

Foundation Scholarship Recipient now GCBAAMember

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From a young age I have always had a passion for the game of golf and the theories of golf course design and construction. This passion led me into studying landscape architecture at Penn State University where I was fortunate enough to undertake independent studies in golf course design and even work with local golfers in Scotland's Orkney Islands in an attempt to improve their links course to boost local interest and tourism. In 2007 and 2008, I was presented with the GCBAAM scholarship in the department of Landscape Architecture. The GCBAAM scholarship provided me with a summer internship and valuable connections in the golf industry that helped forge my path into a career in golf course construction and renovations.



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My career with Mottin Golf Course Renovations began immediately after my graduation from Penn State. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the game's top architects and superintendents on a wide variety of renovation projects as a project manager and now as golf operations manager. Every day I am presented with opportunities to learn more about the game of golf and take advantage of being able to work on courses designed by the likes of Flynn, Ross, Tillinghast, and many more.

As a company, we are excited to be new members of the Golf Course Builders Association of America. My hope is to be able to create new relationships within the golf course industry while advancing those that I made as a scholarship recipient on a professional level.

PGA of America continues partnership with Sticks for Kids Program

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The PGA of America has continued the partnership with the Sticks for Kids Program by providing recommendations for programs around the country that best match the goals of the program along with identifying qualified instructors to present the programs. Two new areas were granted programs with PGA professionals to administer. These two professionals provide instruction at multiple facilities in the Cromwell Connecticut and Rochester New York area.

The Sticks for Kids program is centered on the philosophy that every child, regardless of socioeconomic status, should have the opportunity to play golf. Courses that participate in the program receive 10 sets of youth clubs that are available for use at no charge throughout the year. The PGA of America has recommended additional courses to partner the program with The PGA Sports Academy.

The relationship between the two youth endeavors will provide young golfers with free equipment and award-winning instruction to help them to learn the game, all without having to make a large financial investment.

In addition to pairing the Sticks for Kids program with The PGA Sports Academy, The PGA of America is also utilizing its PGA Professionals to implement and monitor the use of the free junior clubs in order to provide valuable feedback to the GCBAAM about growing the Sticks for Kids program in future years.

Since its inception in 1997, 572 Sticks for Kids grants have been awarded to golf courses, park and recreation communities, and various youth serving organizations. The program emphasizes the rules of golf, etiquette, discipline, integrity, safety and environmental stewardship in addition to the opportunity for outdoor physical activity.