From the Desk of the President:

To All Chapters and Chapter Presidents:

I hereby issue a directive order to all National Pan America Golf Association chapters under Article II, Section 1 and Article III, Section 3; you must submit application to the USGA to be licensed as “Licensing Program for Clubs” by July 1st 2012 and must also copy the National Secretary for our records. This is not an option for your respective chapters to consider and must be adhere to. The USGA has determined NPAGA is currently using the USGA Handicap System without authorization. The USGA will be monitoring this progress. It does not cost anything to apply and our National Secretary, Alex Garcia will post the application and any information relating to this directive onto our National Website.

Cindy Cooper, Assistant Manager of Handicapping and Club Licensing Division of the USGA sent the notice from the USGA to me on March 19, 2012. I have spoken to her by phone on March 20th to get clarification and answer questions, which prompted this directive. **All chapters must be licensed!!!** The National Board cannot submit application on behalf of the entire organization. Nor can MiniMax because they are a service and not a club. If we do not comply, we must cease the using the formula for determining our handicaps and indexes.

If you do not comply with this directive, your chapter is in violation of Article III, Section 3 and subject to suspension.

Sincerely,

Jesse Pena, President
National Pan American Golf Association, Inc.