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### WHO ARE YOU?

# WHO AM I?

# WHERE ARE WE?

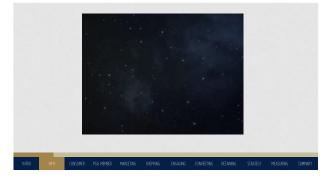
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Hewlett Packard came... ...they told us about their pixels and processors and weight and thickness... ... and so they went.

INTRO





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#### **TRADITIONAL GOLF PROPOSITION**





## REDO YOUR MESSAGE

























#### **RE-THINKING WHY RECAP**

- People buy the "why" not the "what"; distance, not drivers; improvement, not lessons; experiences, not tee times.
  - ACTION ITEM: Define Your 25-word Why with Staff and Management
- » Your audience must recognize themselves in your communications
- » Create emotional connections that lead to loyalty beyond reason
  - ACTION ITEM: Become a Lovemark at Your Facility

# **KNOWING THE CONSUMER**

#### WHAT WE THINK THEY CARE ABOUT

- » Good weather
- » Good course conditions
- >> Welcomed and greeted by name
- » Lowest Score
- » More good shots, less bad shots
- » Length of round
- » Nothing goes wrong
- » Feel respected
- » Orderly facilities & quality service
- » Have fun with friends

#### WHAT THEY SAY THEY CARE ABOUT



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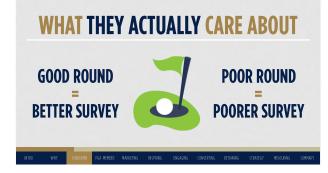
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#### THAT'S LIKE ASKING...

















#### **FAMILY ROLES HAVE EVOLVED** HOURS SPENT PER WEEK, FATHER » According to the Pew Research 60 Center, 56% of working mothers and 50% of working fathers find 50 it very or somewhat difficult to balance work and family life. 40 » Since 1965, the role of the father in the family has evolved to PAID WORK 30 encompass more household and 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 childcare responsibilities.









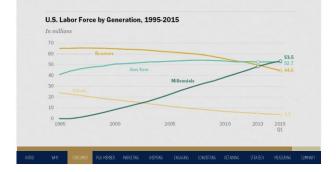
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**JACK NICKLAUS** 



<b>GENERATIONAL</b>	PREFERENCES
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GENERATION	VALUES & BELIEFS
G.I. & Traditionalists	Loyalty, Service, Discipline
Baby Boomers & Generation X	Competition, Self & Family, ROI
Millennials & Globals	Social, Community, Options





#### **KNOWING THE CONSUMER RECAP**

- You must know who your customers are & who your target customer is
   ACTION ITEM: Ask your membership/customer base "why they play golf"
- Golf must exploit rapidly changing generational demographics
- Consider the demand model in both your programming and messaging, as your customers have different preferences based on a variety of factors

WHY CONSUMER PGA MEMBER MARKETING INSPRING ENGAGING CONVERTING RETAINING STRATEGY ME









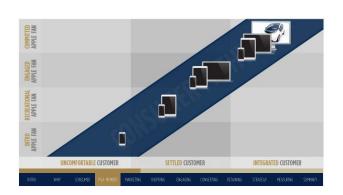


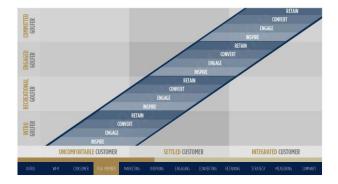




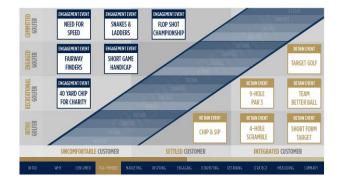












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#### A LESSON TAKER WILL...



# ... **100%** RENEWED THEIR **Membership**.





#### **ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL RECAP**

- » There is a pathway that all consumers unconsciously navigate in their golf journey
- > The PGA Professional is uniquely positioned to manage consumers onto & up the consumer pathway.
- » Engagement is a means to an end, it can drive all aspects of your business
  - ACTION ITEM: Review the amount of time dedicated to "engagement" at your facility

# MARKETING LIFECYCLE





























#### **MARKETING LIFECYCLE RECAP**

- » There is a standard marketing lifecycle that all products must follow
- Golf is no different, we must inspire, engage, convert and retain customers if we want to increase golfers, rounds and revenue at our facility.
  - ACTION ITEM: Walk from your parking lot, through your shop, past the practice area and to the first tee. What inspiring material did you see? What positive messages did you read?

# INSPIRING GOLFERS













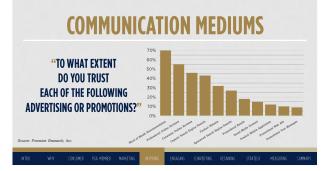












COMMUNICATION	PREFERENCES
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GENERATION	MEDIUM				
Traditionalists	Face-to-Face				
Baby Boomers	Face-to-Face, Phone, Email, Web & Facebook				
Generation X	Email, LinkedIn, Twitter & Web				
Millennials	Instagram, Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Web				
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#### **RECONSTRUCT THE ADVERT**

- Reconstruct the previous ad to communicate to your audience around "why" and not "what"
- > What imagery, title, caption and call-to-action would inspire your target market to engage?
- » 3 minutes





#### THE BEAUTY OF A QUESTION

"HOW MANY FITTING VARIATIONS ARE THERE REALLY?"

WHY CONSUMER PGA MEMBER MARKETING





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#### **INSPIRING GOLFERS RECAP**

- » Inspiring someone to action is difficult, there are a lot of distractions
- Different generations are inspired through different communication mediums
   ACTION ITEM: Identify who your target market is and where you can reach them
- » There are any different ways to inspire: appeal to emotion, question, or tell stories
  - ACTION ITEM: Inventory and review the messaging in your facility's on and off-site communications, including your staff's face-to-face interactions with your customers

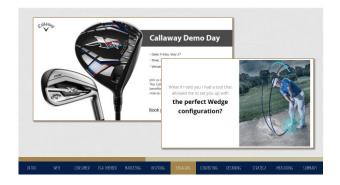






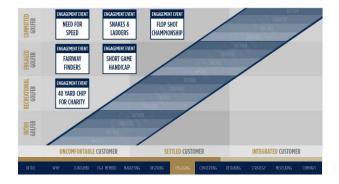


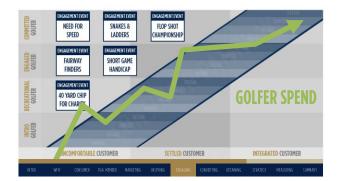
















#### **ENGAGING GOLFERS RECAP**

- Engaging with customers has a standard industry model, applicable to golf.
   ACTION ITEM: Define your engagement model, including how you will inspire the consumer
- » Engagement is a means to an end: you are unlikely to convert a consumer into a golfer during your first engagement, use the opportunity to build trust, oredibility.
- There are an unimaginable number or types of "engagement events"
   ACTION ITEM: Brainstorm a list engagement events; Implement one at your facility
- You can create a "sales gap" by highlighting the golf opportunity or threat
- » Engagement that is not converting or retaining a golfer is wasted opportunity

CONVERTING GOLFERS





THE ENDS WE LEAD TO REWARD RECOVER RECRUIT RETAIN RAISE (reduce losses) (new blood) (value avid) (lapsed) (occasional to regular » Increased Member or Green Fees » Increased Equipment Sales » Increased Food & Beverage » Increased Event Fees » Increased Coaching Revenue » Increased Retail & Apparel



#### **CONVERT AN OCCASIONAL GOLFER**

- » Create an event for "Oli Occasional"
- Objective: Encourage occasional golfers to play golf more frequently and to become more engaged with you and the facility
- » Consider on course experiences, resources, facilities, etc.





# RETAIN RESULT RECRUIT REWARD RECOVER (reduce losses) (cradinate to repute) (new blood) (value avid) (lapsed)



#### **CREATE A LEVEL-BASED PROGRAM**

- » Create a three-level coaching program
- > Objective: Move customers up the pathway,in either terms of skill or type (intro, recreational, engaged, committed).
- Consider on where your customers are coming from and where you want them to go.

PGA MEMBER MARKETING

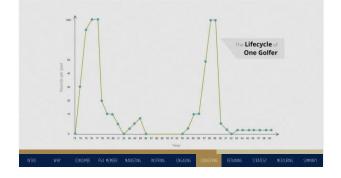






#### DON'T FORGET FORMER PLAYERS





#### **RECOVER LAPSED GOLFERS**

- » Objective: Recruit lapsed customers back to your facility
- » Consider an event to engage golfers who no longer play for whatever reason
- » Be sure to define the results you wish to achieve







Teaching Professional Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course Albuquerque, NM







#### **CONVERTING GOLFERS RECAP**

- » If engagement was the means to the end, conversion is the end
- Bolfer conversion can be new players, retained players, recovered players or players who play more golf; Golfer conversion happens onto & up the pathway
  - ACTION ITEM: Define your facility's golfer conversion strategy
- $\boldsymbol{\gg}$  Referrals and customer advocates are accelerators of your business

PGA MEMBER MARKETING INSPRING ENGAGING

• ACTION ITEM: Empower your best customers to spread the word





RETAIN	RAISE	RECRUIT	REWARD	RECOVER
(reduce losses)	(occasional to regular)	(new blood)	(value avid)	(lapsed)

#### **HOW DO YOU RETAIN GOLFERS?**

- » Objective: Your facility has had large participation in your introductory golf offering, however less than 10% of the customers are continuing on to play golf. Create an event that reduces the number of introductory players lost.
- » Be sure to define the results you wish to achieve

CONSUMER PGA MEMBER MARKETING





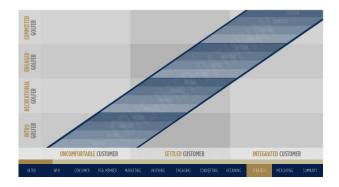


#### **RETAINING GOLFERS RECAP**

- » Retaining golfers is easier than losing them & having to win them back
- » The number one priority is to identify at-risk golfers and engage with them
- Your job is to understand the barriers and the opportunities with each of these golfers. Do they need more social integration? Better golf improve their golf experience?
  - ACTION ITEM: Create a list of at-risk golfers and save them

CONSUMER PGA MEMBER MARKETING INSPRING ENGAGING CONVERTING









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#### **A MONTHLY CAMPAIGN**

	JUNE 2016 – BETTER GOLF
CAMPAIGN & DESCRIPTION	Deadly from 15 Feet The factors that impact your ability to make more 15 foot putts: aim, setup, technique, practice & technology
ACTIVE MARKETING	Fitting Assessments Putting Practice Clinic
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS	10 Foot Challenge Club Putting Championship
PROGRAM OFFER	Graduate of the Greens (Master and Wizard) Putters and Balls

	CREATE A CA	MPAIGN
»	Create a campaign with the objective of recru a new season.	uiting back customers at the start
»	Consider the following factors:	
	Campaign Name & Description	Engagement Events
	Target Audience & Desired Outcomes	Monthly Calendar
	Active Marketing Events	Program Offers

	AN EXAMPLE
	APRIL 2016 – PLAY MORE GOLF
CAMPAIGN & DESCRIPTION	Re-Introducing Golf Inspire golfers to get out and enjoy the facility at the beginning of the season
OBJECTIVES	Re-acquire "at-risk" customers early on in the season Reconnect with "recreational" golfers, who we hope to move to "engaged" golf
ACTIVE MARKETING	9-hole Par 3 Championship 40-yd Chip & Sip
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS	Target Golf
PROGRAM OFFER	Assessments, Coaching Programs, Book & Pay Now, Multi-Visit Coupon, etc.
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS	Target Golf



#### **PROGRAMMING STRATEGY RECAP**

- Make sure you have tactics and activities for each strategy (recruit, retain, recover, reward and raise) that's important to you
- » These tactics and activities can be plotted on the consumer pathway
- You can organize these tactics and activities into campaigns
- ACTION ITEM: Create one campaign per month that focuses on golfer recruitment



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#### **ENGAGEMENT RULES ALL**

- » One-on-one Coaching
- » Group Coaching & Clinics
- » Skills Challenges
- » Fun Performance Events
- » Technique Assessments» Equipment Fittings
- » Supervised Practice» Accompanied Play

#### ENGAGEMENT IS A MEANS, TO AN END.

Activity	Golfers Engaged
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Accompanied Play	18
Supervised Practice	12
Swing Assessments	16
Fittings	9
Clinics	36
Coaching	8
Skills Challenge	18
Fun Performance events	16

#### PLAYER CREATION MATH (private)

Initiation Fee: \$45,000 Annual Dues: \$7,000	Average Annual Spend (excluding initiation & dues): \$5,000 Average Membership Length: 12 years		
ITEM	VALUE	OCCURANCES	TOTAL
Initiation	\$45,000	1	\$45,000
Annual dues	\$7,000	12	\$84,000
Average annual member discretionary spend	\$5,000	12	\$60,000
Value of ONE New Member			\$189,000
Number of New Members			4
Total Value Created by Player Development			\$756,000

#### PLAYER RETENTION MATH (private)

Total Members: 500		Total Student Members: 100		
Annual Member Loss: 40		Annual Student Member Loss: 5		
General Membership	500	Student Membership		
Annual Membership Loss	40	Student-Membership Loss		
Loss Rate	8.0%	Loss Rate	5.0%	

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#### **MEASURING SUCCESS RECAP**

- Create success (lag measures) by influencing your lead measures
   ACTION ITEM: Focus daily on activities that influence your lead measures
- » We very rarely communicate what we are achieving to our management
  - ACTION ITEM: Create a monthly engagement report

CONSUMER PGA MEMBER MARKETING

Player Development has a tangible financial impact on your business
 ACTION ITEM: Complete a Revenue Scorecard at PGA.org/RevenueScorecard





### FOCUS ON THE CONSUMER

#### BECOME A lovemark



### ENGAGEMENT IS A MEANS, TO AN END.





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