

## ZUBACK ON TOP OF THE WORLD — AGAIN

Canadian Jason Zuback won the 2006 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship in October for a record fifth time.

The native of Drayton Valley, Alta, who trains out of Calgary's RCGA Golf Centre at Four Seasons, captured four consecutive world titles from 1996-1999. He found himself back on top of the world in 2006 after bombing his winning drive a staggering 368 yards and 29 inches.

"This is a sweet victory for Jason and no one is more deserving," said Paul Horton, RCGA Golf Centre director of instruction. "I can't imagine anyone working harder than Jason did in his preparation to win the world championship."

In addition to Zuback, the RCGA Golf Centre is home to a number of Alberta's top amateur golfers thanks to its year-round facilities and status as a training centre for the RCGA's high performance program. It also hosts Canada's largest CN Future Links program with more than 3,700 juniors participating last year.



# The RCGA Network

## Is your club connected?

The RCGA Network is a national web-enabled handicap and communication network service for RCGA member clubs. Although calculating Handicap Factors and generating scoring records on-line is an important function of the system, one of the main objectives of the RCGA Network is to improve communication among Canada's national, provincial, and local golf communities. Golfers, golf clubs, associations, and industry partners can communicate instantly and easily through messaging and event scheduling.

Members can access the network anywhere with an internet connection: club, home, office, vacation...anywhere, anytime.

Nearly 400 clubs and 125,000 members used the RCGA Network in 2006 and we expect to have over 650 clubs and 200,000 members signed up for 2007.

## Why should my club sign up?

The RCGA Network is much more than simply a handicap calculation program. Benefits of the RCGA Network include:

- **No software to install** RCGA member clubs only require a high-speed internet connection to utilize the RCGA Network. Updates are seamless.
- **Score posting** Posting scores at the club is quick and easy. Graphics are big and bold, a keyboard is not required, and the system is touch screen capable.
- **Access** Members of the RCGA Network can also post scores from anywhere with an internet connection – home, work, vacation, etc.
- **Performance tracking** Members have the ability to track and trend a wide ranging variety of game performance statistics.
- **Accurate course ratings and course information** Over 20,000 courses are listed and continually updated in the course directory.
- **Improved peer review** Members can easily check current Handicap Factors and scoring records of any other RCGA Network users.
- **Communication** Clubs and members can use an internal messaging system and calendar to relay information about upcoming events, tournaments, tee-times, etc.
- **Reports** Club administrators are able to generate numerous handicap reports and sort their member roster in various sub-groups
- **Data conversion** Your club's current handicap data can be automatically migrated to the RCGA Network

## What do we need to get connected?

The following technical specifications are required for the club's score posting kiosk:

- Pentium 4 processor with 256 megabytes RAM
- DSL, cable, or satellite Internet connection
- Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher
- Windows 98, 2000, or XP
- 17" colour monitor or larger, set to 1024 x 768 resolution

Individuals accessing the RCGA Network from home do not require a high speed internet connection – a dial-up connection will suffice. For RCGA member clubs who cannot obtain high speed internet access, a "dial up" narrowband version of the RCGA Network is available on a fee-for-service basis.

## How does my club sign up?

RCGA member clubs interested in using the RCGA Network should contact Matt MacKay at 1 800 263 0009 x209 or mmackay@rcga.org for information on backing up their existing scoring records and to arrange for migration of the handicap data into the RCGA Network. We can generally get your club up and running on the RCGA Network within a few days. A demonstration of the system is available at [www.rcganetwork.org](http://www.rcganetwork.org).

