



PGA

Kentucky Section

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Louisville Marriott East
Louisville, KY

2013 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Candidate for Director at Large Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Gary Beelaar, PGA Head Professional

Big Spring Country Club

Fellow KPGA members,

I would like to thank you, the members of the Kentucky Section, PGA for the opportunities you given me over the past 15 years serving on your Board of Directors. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the Kentucky Section PGA Members in a many forms on Committees, and as a Director and an Officer on the Kentucky PGA Board of Directors. The responsibility and positions are not something that I have treated lightly, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve and contribute to the betterment of the Section. While much has been accomplished, and I feel our Association is a strong one, we also have many challenges in our near future that I believe my experience and knowledge of our history will prove very beneficial when making decisions in future Board of Directors meetings. Over the past 15 years my attendance record at Section Business and Board Meetings, and National Meetings has been strong. It has always been my practice to be a well informed and educated Board member that comes ready to participate and contribute. It has also always been my practice to listen to all opinions shared, and then try to make an unbiased decision that is in the best interests of our individual members, and the Association as a whole. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere desire and interest to continue to serve on your Board of Directors, as I run for election as a Director of the Kentucky Section of the PGA.

I was born in Oakville, Ontario, Canada, received my college education at the University of Charleston, in Charleston, West Virginia, and have lived in Kentucky since 1993. All of my professional training and work experiences have been completed in the Kentucky Section, and I am very proud of our Section. During the past nineteen golf seasons in Kentucky, I have had the great opportunity to meet and come to know a large number of quality PGA Professionals. It is these experiences that have caused me to have such a desire to be so actively involved in our section. The chance to be involved in the decision making process has been an experience I have enjoyed thoroughly, and have a strong desire to continue. I believe our organization is strong, and it is my goal to be involved in our continued growth. It is at this time that I will ask for your support, by electing me to serve on your Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration,
Gary Beelaar, PGA

Gary Bebelaar, PGA Head Professional

Education:

B.S., Marketing; The University of Charleston, Charleston, WV
May 1993; GPA 3.45/4.0

Professional Education:

PGA Business School I - 1994 (Top 5% of Class)
PGA Business School II - 1995 (Highest Test Score in Class)
Election to Membership of the PGA - 1996
USGA Rules of Golf Workshop - 1994, 1997, 2003, 2005
KPGA Spring / Fall Business and Education - 1993-2013
PGA Annual Meeting and Education - 1999-2013

Professional Honors And Achievements:

Kentucky Section Director at Large 2009-2013
Kentucky Section Honorary President 2007-2009
Kentucky Section President 2005-2007
Kentucky Section Vice President 2003-2005
Kentucky Section Secretary 2001-2003
KPGA Tournament Chairman 2011-20
KPGA Sponsorship Committee Chairman 2010
KPGA Special Awards/Scholarship Chairman 2002-2004
KPGA Education Committee Chairman 2002-2004
KPGA Communications Committee 1997-2001
PGA Communications & Public Relations Committee 2010-2012
PGA Membership Committee 2005-2007
KPGA Private Merchandiser of the Year - 2010
KPGA Bill Straughsbaugh Award Winner - 2010
KPGA Golf Professional of the Year - 2002
KPGA Horton Smith Award Winner - 2003, 2004
KPGA Public Merchandiser of the Year - 2000
Kentucky Section Board Member, District III Director 1999-2001
KPGA Kaiser Cup & Challenge Cup Team Member
KPGA Match Play Champion 2000
KY - TN Pro Assistant Champion 1995
Oldsmobile Scramble National Participant 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001
PGA McLadrey National Championship Participant 2008
Southern Club Professional Championship Participant 2004
PGA Professional National Championship 2009 - 83rd Place Finish

Candidate for Director at Large Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Jamie DeKeuster, PGA Assistant Professional

Oxmoor Country Club

Members of the Kentucky PGA,

I would like you to consider me for election to the Kentucky Section Board of Directors. I am very excited to get involved and contribute to the Kentucky PGA Section. I feel that I have a lot to offer my fellow Professionals here in Kentucky. Being a part of the Wisconsin PGA Section for six years and now two years in the Kentucky Section, I have some new perspectives and a variety of experience to offer that I believe will help make our Section even stronger. I have a strong desire to be an active part in the continued growth of the Kentucky Section, as I have demonstrated by being a member of the Growth of the Game Committee. In June, I organized a Play Golf America event at the Louisville Bats baseball game, to potentially touch a new generation of golfers. I have also been very involved in the PGA Golf Day initiative and have personally raised close to \$8000 in the last two years. It has been my pleasure to get to know many of the quality PGA Professionals in the Kentucky Section through the many meetings, seminars and playing opportunities that I have taken advantage of in the past two years, and I look forward to getting to know those of you I haven't yet met. If elected, I will always be available to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have about making the Kentucky PGA Section flourish.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity and honor of serving the Kentucky Section of the PGA and you, its members.

Best regards,
Jamie DeKeuster, PGA

Jamie DeKeuster, PGA Assistant Professional

Professional Experience:

- 2013- Present Sr Assistant Golf Professional- Oxmoor Country Club, Louisville, KY
- 2012- 2013 Golf Professional- GlenOaks Country Club, Louisville, KY
- 2006-2012 First Assistant Golf Professional/ Golf Operations Manager- Ives Grove Golf Links/ Browns Lake Golf Course, Racine, WI
- 2006-2007 Lead Outside Golf Operations- The Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel Island, FL

Education:

- 2013 PGA National Clubfitting Conference- Golf Club of Georgia
- 2013 US Kids Certified Instructor program- Cog Hill GC
- 2013 Brian Manzella Coaching/Teaching Seminar
- 2012 PGA Professional Golf Management Program- Elected to Class A Membership
- 2012 Michael Bender Teaching Coaching Seminar
- 2009 Michael Breed Teaching/ Coaching Seminar

Charity:

- 2013 PGA Golf Day- Largest fundraiser in KY section. Raised \$3,415 of the \$6,866 total.
- 2012 PGA Golf Day- 5th largest individual fund raiser in the state of Kentucky (raised \$4,450)
- 2006-2011 Organizer/ Player: Coldwell Cup Tournament (Racine, WI) that benefitted 6 local High School golf teams

Candidate for Director at Large Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Craig Heibert, PGA Head Professional

Shawnee Golf Course

The game of golf has been good to me throughout my entire life. It has provided me the opportunity to “live my dream everyday.” In my 20+ years in the business, I have always tried to find ways to give back to the game and serve the PGA. I have served on just about every committee in the Kentucky Section. Serving at the committee level has been very rewarding and insightful. Now, I feel called to serve at a higher level.

Why do I want to serve on the Board of Directors?

1. I have the utmost respect for every KPGA Board Member who has ever served. I think we all owe them a sincere thank you and genuine appreciation for their commitment to the game and the PGA. But more importantly, I respect what this Board represents – it represents all the positive contributions of every KPGA Member and Apprentice has made to better the game and our business.
2. I feel the knowledge I have acquired on the various committees and my 20+ years in the business gives me the background knowledge to make educated decisions with regards to KPGA affairs.
3. Our game is at a difficult crossroads right now and I feel I offer a perspective that needs representation at the Section Board Level. My experience as a Public Course Head Golf Professional will serve our section well as a resource of this very important segment in the game of golf.
4. KPGA Member “personal” communication, interaction and camaraderie have declined over the past years as the electronic age is upon us. This societal change is one that we must embrace, while still focusing on valuing and improving member-board relationships. I believe it should be the goal for our board to foster positive interpersonal communication as we engage and support all of our membership. The fraternal feel needs to be infused with activity, attention and excitement. I view this as a major issue that I would pledge to make every effort to restore.
5. Growth of the Game – Not every PGA National Program is for every facility, but I think it is our as PGA Professional’s responsibility to do our part to grow our game in some way at all levels and at all facilities.
6. Transparency – Over the past nine years, I have on multiple occasions contacted board members and officers with various questions about Section affairs. Although we have not always agreed, the receptive dialog and professional behavior that has led to transparent discussions is something to be proud of and I hope to further these discussions.

Craig Heibert, PGA Head Professional (cont.)

I pledge to be committed to having open communications with any and all Section Members and Apprentices.

Lastly, I ask for your vote. A vote of confidence that I will represent you and our Section with honesty, integrity, character and the betterment of the game, our association and member at the forefront of all decisions made.

For the good of the game,
Craig Heibert, PGA

Craig Heibert, PGA Head Professional

Wife: Amie, Married 18 years

Children: Abbie (15) Ashley (15) Annie (12) Lauren (11)

Employment History

9 Years Shawnee Golf Course – Louisville, KY
Head PGA Golf Professional

8 Years Otis Park Golf Course – Bedford, IN
Head PGA Golf Professional

1 Year Hunting Creek Country Club
Assistant Golf Professional

3 Years Persimmon Ridge Golf Club
Assistant Golf Professional

2 Years Audubon Country Club
Assistant Golf Professional

Kentucky Section PGA Involvement

Education Committee

Junior Golf Task Force

Finance Committee

Growth of the Game Committee

Special Awards Committee

KPGA Foundation Don Fightmaster Committee

Vice President – The First Tee of Louisville

Special Olympics Golf Volunteer

Hosted Three Section Play Golf America Days

Host PGA National Sponsored Clinics for PGA Senior Championship and Ryder Cup

KPGA Junior Golf Leader Award

KPGA Presidents Plaque

KPGA Assistant Professional Committee

Speaker – Winter Workshops (3 Occasions)

Indiana Section PGA Involvement

Board of Directors, Indiana PGA

Education Committee Chair

Junior Golf Committee

Indiana PGA Horton Smith Award Winner

Indiana PGA Merchandiser of the Year

Candidate for Director at Large Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Gary Manes, PGA General Manager

Elizabethtown Country Club

Dear KPGA Members,

After growing up in Indiana and attending Ball State University, I turned professional in 1983 and served apprenticeships at every kind of facility. I began my career as an Assistant at Sunblest Golf & Tennis club in Fishers, IN. From there I went to the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL as an Assistant for 2 years and then I went to work for the Indiana Section President at Pine Valley CC in Ft. Wayne, IN. I then went to Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville, IN for four years. While there, I completed my Apprenticeship and was elected to PGA Membership. In 1992, I left golf to join the family business of five specialty retail franchises based in Louisville with stores also in Nashville. After three years, I decided that I missed being around golf so I then was hired at a small club in Rushville, IN as the General Manager. I have been a General Manager in every position since. I have worked for a Management Company with responsibility over three golf courses and since September of 2009 I am the General Manager at the Elizabethtown Country Club in Elizabethtown, KY. Over the last 30 years in the golf business, I have been involved with the Section Committees at various times but have never served as a Section Board Member. At the fall meeting last year I agreed to run for an open position at the last minute and was defeated. This made me really think about what being a Board Member would really mean to me and what I have to offer. What I do have is a vast experience in the business side of golf. I have been successfully responsible for budgets of over \$3 million and as low as \$750,000. I have been responsible for mentoring, coaching and leading a staff of up to 80 employees. I have experience at every type of facility. I know what each PGA Member goes through in their jobs and I am willing to help. I feel that it is important to be able to serve the members of the section in many ways not just by attending board meetings. Golf has been very good to me and serving on the Board is one way that I would like to give back.

Thank you and I would appreciate your vote.

Gary Manes, PGA

Gary Manes, PGA General Manager

Education:

Ball State University

Professional Experience:

Turned professional in 1983

Assistant Professional at Sunblest Golf & Tennis Club in Fishers, IN

Assistant Professional at Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL

Assistant Professional at Pine Valley Country Club in Ft. Wayne, IN (worked for the Indiana Section President)

Assistant Professional at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville, IN.

General Manager in Rushville, IN

General Manager for Management Company with responsibility over three golf courses

General Manager at the Elizabethtown Country Club in Elizabethtown, KY

Candidate for Director at Large Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Chris Redle, PGA Assistant Professional

Wildwood Country Club

Dear Kentucky PGA Members,

It is with great honor that I submit this letter of intent to serve as a candidate for an At-Large Director in the Kentucky Section of the PGA at the 2013 Fall Business Meeting. I feel that my extensive knowledge and experience in representing the views of PGA Members and Apprentices throughout the state gives me a unique perspective to fulfill this role.

Over the past twelve years, I have been an active participant in the governance of the Section by serving as an At-Large Director the past two years as well as serving as the President of the Assistants/Apprentice Division for two terms. Through those four years of service, I have been an active participant in Board Meetings with perfect attendance for meetings, board retreats, National meetings, and conference calls. I have been an active participant in the KPGA Tournament Program, and have served on the Tournament Committee during the past four seasons. I have served on the Growth of the Game Committee and Special Awards Committee in the past year. I have served as a golf professional at both private and public facilities, and I have been actively involved in developing programs to address the financial challenges golf professionals often face at several facilities. I completed the PGA PGM Education Program in 2009 with election to PGA Class A status in 2010. I am interested in continuing my involvement in the governance of our Association with the two year commitment involved for this position.

In pursuing this opportunity, I have received support from my employer and Golf Committee members at Wildwood Country Club so that I may fully dedicate my time to the responsibilities involved as an At-Large Director. I am interested in sharing how my experience and knowledge will match your needs as a representative on the Kentucky Section Board of Directors for the next two years. Thank you for considering my qualifications for this position, and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris J. Redle, PGA

Chris Redle, PGA Assistant Professional

PGA Status:

Class A Member in Good Standing since 2010

Goals:

- Improve communication among all Members and Apprentices
- Provide resources to Members and Apprentices to promote the game of golf throughout the state
- Expand educational opportunities and continue to promote quality education to Members and Apprentices
- Continue working with the Tournament Committee to strengthen the KPGA Tournament Program
- Represent the views of Members and Apprentices in Kentucky Section Board Meetings

Experience:

- Became a PGA Apprentice in 2002, and elected to Membership in 2010
- Served as Assistant Golf Professional at Standard Country Club from 2002-2005
- Served as Assistant Golf Professional at Hurstbourne Country Club from 2005-2007
- Served as Assistant Golf Professional at The Links at Novadell in 2008
- Served as the Head Golf Professional at Historic Glenmary in 2009
- Serving as Assistant Golf Professional at Wildwood Country Club from 2010-present
- Serving as a member of the KPGA Tournament Committee from 2010-present
- Serving as member of the KPGA Growth of the Game Committee from 2012-present
- Serving as a member of the KPGA Special Awards Committee 2013-present
- Serving as President of the Assistants/Apprentice Division in 2007-2008 and 2010-present
- Finished in the top 20 on the Player of the Year Points List in 2010-2013
- Participated in three (5) Kaiser Cups as a member of the Assistant team
- Participated in over 110 Section Tournaments or Supported Events since 2004

Candidate for Secretary Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Pete Garvey, PGA Head Professional

Idle Hour Country Club

Ladies and Gentlemen Members of the Kentucky PGA,
After serving the last two years as your Kentucky Section District 1 Director and Education Chairman, I have made a decision to pursue the open position of Secretary on the board of directors. It is without hesitation or reservation that seek this opportunity to serve you. I consider this position an honor to hold and one that I will not take lightly.

I've been a PGA member for 22 years and head golf professional at Idle Hour CC for 18 seasons. In this time, I have seen a lot of changes in our industry. Some of these changes have had a positive impact for the golf professional, but others have not. Weathering the difficulties of the past few years brought on by an economic downturn and the decline of golf in general has been a challenge for all PGA Members and Apprentices throughout the country. I firmly believe that the Kentucky Section must continue to put a premium on continuing education for our 275 plus golf professionals. I truly believe a rising tide lifts all boats. As a member of your board, I will always ask the question, "does this benefit the young men and women of our section?" The current board members of our section not only have a fiduciary responsibility to you, but we have a moral obligation to make sure we have prepared the next generation of professionals for the challenges they will face in their career. I will never take for granted this stewardship.

I am excited about the possibility to continue to serve you and I ask for your support.

Sincerely,
Pete Garvey, PGA

Pete Garvey, PGA Head Professional

Professional Employment History:

1987-1995: Assistant Golf Professional to Bill Wood, PGA at the Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati, OH
Winter of 1987 and 1988: Assistant Golf Professional / Supervisor of Outside Operations at Quail Creek CC in Naples, FL
1995 to present: Head Golf Professional at Idle Hour CC, Lexington, KY

Education:

1987 Graduate from Miami University, Oxford, OH.
BA in Speech Communication

Recognitions:

Elected to PGA Membership in 1991

2013 Kentucky Section Horton Smith Award Recipient

Service:

2012 and 2013: Kentucky PGA District 1 Director
2012 and 2013: Kentucky PGA Education Chairman

Personal:

Pete currently lives in Lexington with his wife of 25 years, Lisa and his two children Ryan (18) and Megan (14).

Candidate for Secretary Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors

Garry Nelson, PGA Life Member Active

Louisville, KY

To All The Members of the Kentucky PGA

I, Garry Nelson, would like to nominate myself to run for the Secretary position on the Board of Directors at the Fall Member Conference.

I have been a member of the PGA for 23 years. Twenty of those years have been spent in the Indiana Section. While in that Section I served on the Board of Directors three different times. I had the opportunity to serve as:

Apprentice Chairman for four years

Pro-Am Committee Chairman five years

Elected Secretary of Section

The last three years of being a Member of the PGA, I have been in the Kentucky Section.

I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors three years ago. I've had the opportunity to serve as:

Chairman of the Special Awards Committee

Finance Committee Member

I would like to continue as a Board Member for the Kentucky Section. I believe that my 23 years of membership has helped me and I have contributed to both Sections I have been a member of. Thank you and I look forward to serving in this increased capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garry Nelson, PGA

Garry Nelson, PGA Life Member Active

1985:	Turned Professional after graduation from Purdue University
1988-1989:	Assistant President of the Indiana Section
1990:	Elected as a PGA Member
1990-1993:	Indiana Section Board of Director
1999-2005:	Indiana Section Board of Director
2005-2007:	Indiana Section Secretary
2010-Present:	Kentucky Section Board of Director

Golf Employment:

2007-2010:	Pleasant Run Golf Course, A-1
1999-2006:	Anderson Country Club, A-1
1991-1998:	Deer Creek Golf Club, A-1
1989-1991:	Cattails Golf Club



Kentucky Section



Candidates for Kentucky PGA Section Assistants/Apprentices Division Board

Candidate for Secretary

John Kells

Triple Crown Country Club

B-8

Candidate for Vice President

Jamie DeKeuster

Oxmoor Country Club

A-8

Candidates for President

Kris Kleinsasser, PGA

Idle Hour Country Club

A-8

Will Schneider, PGA

Harmony Landing Country Club

A-8