

GOLF 2.0 "Friends, Family, Fun!"

What is Golf 2.0?

- Strategic plan to reach our potential as an industry and increase the number of golfers from 27 million to 40 million by 2020
- Transformational shift to make the game of golf even more relevant, friendly, fun, and welcoming to all
- A movement to embrace the millions of individuals who want to play. 90 million with an interest to play or play more.

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- Reshape the perception, image and environment of the game *Game has an image problem; expensive, time consuming, cost, rules*
- Core Golf 2.0 messages: Golf is a fun family activity, golf is affordable, golf does not have to be 18 holes, golf is good for women, golf is healthy.
- Promote value of the game both monetarily and socially
- Adapt to changing consumer profiles and preferences
- ➢ Generation X (born 1960's-1970's)
- ➢ Generation Y (born 1980's-1990's)

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- PGA of America engaged the Boston Consulting Group to conduct a thorough investigation of golf's prospectsthousands surveyed within the industry
- In response to the recent economic downturn-
- ✓ 1-year slide in participation- loss of 1 million golfers
- ✓ 5-year slide in participation- loss of 4 million golfers since
 2006
- No action means continued downturn

Golf 2.0 Research

- Lapsed golfers- 90 million Americans have played golf in the past and enjoyed the experience
- 70% of those 90 million have expressed some interest in playing again
- Beyond the lapsed golfers, there are 20 million who aspire to play but have never tried
- Among current golfers, there are many who would like to play more.

Opportunity for growth



Three core strategies for growing golf



Strategic initiatives to drive growth



"I'm ready to play" --- Appeal to new golfers (spillover to others) by highlighting PGA pro role in teaching beginners & improved welcoming environment; create catch phase to signify "I'm a novice / beginner"

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What is The PGA of America doing?

- Uniting the golf industry behind Golf 2.0
- Building a team to execute strategic initiatives, including adding Sr. Director of Golf 2.0, expert Regional Field Player Development Managers, 2.0 Women's consultant.
- Determining metrics and using research to measure progress
- Piloting initiatives and developing programs ie: Get Golf Ready Tee It Forward, Women's Golf Day/Month
- Educating PGA Professionals and providing them with best practices, tools and resources to help their owners and employers succeed.

What can you do right now?

- Make sure there is facility-wide knowledge and awareness of your golf operation
 - Train all staff members on new golfer programs.
 - Ensure staff understand the benefits of your special events and core programs (i.e., tournaments, club fitting, instruction).
 - Train staff to promote these offerings and provide incentives to do so.
- Re-commit to your personal development and education, and share this knowledge with your golf operation staff
 - Take full advantage of PGA education opportunities.
 - Send key staff to the PGA Merchandise Show?

What can you do right now?

- Conduct a customer service review to ensure that your staff is delivering the high level service you expect (True North Research)
 - Have you conducted a "secret shopper" exercise to gain feedback on your facilities service?
 - Have you surveyed your customers to ask about service levels?
- Share Best Practices within each facility. The PGA of America has hundreds available to PGA professionals on PGALinks.com

What can you do right now?

- Take full advantage of existing programs
 - Get Golf Ready (84% retention, 61% women, 25% minority)
 - PGA Family Course Program
 - Tee it Forward
 - Golf for Women
- Be aware of the keys to success at your facility Accessibility to courses Well trained PGA Professionals

Supportive owner and facility-wide awareness

Physical plant for new players – i.e., bunny slopes

Marketing strategy

What you can do now?

- Maintain and improve course conditions and amenities and communicate improvements to the public
- Ease of access for residents
- Flexibility in business plan
- Preserve your History
- Provide affordable rates
- Protect PGA events and increase market value
- Protect and market facility identity- each is different
- Customize your service and programs to each core group
- Promote consumer messages:
 - Golf is affordable, accessible and ageless
 - Golf is about friends, family and fun
 - Golf is healthy, green and charitable