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Preparations Underway to Celebrate PGA of America’s Centennial
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2015 Omega PGA & Sr. PGA Professional Players of the Year Announced
Two-time PGA Professional Champion Matt Dobyns of Glen Head, New York, and Brian Cairns of Walled Lake, Michigan, have won the respective 2015 OMEGA PGA Professional and Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year awards. The twosome will be honored on Friday, June 24, at the 49th PGA Professional Championship at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York.

Dobyns, 37, the PGA Head Professional at Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success, New York, secured his first PGA Professional Player of the Year Award and is the third Metropolitan PGA member to capture the national honor. Dobyns, who also won the 2012 PGA Professional Championship, added to his trophy collection in July by capturing the Walter Hagen Cup for a second time in the National Championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club. He went on to win Metropolitan PGA Player of the Year honors.

Cairns, a 51-year-old PGA teaching professional at Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth, Michigan, became the first Michigan PGA Section member to earn a national Player of the Year award in any division. This past season, Cairns finished with 813.55 points based upon finishing tied for fifth in the 2015 PGA Professional Championship and capturing Michigan PGA Player of the Year honors.
Matt Dobyns Tops Money List for PGA Tournament Series presented by GOLF ADVISOR

Matt Dobyns accomplished quite a bit during his stay in South Florida. He played four of six events at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie during the PGA Tournament Series presented by Golf Advisor and finished top 10 each time en route to winning Series’ money title ($9,840).

Fittingly, he clinched the OMEGA PGA Professional Player of the Year Award by winning Event No. 2 by a single stroke on Dec. 4. The victory put an exclamation mark on a season that included a second career win in the PGA Professional Championship.

The PGA Tournament Series’ other five events were claimed by Ben Polland (Event No. 1), the PGA Assistant Professional at Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, New York; Brett Melton (Event No. 3), the Director of Golf at Country Club of Old Vincennes in Indiana; Jeffrey Schmid (Event No. 4), a teaching professional at Gustin Golf Club in Columbia, Missouri; Ben Engle (Event No. 5) from the Woodstock Club in Indianapolis; and Jim Troy (Event No. 6), a PGA Teaching Professional at Milham Park Golf Club in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Schmid’s Event No. 4 victory came in a 9-hole playoff with Adam Rainaud that is believed to be the longest in the history of the Series.

Polland ($9,515) finished second on the Series’ money list. Rod Perry ($8,631) was third.

Lifestyle Companies Scheduled to Spotlight Fashion & Accessories at the PGA Merchandise Show

PGA Professionals, golf buyers and industry leaders will have the opportunity to preview the latest golf and resort lifestyle fashions, learn merchandising techniques and meet with executives of golf apparel market leaders who will be among some 1,000 companies and brands exhibiting at the 63rd PGA Merchandise Show, Jan. 26-29, 2016, in Orlando, Fla.

Top apparel companies including: adidas, AHEAD, Antigua, Ashworth, Bobby Jones, Brooks Brothers, Bugatchi Uomo, Callaway Golf Apparel, Carnoustie, Chase 54, Chervo S.p.A., Columbia Golf, Cutter & Buck, Donald Ross Sportswear, Dunning Golf, EP Pro, Fairway & Greene, FJ, Full Turn Direct, G/Fore, Greg Norman Collection, Haus of Grey, Imperial Headwear, J.Lindeberg, Lacoste, LinkSoul, Martin Golf, Maui Jim, Oakley, Ouray Sportswear, Page & Tuttle, Peter Millar, PING Apparel, Polo/Ralph Lauren, Pukka, Puma, Sport Haley, Straight Down, Sunice, Titania, Travis Mathew, Under Armour, Vineyard Vines and Zero Restriction will present their latest styles in exciting displays on the PGA Show floor within the Orange County Convention Center.

A new Textile Sourcing Pavilion will complement the fashion and accessory exhibits by offering special access to a curated group of fabric mills and factories specializing in athletic and golf related apparel. Textile Sourcing Pavilion companies will share the latest innovations in athletic performance fabrics, along with information on duty-free factory resources. Complimentary education sessions will be offered at the pavilion on Jan. 28 and Jan. 29 at 10 a.m.
Attendance at the PGA Merchandise Show is restricted to PGA Professionals, allied golf association members, golf trade affiliates, commercial buyers and sellers of golf related products and services only. Attendance and registration guidelines are available at PGAShow.com/guidelines and avings on PGA Show official hotels, plus additional travel discounts, are also available at PGAShow.com/travel.

**A trio of PGA of America Programs Debuted on Golf Channel**
The “2016 Ryder Cup One Year to Go Show,” “PGA of America 2015 Year in Review” and “2015 PGA Championship Highlight Show, presented by OMEGA - One Fine Day” debuted on Golf Channel during the month of December helping fans celebrate the game’s future and recent past.

The “2016 Ryder Cup One Year to Go” 30-minute show elicits anticipation for next year’s 41st Ryder Cup through the lenses of United States Ryder Cup Captain Davis Love III and his counterpart European Captain Darren Clarke, as they meet for the first time in their official capacities at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.

The “PGA of America Year in Review” 1-hour show chronicled an exciting year of Championships featuring a thrilling win by Jason Day at the PGA Championship and a landmark KPMG Women’s PGA Championship won by Inbee Park. The PGA Year in Review also documents Matt Dobyns second title at the PGA Professional Championship and the PGA Junior League Championship.

The “2015 PGA Championship Show Presented by Omega” is a round-by-round historical capsule that includes all of the week’s drama, shot making and interviews. Golf fans are able to enjoy their reintroduction to Whistling Straits, which hosted its third PGA in 11 years, and experiencing many of the behind-the-scenes events that accompany a PGA Championship.

**Welcome to the PGA Family**
The PGA would like to welcome the following new employees who began their tenure recently:

- Ernie Vilar – Sr. Account Executive
- Monique Morris – AP Processor
- Doreen Decosmis – Sr. Administrative Assistant to Henry Smokler
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As part of the Centennial Celebration, the #ThxPGAPro campaign was debuted. #ThxPGAPro is a grass-roots platform where golfers from all levels of the game can share stories about and express gratitude for their own PGA Professional; how they mentored and influenced their lives, through personalized video, photos and messages that are posted on ThxPGAPro.com. While the Centennial celebration is focused on 100 days, #ThxPGAPro campaign will continue throughout 2016. The campaign includes public service announcements to be broadcast on NBC, CBS, Golf Channel, Turner and other broadcast partners, as well as social media outlets and can be viewed at thxpgapro.com.

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The 63rd PGA Merchandise Show, the industry’s annual “MAJOR of Golf Business,” came to a close Jan. 29, in Orlando, welcoming more than 42,000 golf industry professionals from 91 countries around the world. PGA Professionals and buyers uncovered the newest products, trends and technology from more than 1,000 exhibiting golf companies and brands, including 284 companies new to the event, creating the world’s largest business-to-business golf event within 1 million square feet of interactive exhibit, demonstration and meeting space of the Orange County Convention Center West Concourse Exhibit Hall.

The 2016 PGA Merchandise Show attracted more than 7,000 PGA Professionals from around the world to drive a 3 percent increase in overall attendance, despite the early-week Winter Storm Jonas impacting the East Coast of the United States.

The global golf gathering began on Tuesday, Jan. 26, with a special PGA of America Centennial Tee Shot to open the 14th Annual PGA Show Outdoor Demo Day. Thousands of PGA Professionals and invited golf retailers then previewed and personally tested the newest equipment, training aids and accessories from more than 100 top golf companies at the 42-acre practice facility, to create the world’s largest professional golf demo event.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, PGA of America Hall of Famer Lee Trevino was joined by his longtime mentor, instructor and friend, PGA Master Professional Bill Eschenbrenner, as they shined a spotlight on the century-long impact of PGA Professionals and helped open the PGA Merchandise Show, the world’s largest gathering of PGA Professionals, live on Golf Channel’s “Morning Drive.” Trevino was among a long list of celebrities, renowned golf instructors and specials guests, such as Lexi Thompson, Bubba Watson, Jesper Parnevik, Lydia Ko, Blair O’Neal, Ian Poulter, Greg Norman, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Troy Merritt, Annika Sorenstam, Johnny Miller, Hal Sutton, Justin Thomas, Nancy Lopez, David Leadbetter, Hank Haney, Michael Breed, Mike Malaska, Cameron McCormick, Jim McLean, Claude Harmon, Lynn Swann, Lou Holtz and many more who participated in the 2016 PGA Merchandise Show.

In addition to the busy marketplace among nearly 10 miles of exhibit aisles, PGA Show days were full of professional learning opportunities during industry presentations. The PGA Forum Stage, presented by OMEGA, was a popular destination on the PGA Show floor, as was the PGA Education Conference and PGA Youth & Family Golf Summit.

More than 1,000 media from some 23 countries came to the PGA Merchandise Show to cover the newest golf products, trends, industry announcements and newsmakers of the game. Golf Channel delivered a record 25 hours of coverage from the PGA Show with “Morning Drive” and “Golf Central.”

PGA Launched PGA Verified Technology Testing and Education Initiative
In conjunction with the 63rd PGA Merchandise Show the PGA of America unveiled PGA Verified, which is designed to help PGA members understand and adopt golf technology and enhance the growth of the game. In partnership with the MIT Sports Technology Research Group, and Intertek—an independent product testing and certification organization—PGA Verified will focus on golf instruction technology in 2016.
With employers and consumers increasingly expecting PGA Professionals to leverage technology in their business, PGA Verified will assist their adoption of technology for golf instruction. The program will provide an expert testing resource for golf instruction technology products and software. Applicants must meet exacting standards of security, usability and performance, before they can carry the PGA Verified logo.

In addition to MIT Sports Technology Research Group and Intertek, PGA Verified will rely on subject matter experts in golf and technology, including PGA Professionals, to ensure the testing standards are appropriate and the program delivers value.

Through PGA.org, PGA Professionals will have easier access to the information and education necessary to better use technology solutions that are the best fit for their business situations. It’s built on the idea that there is not a one-size-fits-all solution, whether referring to launch monitors or video analysis tools, the first two instruction categories to be tested.

Companies can apply through PGAVerified.com where their first application will be $15,000, but any subsequent product applications will be $8,000. Products that meet the testing requirements will be awarded PGA Verified status for 2016, including access to the PGA.org, research and results, and hands-on educational opportunities with PGA Professionals. Application fees will only fund operations of the program, which has no associated endorsements, sponsorships or revenue generation goals for the PGA.

**Lexi Thompson Named Official Ambassador for PGA Junior League Golf**

LPGA star Lexi Thompson was named an Official Ambassador for PGA Junior League Golf at the 63rd PGA Merchandise Show Outdoor Demo Day. Thompson joins Rory McIlroy, Michelle Wie and Rickie Fowler as ambassadors for the youth golf program, owned and managed by PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America, that allows boys and girls ages 13 and under to learn and play the game in a fun, recreational setting. The announcement concluded with Thompson hosting a clinic for more than 40 boys and girls from Orlando-area PGA Junior League Golf teams.

In 2007, at only 12 years old, Thompson became the youngest female player to qualify for the U.S. Women’s Open. In 2014, Thompson earned her first major at the Kraft Nabisco Championship. Thompson hails from a golf family with two brothers also playing competitively: Nick, who plays on the PGA Tour, and Curtis, a COBRA PUMA GOLF staffer playing the Web.com tour. She has also made a name for herself in the fitness world with features in Shape Magazine and Self Magazine, among others.

**PGA Professionals and Sections to Host 300+ Qualifiers for 2017 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship**

The United States Golf Association (USGA), Masters Tournament and the PGA of America officially launched the 2017 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship by announcing the local qualifying schedule for the upcoming year. The schedule includes dates and locations for participants to play in local qualifiers across the country with the opportunity to advance and earn an invitation to next year’s National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club. Online registration is now available at www.DriveChipandPutt.com.

Now in its fourth year, the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship aims to help younger generations begin their lifelong connection with golf by providing a fun, interactive platform for participants of all skill levels. This free youth golf development initiative welcomes boys and girls ages 7-15 to participate in
separate divisions in four age categories. Local qualifying will take place throughout all 50 states during the months of May, June, July and August. Top performers at the local level will advance through sub-regional and regional qualifiers in July/August and September, respectively. The top 80 performers – 40 boys and 40 girls – will earn an invitation to the National Finals at Augusta National on Sunday, April 2, the eve of the 2017 Masters.

The breakdown and schedule of the 2017 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship qualifying is as follows:

- **Local (May/June/July/August):** 256 host sites throughout all 50 states
  - 3 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue
- **Sub-Regional (July/August):** 50 host sites throughout 31 states
  - 2 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue
- **Regional (September):** 10 host sites in 10 regions
  - 1 junior advances in each age/gender category from every venue
- **National Finals (April 2, 2017):** 80 total participants at Augusta National Golf Club

For a full list of qualifying venues at the local and sub-regional level, or for more information about the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship, including official rules, registration, and ticket information, please visit DriveChipandPutt.com.

**PGA REACH Announces Partnership for Junior Invitational at Sage Valley Golf Club**

PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America, has teamed up with the SVJI Sports Foundation on the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley, as the two will serve as co-beneficiaries of the 2016 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley Golf Club.

Recognized as one of the premier junior tournaments in the world, the 2016 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley will take place on April 21-23, just two weeks after the Masters. The event annually attracts many of the top-ranked junior golfers in the world, including contestants from 15 countries last year.

The event kicks off with a welcome banquet where past keynote speakers have included President George Bush, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tim Finchem and 2015 hosts; Peter Jacobsen and the father-son duo of Jay and Bill Haas. In addition to the competitive 54-Hole Tournament, the Junior Invitational features a Junior - Am Competition, which serves as the primary fundraising vehicle for the event. The Junior - Am includes 18 holes of golf for individual and corporate donors at Sage Valley both Tuesday and Wednesday of tournament week. Each donor is paired with an Invitational participant and a youth who has been impacted by the game of golf.

PGA REACH works to positively impact lives through the game of golf, with a focus on three key pillars: Youth, Military and Diversity & Inclusion. The partnership with the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley was developed specifically to support the youth pillar. Focused youth programming, under the guidance of PGA Professionals is designed to improve and advance opportunities for boys and girls in the areas of education, health and wellness, as well as serve and an introduction to the game of golf.

Individuals and Corporations may register to attend and participate in the event, and a variety of exclusive sponsorship opportunities are available. For participation and sponsorship opportunities, please contact PGA REACH at 561.624.7612 or visit juniorinvitational.com.
PGA LEAD Announces Emerging Leaders

The PGA of America is pleased to announce that the following PGA Professionals have been chosen to participate in the PGA LEAD class of 2016-2017.

- District 1 - Kori Doring, PGA
- District 2 - Earl Cooper, PGA
- District 3 - Jabir Bilal, PGA
- District 4 - Michelle Murphy, PGA
- District 5 - Ryan Reynolds, PGA
- District 6 - Josue Reyes, PGA
- District 7 - Archer Logan, PGA
- District 8 - Dawn Neujahr, PGA
- District 9 - Alice Plain, PGA
- District 10 - Megan Padua, PGA/LPGA
- District 11 - Robert Rescipio, PGA
- District 12 - Jorge Diaz, PGA
- District 13 - Anthony Stepney, PGA
- District 14 - Howie Pruitt, PGA
- Unaffiliated - Jeffrey Gutierrez, PGA

PGA LEAD was created by the PGA of America and its National Diversity & Inclusion Committee in an effort to identify, mentor and progress a dedicated group of PGA members from diverse backgrounds, who aspire to leadership roles within the Association, along a guided path. Integrating diversity and its vast array of personal dimensions into our leadership ranks will help position the PGA for success, as we embark on our next 100 years. The ultimate goal of PGA LEAD is to establish a deep bench of diverse PGA members who are prepared to ascend to and through the volunteer leadership ranks of the Association. In addition, PGA LEAD will assist in developing PGA members who desire to serve and make an impact on nonprofit boards within the communities where they work and live.

San Filippo, Schumaker, Zimmerman Won the PGA Quarter Century Championships

Mike San Filippo of Hobe Sound and Bill Schumaker of Columbia City, Ind., won playoffs to claim titles in the PGA Quarter Century Championship at PGA Golf Club.

San Filippo, an instructor at Trump International Golf Club, made a 20-foot birdie putt on the third extra hole to defeat Gene Fieger of Naples in the 64-and-Under division after both shot 68 to finish 10-under 134. Schumaker won with a par on the first playoff hole when Steve Heckel – who shot a 64 – three-putted.

Three players finished tied for third in the 64-and-Under at 137: Mark Anderson (67) of St. Simons Island, Ga.; David Young (68) of Scarborough, N.Y.; and Gary Trivisonno (69) of Aurora, Ohio. In the 65-and-Older, Pete Oakley of Palm City shot a 65 to finish tied for third at 137 with Steve Benson (68) and Freddy Gibson (70).

Bob Zimmerman of Port St. Lucie won his first PGA Half Century Championship after he shot his second consecutive 1-over 73. Zimmerman, 75, finished two shots ahead of playing partner Bill Erfurth (75) of Northbrook, Ill.
Nielsen – Rackley Won the PGA Senior – Junior Championship

The one-armed, backward chip that Josh Rackley holed out from 50 feet for eagle at the 13th hole in the second round was always going to be memorable. It also proved to be the game-winner for Rackley and partner Lonnie Nielsen when the final round of the PGA Senior-Junior Championship was washed out Friday on the Ryder Course at PGA Golf Club. As the 54-hole leaders, Nielsen and Rackley were declared winners of the PGA Winter Championship event. By one shot.

Nielsen, a two-time winner on the Champions Tour, and Rackley had never played golf together until Monday’s practice round. They shot rounds of 67, 61 and 65 to finish 23-under 193. They hit just two shots Friday before play was called shortly after noon.

The teams of Denny Dolci-Kevin Shields and Kirk Hanefield-Troy Par tied for second-place tie at 22-under. Three teams tied for fourth place at 21-under: Bruce Zabriski-Shaun Powers, Jeff-Seavey-Shawn Warren and Bob Sowards-Rick Schuller.

Schneiter, Erskine Won the PGA Senior Stroke Play Championship

Randy Erskine made so many birdies he couldn’t even remember them all. That happens when you birdie half the holes. Erskine, a PGA Professional from Lake Orion, Mich., shot 64 for an eye-popping 22-under to win the 60-90 division of the PGA Senior Stroke Play Championship by four shots over Mike San Filippo at PGA Golf Club.

Steve Schneiter of Sandy, Utah made two clutch closing pars for a 70 to win the 50-59 division at 16-under 200, edging Walt Chapman by a shot. Schneiter had a three-shot lead with three holes left, but the gap was cut to one when he bogeyed the par-5 16th and Chapman birdied.

J.C. Anderson shot 67 to finish third. Rick Lewallen (69) and David Carich (70) tied for fourth. In the 60 and over, James Mason shot 68 to finish third.

The PGA Winter Championships are presented by Premier Golf and Golf Advisor.

Peper Received the 2016 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism

George Peper of Vero Beach, Florida, the former Editor-in-Chief of GOLF Magazine for a quarter century and the author, co-author or editor of 20-plus golf books, has been named the recipient of the 2016 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism. Peper, 65, will be honored on April 6, during the ISPS HANDA 44th Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) Annual Awards Dinner at Savannah Rapids Pavilion in Augusta, Georgia.

Peper is the 27th recipient of the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism, which honors members of the media for their steadfast promotion of golf, both locally and nationally. A graduate of Princeton University, Peper was working toward a doctorate in comparative literature at Yale University when in 1976 he joined GOLF Magazine, becoming its chief editor a year later at the age of 27. For the last 13 years, he has written for LINKS Magazine, and in 2011, he became the magazine’s editor.
2016 PGA Junior Series Schedule Announced
The 2016 PGA Junior Series, a series of summer-long, affordable, professionally managed and competitive golf tournaments for juniors ages 12-18, features an eight-state, cross-country schedule beginning in early June. The Series, which debuted in 1996 and is run by the PGA of America, opens June 4, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and concludes July 20, at the Penn State Golf Course in State College, Pennsylvania.

The eight PGA Junior Series events, which are either two- (36 holes) or three-day (54 holes) competitions, will serve as Junior PGA Championship qualifiers, with the boys’ 15-18 division winner and the overall girls’ champion earning entry into the Championship field. The 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks, will be contested Aug. 9-12 at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, Rhode Island.

Potential entrants can apply at PGAJuniorSeries.com.

2016 Jr. Ryder Cup Selection Process Announced for U.S. Team
The PGA of America announced the selection process for the 12-player United States Team that will compete against Europe, Sept. 26-27, in the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup in Edina, Minnesota. The United States Team will consist of six boys and six girls who are United States citizens and are in the high school graduating class of 2017, or younger.

Those earning an exemption to compete at Interlachen Country Club include: the top two boy and top two girl finishers from the PGA of America’s flagship junior event, the 41st Junior PGA Championship; the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Champion; and the 2016 U.S. Girls’ Junior Champion.

In addition, the leading boy and girl in the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup final point standings will earn an automatic berth on the team. Points will be awarded beginning at the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls’ Junior. This will include all eight PGA Junior Series events, the AJGA fall and next summer’s 2016 "Invitational" USGA Junior Section and National Championships, PGA Junior Section and National Championships, and select independent events like the Orange Bowl International Junior, Sea Pines Junior Heritage, Kathy Whitworth Girls Invitational and Scott Robertson Memorial. In addition, points are awarded to those juniors who make the cut in a 2015/2016 PGA Tour, LPGA major or USGA national event.

The final four spots will be two boys and two girls captain’s picks for which the PGA of America will consider all three Junior national ranking systems from Golfweek, Junior Golf Scoreboard and Polo to pinpoint the remaining selections. In the instance of a dual champion in any of the aforementioned events, this becomes a captain’s pick.

To be eligible for the United States team as a captain’s pick, boys and girls must play in the 41st Junior PGA Championship at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, Rhode Island, August 9-12, 2016, unless they are in the final match of the U.S. Junior Amateur, U.S. Girls’ Junior, Men’s Western Amateur or semifinalist or better in the U.S. Women’s Amateur.

For a full breakdown of the selection process and points structure, please visit pgajuniorseries.com.
Welcome to the PGA Family

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- Roger Martinez, PGA – Sr. Director of Employment
- Jonathan Gold, PGA – Employment Consultant (Eastern Region)
- Doug Turner, PGA – Employment Consultant (Texas Region)
- Cory Fletcher, PGA – Employment Consultant (Midwest Region)
- Kaitlin Baker – Championship Volunteer Operations Coordinator
- Tom Baise – Facilities Manager