



A Great Summer of Golf

by Devin Dehlin

After a record breaking wet spring, summer is finally here. Now that the sun is shining, it's time to make up for all the rounds that were rained out this spring. The next few months you will find our golf courses in great shape. Late summer and fall is a great time to play golf in Utah. I hope everyone is able to get out and make up for all those lost rounds.

One of our great summer traditions is the Utah Open. The Utah Section PGA is proud to be presenting the 2005 Utah Open. This year's tournament looks to be a huge success.

We are excited about our new tournament site at Talons Cove in Saratoga Springs. The golf course offers a great layout and you won't find views as spectacular at any other course in Utah.

We are excited to have more sponsors participating this year, than we have in years past. Ned Siegfried and Mitch Jensen, as the title sponsors, have worked very closely with the Utah Section staff to make the tournament bigger and better. This year they have definitely been successful. I would like to personally thank all the sponsors for their support of the 2005 event, without the sponsors we wouldn't be able to offer a first class tournament and support our charity Special Olympics Utah.

The Utah Section has been working with Special Olympics Utah for the past 15 years and we are proud to be associated with such a great organization. I would also like to thank the Utah Section staff for the countless hours they put in for the Utah Open and the many

different programs we offer. Please come join us this year at TalonsCove whether you are a player, sponsor, volunteer or spectator you won't want to miss this great event!

The Utah Section PGA is made up of 300 members and apprentices. The goal of the Utah Section PGA is to provide more opportunities for golfers in Utah.



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We will continue to focus on our "Play Golf Utah" campaign. You will see the following programs: First swing, new junior golf and adult golf schools, league play, programs for girls and many other tournament opportunities for all skill levels. Our focus is to make golf more available for the whole family.

In Utah and across the country golf rounds have leveled off the past few years. In the past 12 years there has been approximately 5,000 new courses built, but we don't have enough golfers filling the tee times. Due to a large supply of

courses and the demand slightly down, this is a great time to be a golfer or to start the game. You will find more programs than ever before and you can find some great discounts to play more golf.

Research shows people are playing less golf for the following reasons: time, cost, skill level and lack of playing partners. The Utah Section PGA is working hard to combat these issues. You will find programs at many of your home courses designed to help you play more golf. The Utah Section works hand in hand with local courses and professionals to make the game more accessible to everyone. We are working hard to increase awareness and promote new programs. You can check the "Play golf America" web site, the new Tuesday Golf Insider in the *Salt Lake Tribune* or contact your local professional for more information on playing golf.

Whether you are a newcomer to the game or a veteran, I hope you are able to find time to play more golf. In Utah we are blessed with great golf courses that offer tremendous value. I encourage you to visit a course you've never played before. If you're struggling with your game don't forget to contact your local professional for a lesson. Better ball striking leads to lower scores, lower scores lead to more FUN!! Have a great summer of golf.



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