



# On The Green

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## CGA TURNS 13

**Christian Golfers' Association Becomes a 'Teenager!' August 1996 – August 2009**



Our youngest member in 1996 was only Two months old! Drake McCormick, a charter member of the Sumter (SC) Chapter, is shown (at three years old) at the first TEE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD national tournament, which was held at Myrtle Beach, SC in 1998. The Sumter Chapter was the first local chapter to be chartered in the Christian Golfers' Association.

Who would have thought that in such a short period of time that CGA would grow into a worldwide ministry? Only the Lord knew!

But, here we are thirteen years later and, through the efforts of members like yourself, the message of Jesus Christ is being shared with others on golf courses around the world. Members in forty-three states across the United States are inviting nonbelievers and un-churched friends and associates to the golf course, where in the course of 18-holes they (you) discuss the power of salvation. In addition to being "golfers," we are "planters." We sow the seed and the Lord reaps the harvest!

Have YOU done any sowing and planting lately? If not, be sure to do so this week. I even had one member tell me recently that he *had* to play golf because he told his wife that he was going "witnessing!" And, he really did! He planted a seed. How about you?



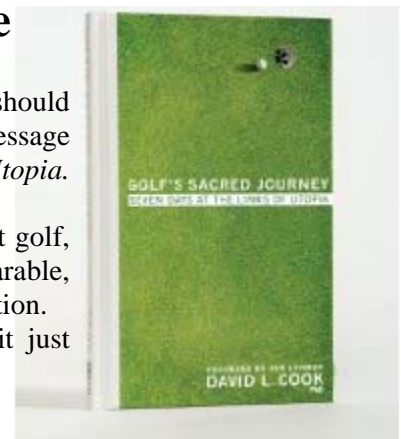
Thirteen years later, and just turned thirteen, the same Drake McCormick is shown getting in a little net practice recently at Myrtle Beach, SC. He now shoots in the low 80's!

## In golf, faith should be par for the course

Golfers will try virtually anything to shoot lower scores. Maybe they should stop focusing on the scorecard and have a little faith. That's part of the message in the new book *Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days at the links of Utopia*. (Zondervan).

In his new book, author David L. Cook, Sports Psychologist, talks about golf, faith, "Utopia," coaching your swing and your soul. In this modern day parable, the author weaves his real-world experiences into a fictional tale of redemption.

"I've worked with people who have won world championships, and it just hasn't done it for them – but I think I understand what does," he said.



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## Golf's Sacred Journey, continued

“Significance in life is . . . the ultimate place we are going. If you live your life about significance, that gives you fulfillment every day, when you win or when you lose. But when everything is based on a win, you lose perspective. You play for the score, and your life is up and down and you are miserable.”

The story involves an aspiring unnamed golf pro having a meltdown in the midst of a big tournament. His embarrassing exodus from the scene leads him to a small, one-story Texas Hill Country town. In its diner is posted a handwritten note about a driving range where you can “Find Your Game.”

Cook's story may not be factual, but it has a basis in his life. He had a teaching pro named Johnny (the late Johnny Arreaga, one time Baylor University golf coach) who was an early mentor and to whom the book is dedicated.

This book is a great read! We highly recommend it to you and to all of your friends, golfers or not. You can order it on Amazon.com.

### News from Other Chapters Around the World. . .

*“Just a quick update on the CGA down under, I have met with my pastor (Senior Pastor Frank Mitchell) and he has agreed to support the establishment of our local chapter. Pastor Frank also has agreed to promote our cause with the local ministers fraternity (BCMM) with the view to achieve a truly non-denominational approach and engage all churches from the outset. I have also agreed to send correspondence to the BCMM at Pastor Frank's request, outlining the CGA's ministry and explain the purpose of the association.*

*In short, I do feel that we need to proceed with a robust foundation of support from the wider Christian body within our region, one step at a time.”*

*John R. Sullivan,  
Chartering Chairman*

(Note: Show your support of this new chapter. E-mail John at: [jrsullivan@westnet.com.au](mailto:jrsullivan@westnet.com.au) and encourage the folks in Australia as they spread the message of Jesus Christ.

## The Comprehensive Guide To



## A Successful Fund Raising Golf Tournament

Several months ago one of our outstanding members from Colorado dropped in while on a 13 state, 5,000 mile, four-week trek to introduce a book he has written. His name is John Darling. For the last five years or so, he has dedicated a major portion of his life to free consulting services to charities and nonprofit organizations on how to raise money with golf tournaments.

The book is *THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT*. It is also available on an extended CD ROM format. Reviews of *THE GUIDE* have indicated that it will not only benefit organizations, but golf courses as well. It helps by avoiding problems golf professionals are faced with at the club level.

*THE GUIDE* takes tournament planners from step one, organizing a committee, to the responsibilities of the chairperson, site coordinator, sponsor director, gifts/prizes/awards, etc. It even covers post tournament activity. *THE GUIDE* also includes over 100 sources of products and services direct from national golf related companies who may offer discounts to organizations.

If any of you are in charge of putting on a fundraising tournament, or if your chapter, church or other organization will be doing so, I recommend you contact CGA Member John Darling at: [GolfGuy@SeniorFriendlyGolf.com](mailto:GolfGuy@SeniorFriendlyGolf.com). The book may also be purchased on line from the publisher at:

[www.outskirtspress.com/TheComprehensiveGuideToASuccessfulFundRaisingGolfTournament](http://www.outskirtspress.com/TheComprehensiveGuideToASuccessfulFundRaisingGolfTournament). The price is \$29.95

The EXPANDED CD ROM version is available only through John's web site: [www.SeniorFriendlyGolf.com](http://www.SeniorFriendlyGolf.com) for \$29.95. Let John know that you are a CGA member when you contact him.

## Other Chapters, continued

And this note from Kenya, East Africa:



*“Although times are tough, the sense of urgency continues to grow within me to reach the lost both within and outside the Church at-large.”*

*Rev. Vincent Maina, Sr. Pastor & Director  
Revival Gospel Church Ministries  
Nukuru 20100, Kenya, East Africa*

(Note: E-mail Pastor Vincent to show your support at: [rmichurch@hotmail.com](mailto:rmichurch@hotmail.com))

## Click the “*Magic*” Button

**DONATE**

**TODAY. . .and help support your CGA ministry.** We need the financial help of ALL members in order to continue to spread the message of Jesus throughout the nation and the world.

Go to our web site – [www.christiangolfer.org](http://www.christiangolfer.org) and click on the “DONATE” button to make a secure on-line donation. Your on-line donations are secured through the PayPal secure network. Donations are tax deductible under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

Click on the “MAGIC” button and you will help share the message of Jesus to people around the world who hunger for the Word! Partner with us and get on **Team Jesus!**

If you would prefer to mail your donation, please print the form below and mail it to: Christian Golfers’ Association, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Dr., Sumter, SC 29153

## JOIN TEAM JESUS

### Member’s Pledge Form

**YES! I want to be on the TEAM!** I want to **PERSONALLY** support the unique ministry of the Christian Golfers’ Association and take part in the mission and vision of the ministry. CGA is a FAITH based ministry with the purpose of providing golfers the opportunity to foster Christian fellowship among the world’s golfers and to **evangelize by witnessing** to golfers everywhere. Golf courses are “fields that are ‘green’ unto harvest,” it is up to us to **recognize and seize** the opportunity. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary as the living Son of God. He was crucified on Calvary, died on the cross, was buried and arose on the third day. That today He sits at the right hand of God the Father, and as the Holy Spirit, dwells within each of us. I believe in the tenets of CGA, and want to support this unique ministry. Please go to the **CGA HOME PAGE** [www.christiangolfer.org](http://www.christiangolfer.org) and click on the **DONATE BUTTON** to make a **SECURE**, on-line donation. One hundred percent of all donations go directly into the ministry. **CGA has no paid staff!**

**MY PLEDGE** -- I would like to pledge this amount (Circle one) **(MONTHLY)** *(ONE TIME)* to continue the work and ministry of CGA:  \$100.  \$50.  \$25.  \$15.  \$10.  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ Pledges may be charged to your credit card automatically each month, or a one-time donation, if you prefer. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Cards accepted. If you prefer to mail your pledge, please print this form, complete and mail to: CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Dr., Sumter, SC 29153.

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