

## THE CHARLIE BURKART STORY

This below story is included in the Elmcrest Country Club Yearbook as a significant part of its history, as a fond remembrance for those who knew Charlie Burkart and to pass along the story of a much-loved man to those who came along later.

Charles Burkart was born on April 8, 1907. Involved in golf at an early age, he became the pro at a course in Iowa City. In early 1930, Charlie borrowed the money to buy the first driving range in Marion. A gentleman by the name of Nick Carter built a daily fee golf course in the community of Kenmore in 1934 and hired Charlie as Head Professional. In July of 1947, several prominent businessmen leased the golf course from Mr. Carter, thus forming Elmcrest Golf & Country Club. By this time the community of Kenmore was known as the Northeast side of Cedar Rapids.

Charlie was there from the very beginning and for 42 years of service to the community and the membership of Elmcrest, retiring in 1975. He married Ethel McDonald on October 31, 1935. The Burkhart's had three children, Ted, Al and Lynn. Ethel died in 1981 and Charlie died of cancer at age 74 on December 12, 1983 at Mercy Hospital.

Charlie was an excellent player, known for his flawless swing and record-breaking rounds of golf. One of his greatest contributions to the game was his love of children and his efforts to involve them by organizing youth clinics and programs. Back in the good old days, Charlie spent many of his hours working patiently with Junior golfers, diligently teaching them the code of ethic in golf and the skills to play the game. His belief in sharing and passing down the traditional grand old game served to make him one of the greatest promoters of golf in this area.

Charlie was a life member of the Professional Golfers Association of America and Past President of the Iowa Section of the PGA. He truly believed and exemplified the Code of Ethics of the PGA, which states that the name "Professional Golfer" must be a synonym with pledge of honor, service and fair dealing, professional integrity, fidelity to the game, responsibility to employers and employees and others. Charlie lived by these rules.

Today, the memory of Charles Burkart lives on. The Charlie Burkart Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Iowa Section PGA, was formed in 1984 by his daughter, the late Lynn Hendryx and former Elmcrest professional Larry Hartzell. The Scholarship awards a \$1000 four year college scholarship each year to an Iowa PGA Section high school senior. The criteria for recipients include interest and potential for future contributions to the game of golf.



IOWA SECTION  
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**IOWA PGA FOUNDATION**  
**CHARLIE BURKART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been accepted at a college or university. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

College institution planning on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Iowa PGA Foundation annually awards a college scholarship in memory of Iowa Golf Hall of Famer, Charlie Burkart, PGA member for 49 years and head professional at the Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids for 42 years. At least one high school graduate will be the 2025 recipient of \$1500 per year for four years.

Any graduating high school senior residing within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Foundation and the State of Iowa is eligible to apply. The Iowa PGA Foundation is bounded on the west by U.S. Highway 71 and includes an area of western Illinois from a point north of Quincy, east to near Springfield and directly north. It includes the major cities of Monmouth, Macomb, Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Kewanee and Galena. It does not include the cities of Freeport, Springfield or Quincy.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their interest and activity in golf, the potential for future contributions to the game, leadership skills/community involvement, then on their academic/professional ability and financial need.

Applicants must email/mail completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to **June 15, 2025**.

**Send to:** Iowa PGA Foundation, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327  
Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

**Burkart applicants are required to submit the following when applying:**

1. High school transcript of work completed and description of any post-secondary academic achievement.
2. Two recommendations – may be from a high school administrator or teacher, a PGA professional or other non-family connections.
3. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning his/her interest in golf, other activities and awards, his/her educational and vocational plans/career goals and financial need.

Applicant is requested to send a list of other scholarship they have applied for and those that they have received.

## THE LISA MILLER STORY

The story below is a significant part of Lisa Miller's career as a PGA Professional. Lisa Miller was born in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and graduated from West Chicago High School with the class of 1973. In 2009 she was united in marriage to Sharon (Sher) Hawn.

Lisa played golf as a youngster with her brother, Bobby, mostly at St. Andrew's Golf and Country Club in West Chicago. She was very involved with other sports through early college including basketball, softball, tennis, and volleyball. She also was a Division I collegiate women's basketball official for fifteen years.

In 1978, Lisa Miller earned the first scholarship for women's golf at the University of Northern Iowa. That would be one of many firsts for Lisa and her golf career. She graduated in 1979 from UNI with a B.A. in Education and earned her master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Iowa in 1988.

In 1994, Miller was the first woman to achieve Class A Membership in the Iowa PGA Section. In 2005, Miller achieved the status of PGA Master Professional. At that time, she was just the ninth woman to earn that distinction in the PGA of America with 25,000 PGA Members and Apprentices/Associates across the country.

Miller became the first female board member to serve the Iowa PGA Section. In 2009, Miller was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa's Sports Hall of Fame.

Her career led her to many golf courses. She started working at Byrnes Park Golf Course during college for PGA member Bob Van Fleet, her mentor. Years later, after careers in public education and business co-ownership, Lisa's spouse, Sher, encouraged her to pursue golf as a profession. That encouragement resulted in Lisa combining her passion for teaching, business, and love of the game into a lifetime PGA career. She started as an assistant professional at Muscatine Municipal Golf Course and finished her apprenticeship at Indian Creek Country Club.

She became the PGA Head Professional at Indian Creek Country Club in Marion, IA from 1994 to 1996. She then shifted her focus to being a full-time teaching professional (listed as an A-6) at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Iowa City from 1997 to 1999.

From there she moved into the City of Cedar Rapids Golf Course system. First serving as PGA Head Professional at Ellis Park Golf Course in 2001 and then becoming the merchandise/marketing manager through 2006. She was tasked with improving retail profitability by combining merchandise inventory and purchasing of golf equipment for all Cedar Rapids municipal golf courses – Ellis Park GC, Twin Pines GC, Gardner (formerly Squaw Creek) Golf Course and Jones Park Golf Course. In 2007, Lisa advanced her career again by becoming the Director of Golf for the Cedar Rapids municipal golf courses overseeing all golf operations and golf course agronomy functions. During that period, she facilitated full renovation of Jones golf course after the 2008 historical flood and many other environmental renovations at the City of Cedar Rapids golf courses. Miller remained Director of Golf until her retirement in December of 2017, from the City of Cedar Rapids Golf Courses.

Miller has also served as a PGA of America Adjunct Facility Member since 1995, teaching prospective PGA Associates levels of classwork to gain membership into the PGA of America. She continues to serve as a Master Professional Mentor for those working to attain Master Professional status.

Miller currently serves on the national PGA of America Master Professional Committee, and she served on the PGA of America National Education Committee from 2011 – 2013.

Even after retirement, Miller continues to be active in the Iowa PGA. Serving as a Board Member on the Iowa PGA Foundation Board and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Lisa also teaches veterans at the Iowa PGA GIVE program and the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic.

Miller has won the following awards.

- Iowa PGA Bill Strausbaugh – 2006
- Iowa PGA Professional Development (formerly the Horton Smith Award) – 2019, 2015 and 2008
- Iowa PGA Public Merchandiser – 2005 and 2003
- Front 9 award from the Association of Golf Merchandisers – 2004
- University of Northern Iowa Sports Hall of Fame – 2009

Lisa wishes to share her wonderful career, experience and "firsts in Iowa Golf" with all women looking to become a PGA Professional and further their golf career. She and her spouse Sher, want to improve the opportunities for women in golf and increase the percentage of women in golf leadership positions through women golfers seeking membership in the PGA of America.



**WOMEN'S FAIRWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
*Pathway to a PGA Career*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a PGA Associate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning enrollment date in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program \_\_\_\_\_

Do you/will you be attending the PGA PGM education in Frisco, Tx \_\_\_\_\_ or PGM University (state which program) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards one Women's *Fairway* Scholarship to assist females in furthering their education and training toward a career in golf, pursuing membership with the PGA of America. Qualified, interested females are welcome to apply. The Women's *Fairway* Scholarship is funded by Master PGA Professional Lisa Miller, the first female PGA member in the Iowa PGA Section and by her spouse Sharon Hawn a lifelong educator, public health professional and avid golfer.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Iowa PGA Section and the State of Iowa to apply. The Iowa PGA Section is bounded on the west by U.S. Highway 71 and includes an area of western Illinois from a point north of Quincy, east to near Springfield and directly north. It includes the major cities of Monmouth, Macomb, Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Kewanee and Galena. It does not include the cities of Freeport, Springfield or Quincy.

Scholarship winners are selected based on their experience and activity in golf, their future golf career goal to attain PGA membership, leadership skills and financial need.

Applicants must email or mail the completed application to the scholarship committee on or prior to **September 10, 2025**.

**Send to:** Iowa PGA Section, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327  
or Call 319-648-0026 with any questions.

**Email to:** tgoudy@pgahq.com

**Female PGA Associates, high school graduates and applicants seeking an alternative career are required to submit this form with responses to the following questions to be considered for the one year \$1,000 Women's Fairway Scholarship:**

1. Applicant must include a self-statement concerning her background in golf and financial need for the scholarship award.
2. Applicant must include a description of her future short and long-term career goals.
3. The Scholarship Committee requests applicants submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA professional or other non-family connection to address the applicant's potential related to leadership skills and dedication to her selected career.

## THE MAX SHIELDS STORY

The story below is a significant part of its history, as a fond remembrance for those who knew Max Shields and to pass along the story of a much-loved man to those who came along later.

Max Shields was born on December 1, 1931, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He passed on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1950. On March 10, 1951, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Allgood in Oskaloosa. To this union three children were born, Steve, Michael, and Becky.

Max played golf as a youngster in Oskaloosa winning several state-wide junior golf events. He was medalist for several Oskaloosa High School events. He was a member of the Oskaloosa team that finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state championship at Cedar Rapids Country Club in 1948. He competed in the National Junior Championship and lost in the quarterfinals. He won the Oskaloosa Men's City Championship three times.

Max grew up on the Edmundson Golf Course in Oskaloosa. His father helped build the original 9-hole golf course. His family lived in the house on the golf course.

Early in Max's work career he was an Engineer for the M&S Railroad. Max loved working for the railroad, but the closing of the Oskaloosa line required a career change. A talented golfer, Max decided to pursue a career managing a golf course and becoming a golf professional. His love of the game turned into a passion to not only improve his game daily but to help others discover their potential on the golf course.

He was the PGA Golf Pro at Elmhurst Country Club in Oskaloosa from April 1, 1972, until December 29, 2010. He spent his last few years working part-time as a consultant for the Club, mostly on the agronomy side of the golf operations.

He cherished his time at Elmhurst, especially the lifelong friends he made on and off the course. His unique sense of humor and outgoing personality made it easy for him to make lifelong loyal friends. Max became a member of the PGA of America in 1972. He was looking forward to his 50-year membership milestone in April of 2022.

He also worked as the PGA Professional/Golf Course Superintendent at the old Ottumwa Municipal Golf Course. He also served as the Director of Golf at Shadow Hills Golf Club in Lubbock, TX for a couple of seasons. His wife, Marilyn, also helped in the golf operations during all of their stops.

One of his greatest contributions to the game was his love of children and his efforts to involve them by organizing youth clinics and programs.

His family includes his three children and their spouses, Steve and Julie Shields of San Antonio, Texas, Michael and Linda Shields of Bloomfield, IA, and Becky and Steve Gearhart of Naples, FL; four grandchildren, Lauren (Matt) Hubbell, Rachael (Jeff) Clutter, Ben (Anna) Gearhart, and Samuel Gearhart; three great grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; two brothers, Carl (Louise) Shields of Tucson, Arizona, and Roger (Jo) Shields of Monument, Colorado; a sister in law, Carol Shields of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Marilyn; Max was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Claude Shields; and two sisters, Claire Redman and Joann DeLong.

Today, the memory of Max Shields lives on. The Max Shields Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Iowa Section PGA Foundation, was formed in 2024 by his three children. Steve is a 46-year member of the PGA of America. Michael is a retired Golf Course Superintendent. Becky is now retired.

## Max Shields, PGA – Iowa Section Scholarship



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name if high school senior: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone if high school senior: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been accepted at a college or university. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

College institution planning on attending or current college, university, technical institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name and Email (*if applicable*) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a PGA Associate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ PGA Education Level / Enrolled In \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning enrollment date in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program (*if applicable*) \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation from PGA PGM Program, College, University or Technical Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer subsidize your education expenses? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ What Percentage? \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Iowa PGA Section Foundation annually awards a scholarship to support individuals in furthering their education and career in the golf industry, which includes but is not limited to the PGA Profession, Agronomy, Club Management, Hospitality and Membership. At least one scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.

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2. The Scholarship Committee requests applicants submit one recommendation – from an employer, a PGA Professional or other non-family connection to address the applicant's achievements and dedication to their selected career.