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Midwest Section

MWPGA Spotlight



Marcus Erkel, PGA Emporia Golf Course

How long have you been a PGA Member?

I have been a PGA member since 2015.

Favorite part about working in the Golf Industry?

Like everyone else I started in the golf industry for the love of the game. I still love getting to be out on the course, whether playing or helping others get better. I also really enjoy all the members we have. Getting to know them and getting to interact with them is a joy.



What is your favorite golf memory?

This is always hard to narrow down to one memory, but playing a round with my dad and son for the first time is pretty high on the list!

Favorite part about working in the Midwest?

The people, open prairie and the calmness of the Midwest make it such a great place to live and work.

What is a little-known fact about your facility?

Fun fact about our facility - after many years of pushing we are finally getting new forward tees for more golfers to enjoy the game.

Best 18-hole score?

My best score is 66 at my course.

Who is your mentor in the golf world?

I had a weird situation of not being an assistant, but I do love to bounce ideas off Michael Powell and Taylor Griffith when I can.

Three individuals that make up your dream foursome?

My dad, son and mom is the correct answer. Although I wouldn't turn down and invite from Spieth, Thomas and Tiger.

What is your favorite club in your bag?

My favorite club in my bag is my 2 iron.... Just so much fun to hit.

The MWPGA Golf Professional Spotlight is where we showcase and feature our outstanding professionals across the Midwest Section. These golf professionals wear many hats at their facilities and are dedicated to making golf a better game for everyone.

Marcus Erkel, PGA

Something that might surprise us about you?

Originally from AZ, came to ESU to play college baseball. I have a teaching degree from ESU which actually comes in handy with all my junior programs.

Excluding the Midwest, what is your favorite golf course?

My favorite course to play is unfortunately not even open anymore. Vistoso Canyon in Tucson was so much fun.

What do you enjoy doing on your days off?

Most of my time away from the course is watching my kids do what they love, whether that is golfing or dancing. Sometimes I might even get to see my wife for a few minutes.



What would you do for a career if you were not a Golf Professional?

If I wasn't a golf professional I would be working at my wife's insurance agency, that way I could actually play golf.

Favorite quote?

I'm a big fan of quotes, and am loving Ted Lasso at the moment. The scene where he talks about Walt Whitman's quote "be curious, not judgmental" is fantastic. I also tell my kids all the time "the happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts" - Marcus Aurelius

Tell us a little about your family.

My wife, Mandy, and I just celebrated our 15 year anniversary. We have an almost 13 year old son, Chesney, and an 8 year old daughter, Berkley.

