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SPOTLIGHT

Michigan Courses Commit to Innovative Apprenticeship Program

By Scott Kauffman, Golf Business Contributor

When one thinks of occupational apprenticeships, perhaps some of the first professions to come to mind are plumbers, electricians, welders or carpenters. The golf course landscape, on the other hand, is probably the unlikeliest place that jumps out when thinking of these traditional journey-type careers. But thanks to some ingenious leadership at the Michigan Golf Course Association (MGCA), America's newest apprenticeship program now comprises Golf Course Maintenance Technician, as it's officially called in Department of Labor circles. Indeed, nearly one year after general manager Jim Szilagyi of The Lynx Golf Course in Otsego, Mich., became the state's first applicant for the new workforce program, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) now counts the golf business in its long list of registered apprenticeships. Jada Paisley, executive director for the MGCA, concedes it might seem odd to put golf in the same category as some of the other trades... [READ MORE >>](#)

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By Graham Curry, Founder, Handicaddie



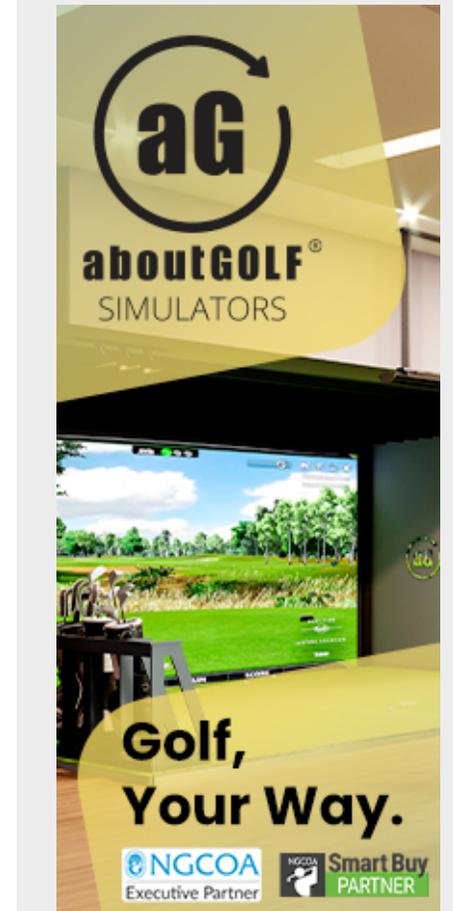
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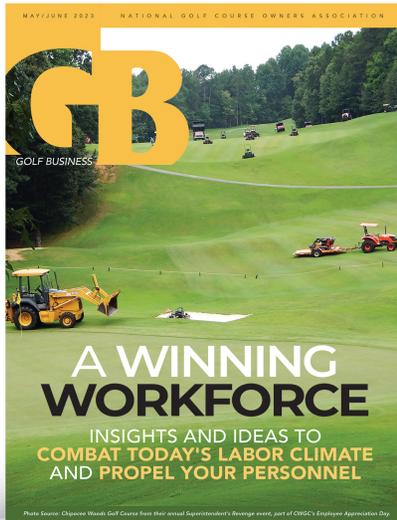
As a dedicated caddie master with experience managing caddies from around the world at the renowned Kingsbarns Golf Links in Scotland, as well visiting caddie programs across the US, I humbly offer my experience as a passionate advocate for caddie programs. Throughout my journey, which has taken me from the fairways of Kingsbarns to insightful conversations with caddie masters and directors of golf at country clubs around the world, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative trends shaping the caddying industry. Join me as we explore why it is vital for you, as golf course owners, to stay informed about these trends that directly impact your caddie programs... [READ MORE >>](#)

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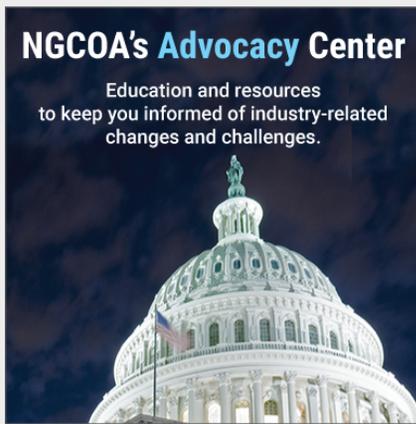


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