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Update from the National PAGA President

Fellow PAGA Members,

Our fall weather has arrived and we're finally getting a break from our Texas hot weather that seems to linger the whole year in our entire state of Texas.

Since I last wrote an update, we have traveled many miles since our Lockhart, Texas National Winter Meeting & Tournament back in March.

Our National Convention & Tournament held during the last week of July in El Paso, Texas was enjoyed by all that attended.

I want to commend the El Paso chapter and Luis Gonzalez for doing a splendid job as our 2008 national convention host's. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all their hard working committees including Pete Solis, Babil Arrieta and Ray Dominguez for going the extra mile in providing an enormous amount of work to ensure that all convention attendees would enjoy their stay while in El Paso. Congratulations El Paso, you all did a fantastic job!

I want to thank all PAGA members from through out our great nation that made the trip to El Paso during a time when our national gas prices were at their highest. This proves that our National Pan American Golf Association spirit is alive and well throughout our national membership base.

Our October 2008 National Third Delegates Meeting & Workshop hosted by the Missouri City, PAGA chapter in Deer Park, Texas was a huge success.

Twenty six chapters were present which constituted a quorum for a full business meeting.

My sincere appreciation goes out to the entire Missouri City chapter for providing everyone that attended an enjoyable hospitality and two great golf tournaments along with a facility which was instrumental in helping us produce a super productive meeting and workshop.

I want to thank Mr. Louis Gantz head golf professional and chief operations manager of the "Battle Ground Golf Course Facilities" for his generosity in providing golf shirts to all delegates as his appreciation for us holding our Third Delegates Meeting & Workshop at this great golfing facility.
On behalf of the national board, I want to thank all delegates for contributing their ideas and thoughts during the topic(s) workshop portion of the meeting.

These ideas will be turned into actual proposals in the near future which will contribute to the betterment of our association as we keep you the at large member in mind.

As our golfing year comes to an end, our national board will travel to Corpus Christi, Texas on November 8, 2008 to visit all sites for our 2009 National PAGA Convention including the headquarters hotel, all golf courses, entertainment venues, overflow hotels and inspect any or all contracts that are in place for our 2009 convention.

Their convention chairperson's, staff, committees and their local national tournament director are ready for our visit as they prepare to be our 2009 national convention host's. All Corpus Christi members urge everyone to start making plans to attend the convention as it promises to be a most memorable one.

In case you didn't know, Corpus Christi just happens to be known as the "Texas Riviera" and all of their members ask that you bring your bathing suits while visiting the Texas coast line!

Our 2009 National Winter Meeting & Tournament will take place in New Braunfels, Texas on March 26th, 27th & 28th.

All plans for this meeting and tournament have been finalized. All New Braunfels members, chair people and committees are looking forward in seeing all of you in March. Please register early!

In closing, I want to remind everyone that all information discussed and voted on during our national meetings are part of the information that your local delegate gets exposed to while attending these meetings. Any or all information pertaining to these business meetings should be in the possession of your delegate and should be a matter of discussion and record at your local chapter meetings following a national meeting. Please consult with your delegate on any national information you may need.

Have a great and Happy Thanksgiving Day!

See You in the Fairway,

Toyo Amador
National PAGA President
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