

Form **990EZ**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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OMB No 1545-1150

# 2018

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**A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018**

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return/terminated
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
C/O MGA 6550 YORK AVE S RM 211

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
EDINA, MN 55435

**D** Employer identification number  
41-1923994

**E** Telephone number  
(952) 928-9299

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**I** Website: ▶ EXPLOREMINNESOTAGOLF.COM

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no )  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$ 112,930

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

	Description		Amount
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	32,000
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	17,550
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	63,380
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	112,930	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	2,885
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	108,030
<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	110,915	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	2,015
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	11,991
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>	14,006



Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V ) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . .

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 35c, 36, 37a, 37b, 38a, 38b, 39, 39a, 39b, 40a, 40b, 40c, 40d, 40e, 41.

42a The organization's books are in care of LISA OVEROM Telephone no (952) 345-3967 Located at 6550 YORK AVE S STE 211 EDINA, MN ZIP + 4 55435

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 42b, 42c.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 45a, 45b.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	<b>46</b>	No

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**  
 All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<b>47</b>	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<span style="font-size: small;">*****</span> Signature of officer	2019-01-21 Date
STEVE DOWLING EXEC DIR Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name JAMES E STEVENSON CPA	Preparer's signature	Date 2019-01-29	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00163024
	Firm's name ▶ LETHERT SKWIRA SCHULTZ & CO LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0738189	
	Firm's address ▶ 170 7TH PL E STE 100 SAINT PAUL, MN 551012361			Phone no (651) 224-5721	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 41-1923994

**Name:** EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

### Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<b>28</b> PROMOTION OF GOLF TOURISM IN MINNESOTA (Grants \$ )	<b>28a</b>	66,875
If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Form 990EZ, Part IV — List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. . . . . 

<b>(a) Name and title</b>	<b>(b) Average hours per week devoted to position</b>	<b>(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)</b>	<b>(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation</b>	<b>(e) Estimated amount of other compensation</b>
STEVE DOWLING EXEC DIR	000 00	25,200		
ERIC PETERSON CHAIRMAN	000 00	0		
DAVE GRAVDAHLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JAN KROELLSBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DAVE MOOTYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
MIKE MALONEBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DEREK STENDAHLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
EINAR ODLANDBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
SHAD GORDONBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JEFF KENNEDYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DON BERRYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOE ABOODBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOHN KENDALLBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
FRANK SOUKUPBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
KEITH KALNYBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		

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RACHEL INDIHARBOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JEFF KENNEDY BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JOHN KELLEN BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
DAN WALKER BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
SHARI PRAUSE BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
BRAD STEPHENS BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
AARON JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
KATHY REICHENBACH BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JAMES CARLSON BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		
JIM LEARY BOARD MEMBER	000 00	0		

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization

EXPLORE MINNESOTA GOLF ALLIANCE

Employer identification number

41-1923994

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 55,962 INSURANCE 502 GOLF SHOW EXPENSES 10,913 WEBSITE/INTERNET 6,864 ADMINISTRATIVE 28,350 AUTO EXPENSES 4,428 MISCELLANEOUS 1,011 TOTAL 108,030

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 1,794 1,794 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 1,794 1,794 TOTAL 0 0