



NICHOLAS PLEIMAN

We are pleased to announce our Moments of Integrity recipient for January/February 2016 is Nicholas Pleiman. Congratulations Nicholas on this honor!

Nicholas and his family moved to Northwest Arkansas from Chicago when he was 2 years old. He attends St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Rogers where he is a seventh grader. His favorite subjects are math and science. Both of which require strong problem solving skills, which is also a key reason why he likes golf.

Nicholas has been playing golf since he could walk. His parents, Scott and Jennifer Pleiman, also enjoy playing golf. When Nicholas was a baby they used to put him in a jogging stroller and take him to the course with them when they played golf. As Nicholas got older and could walk, he would grab his parent's golf clubs and start mimicking their swings. Next, he began following them to the greens to putt and from there he never looked back. Nicholas' siblings, Lauren and Andrew, have also picked up the game, so it has become a real family affair.

Over the years, Nicholas has played football, baseball, tennis and soccer. He still plays soccer recreationally, but golf is his true love. He has learned that it is impossible to be perfect at golf, but he likes the challenge of trying to continue to get better. Many evenings you can see him at the range until dark,



practicing for his next round of 18 holes. Nicholas is constantly working to perfect his skills, not only by practicing shots on his own but by working with golf professionals as well. He has also attended The University of Arkansas golf camp and most recently The University of Illinois golf camp in Champaign, Illinois where Mike Small is the head coach. He likes attending the camps because it is a great way to make new friends with kids who have similar interests while improving his golf game.

If he isn't playing golf himself, he likes to attend tournaments to watch and learn from professional golfers. He has been to the Masters, the U.S. Open, Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament, and never misses hanging out at the LPGA NWA Championship. This past summer, Nicholas volunteered at the U.S. Amateur at Olympia Fields Country Club in Chicago, Illinois.

Nicholas was a standard bearer, displaying the score of the match, and was able to walk along with the players throughout the round. Nicholas said, "It helped me strive to excel and continue to get better as a player."

While he loves to practice, what he really enjoys is going to the course and playing a round of golf with his family or friends. He definitely likes the challenge of trying to better his score and he can be pretty competitive. While speaking with Nicholas on the putting green he mentioned what he enjoys most about the game is the rules. His grandfather was a Rules Official for the U.S.G.A and taught him the importance of the rules. Nicholas thinks it is really cool that, "You can call a penalty on yourself. It keeps you honest."