

## **Steinmetz Claims Second Championship at Concord CC**

In late September, Concord Country Club in Concordville, PA played host to the Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship. This is a venue that has become familiar for the PGA Professionals in the Philadelphia Section, as three out of the last four Championships have been held at Concord CC.

After a Pro-Am on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, one hundred and fifty two Professionals teed it up, hoping to become one of eleven players to earn a spot in next year's PGA Professional National Championship. The field was largest of any Section event in 2010 and the largest Championship field since 1986.

On day one of the three-day tournament, 2007 champion Rich Steinmetz posted a score that sent shockwaves through the entire Championship field. Steinmetz carded an impressive 8-under par 63. His round was highlighted by six birdies, one eagle and no bogies. His opening round fell one shot short of both the course and tournament record. After a second round 1-under par 70, Steinmetz was holding a three shot lead over 2008 Championship, Stu Ingraham.

On the final day, Steinmetz and Ingraham were paired together in the final group. A pairing they had shared throughout the week. After nine holes, Steinmetz was able to increase his lead to four shots, due in large part to a first hole double bogey by Ingraham. After essentially matching cards on holes 10-15, the tide seemed to shift on the par 4 16<sup>th</sup>. Ingraham was able to make birdie while Steinmetz had some trouble on the green and saw his lead drop to two shots with two holes to play. After pars on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, Steinmetz headed into home hole with a two shot advantage. Ingraham watched as his approach shot on the short par 5 landed just over the green leaving him a difficult downhill chip. Despite a great shot, Ingraham came up short and had a tap in for birdie. After Steinmetz stuck his third shot to within six feet of the hole he went on to two putt for a par, a one shot victory, and the title of 2010 Philadelphia PGA Champion.

Steinmetz and Ingraham, who were already exempt into next year's PGA Professional Championship, will be joined at the 2011 PGA Professional Championship by Mark Sheftic (exempt), Greg Farrow, John DiMarco, Terry Hertzog, John Allen, Dave McNabb, John Appleget, John Spina, Bill Walker, Cleve Coldwater, Rob Shuey, and Bill Sautter. All fourteen players will be heading to Hershey Country Club in Hershey, PA to compete in the 44<sup>th</sup> PGA Professional National Championship being held June 26 – 29, 2011.