

New columnist, new intern at Louisiana Golf Association

By LEE RAINWATER

Since this is my first attempt at writing the 'LGA Corner,' I would like to begin by introducing myself.

My name is Lee Rainwater and I am the Director of Member Services with the Louisiana Golf Association. My primary responsibilities are course rating and handicapping, while I also manage www.LGAgolf.org and make sure LGA Handicap Network hardware is performing properly.

Next month will mark my one-year anniversary with the organization, and it has been a pleasure meeting so many people that share at least one common interest — the great game of golf. I am very much looking forward to my sophomore year, and hope to see you at one or more of our championships during the 2011 season.



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SPENCE LEAVES, RAY COMING IN

In December, Brian Spence, our 2010 USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern, finished his internship. Brian, who graduated from Arkansas State University, was a nice addition to the LGA staff. He took advantage of a great opportunity that involved learning the fundamentals of golf administration. He was involved in everything from overseeing online registration for championships to learning how to rate a golf course according to USGA standards. We wish Brian all the best with his future endeavors.

In mid-January, Logan Ray will begin his Boatwright Internship with the LGA. Logan graduated from the University of the South (Sewanee) in Tennessee, where he played both baseball and football. He was selected from an impressive pool of intern candidates, and certainly appears to be excited to work in the golf industry and live in Louisiana.

UPDATE ON HARDWARE INSTALLS

Carr McCalla, LGA Executive Director, mentioned previously we would be installing new hardware at 100-plus LGA Member Clubs during the month of December. By the time this issue of Tee to Green is released, all clubs that participate in the LGA Handicap Network will be equipped with brand new

computers and flat-screen monitors for score posting and peer-review. While the hardware looks much different than the previous systems, the programs will operate in the same fashion. We are looking at other handicapping vendors for 2011 and beyond, but will remain as is through this year. Almost 20,000 LGA individual members participate in the handicap network. These golfers have the ability to post scores at their home club, any other LGA Handicap Network Club, and online at the LGA web-site. The integrity of the network is strengthened by the participation of our member clubs and handicap committees, as well as the database of current course and slope ratings of Louisiana golf courses.

2012-2015 LICENSING CYCLE

With the 2008-2011 USGA Licensing Cycle approaching its end, we will prepare to begin the next four-year cycle which spans 2012-2015.

The LGA will be sending licensing information to all clubs in the near future, as well as reminders about mandatory attendance and completion of a USGA Certified Handicap Seminar and Quiz. The LGA will conduct a number of seminars over the course of 2011. More information on locations and times of seminars will be sent to clubs and posted on our web-site in the near future.

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