The 8th annual PGA H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program running for seven weeks during the months of April and May. The free program is open to all veterans in Southwest Florida and is held every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. The seven classes run for two hours and consist of golf instruction, on-the-course practice as well as a finale golf tournament and barbecue on the final, seventh week. Remaining date: May 21; Format: 2 to 2:45 p.m., food and social time; 2:45 to 4 p.m., clinic and 9-hole short course play.  
**Contact:** 334-4653 or [alicofamilygolf.com](mailto:alicofamilygolf.com), [www.alicofamilygolf.com/pgg-a/hope/](http://www.alicofamilygolf.com/pgg-a/hope/)