



14 Feb 2019 - A note from the PA Men's Club president, Scott Folstad ...

Happy 2019 everyone! First, I want to apologize for the late delivery of the schedule and our initial communique from the Men's Club Board. While we promised it would be sent before the end of January, PA's new head pro, Chad Weise, didn't start until the last week in January. This was right smack in the middle of the Polar Vortex, ice and multiple heavy snowfalls, so it's been hard to schedule a time for us to meet with him in person to review, approve and publish the schedule.

The photo above is included for your enjoyment. It's a favorite photo from my Tucson trip shortly after Thanksgiving. It's my "happy place" for when the white stuff keeps falling! Regardless, we already have hit mid-February, so it won't be long before the 2019 golf season officially begins. Must have hope, right?!

New PA Head Pro: As mentioned above, Chad has replaced Tom Wiebusch who decided to leave the golf industry. Tom did a wonderful job, and we'll certainly miss him. Thanks Tom! However, he isn't going far - he'll now be able to join us on the course on Saturday mornings! Best wishes to you, Tom. I'm sure you will do well in your new profession! Chad, we are also looking forward to working with you!

New Board Member: Please welcome Aaron Wheeler to the Board. At the Fall meeting he was voted in as our new VP and 16-man team captain. He replaces Jeff Gunning who figured three years was enough! Finding people to golf every month on the 16-man is not an easy task. Thanks for doing a great job herding the cats, Jeff!

Congrats to 2018's big winners: Club champions by flight - Todd Swiler (Championship), Pat Gallivan & Steve Marschner (1st), Kevin Mangle (2nd), Steve Kirk (3rd), Bruce Thomas (4th), and Warren Smith (5th); Match Play Champ - Ari Aristides; Season Long Points Race - Dan Schaenzer; Holes-in-one - Steve Venarchick, Ted Schirck and Mike Miller.

Board Updates: We have already met several times since our Fall meeting and will be meeting again before the Spring meeting. We've had great conversations and discussed a lot of ideas on how to improve our MC, specifically, "How do we improve the club while not hosing up what we have already that works so well?!" Following are the highlights of the changes we are implementing this year. As usual, it's primarily just tweaks.

1. **Five Major events** – we will have four major events that will coincide with the PGA majors (thanks to Kelly Dixon for this idea!) and a fifth major being the season-long points race finale. These five will all be double-points events – no more triple points events.
2. **The Classic** – the weekend before The Classic we will again have a shotgun event followed by lunch (hosted by the Board) and then the drawing and auction for The Classic.
3. **A two-person event** will replace one of our foursome events. These are more popular than the four-man scrambles.
4. **16-Man events** will be added to the online events sign-up page – no need for the useless board sign-up!
5. **New Board Email** – PAMCBoard@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us in person or via that new email address with any questions, ideas, and concerns, as well as adulations for the Board members!

Spring Meeting is Wednesday, April 3 @ 6 PM. At this meeting you'll get to meet Chad, hear about the changes we're making this year, and we'll get to discuss the new golf rules that will impact us this year. We'll also vote on a new event we'll have this summer, so please come with your ideas! Also, don't forget to pay your dues either before this meeting or at the meeting since the cost will increase \$10 after the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all this Spring!

2019 Board Officers: President - **Scott Folstad**; Vice President/16-man team captain – **Aaron Wheeler**; Secretary/Treasurer - **Brian Broucek**; Handicap chairman - **Mike Bloberger**; Event chairman (club professional) – **Chad Weise**.