A Chronicle of the Philadelphia Section PGA and its Members by Peter C. Trenham 1990 to 1999

1990

Dick Smith was elected president of the PGA of America. Stu Ingraham played on the winning PGA Cup Team. **1991**

Frank Dobbs won the Philadelphia Open, Pennsylvania Open and Assistants Championship plus ten more events. **1992**

Rick Osberg became the eighth player to win the Philadelphia PGA Section Championship more than two times. **1993**

John Poole was the national winner of the Bill Strausbaugh Award for his work in Club Relations.

1994

"Rookie of the Year" Jay Sigel and Jack Kiefer each won tournaments on the PGA Senior Tour for the first time. **1995**

Ed Dougherty, Ted Tryba & Jim Furyk got 1st PGA Tour wins. Gene Fieger won Philadelphia and PA Opens. **1996**

Jack Connelly was on the way to being president of the PGA as he was elected to the office of secretary. **1997**

Doug Ritter won the national Bill Strausbaugh Award. Gene Fieger won Section Championship & PA Open. **1998**

Jason Lamp won the Philadelphia PGA Championship and the Philadelphia Open.

1999

Pete Oakley won the PGA Senior Club Pro. Jim Furyk was on the Ryder Cup Team for a second time.

1990

The Philadelphia Section began the 1990s as the PGA's 12th largest PGA Section. The Section office had five full time employees as well as the field staff that worked from tournament to tournament on a per diem basis.

The Section's spring meeting was held on the first Monday of April. The Oak Terrace Country Club and their new professional Kerry Mattern hosted the pros. The first vice president and tournament chairman Jack **Connelly**, who was the professional at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club professional, presented the tournament schedule. The Section members were playing for more than \$600,000 that year. A large part of that was the Section Championship, which was again \$100.000. Section president and Tavistock Country Club professional Charles Genter announced that the Section had raised more than \$100,000 in 1989 for its official charity, the Variety Club for handicapped children. Ron Jaworski was introduced as the honorary chairman of the Philadelphia PGA/Dodge Junior Tour for 1990. There were 25 events on the junior schedule and 400 boys and girls had signed up and paid their dues. The Section secretary, LuLu Country Club professional Jack MacCarty, reported that there were now 190 apprentices on the Section rolls. There were now 11,070 PGA members and 7,058 apprentices paying dues to the PGA of America. The number of apprentices had almost doubled in ten years.

The Masters Tournament was played at the Augusta National Golf Club during the first full week of April. The winner was Nick Faldo and he was only the second person to win the Masters in back-to-back years. Just like the year before Faldo had to survive a sudden-death playoff to nail down the win. He and Ray Floyd had tied at 278. The playoff began



Charles Genter Section President 1990-1991 PGA Master Professional 1992 "Golf Professional of the Year"

on the tenth hole. They halved the first playoff hole in pars and Faldo won with a par on the next hole when Floyd

made a bogey five. Faldo's four rounds were 71, 72, 66 and 69. John Huston and Lanny Watkins tied for third with 283s. First prize was \$225,000. There were no entries from the Philadelphia Section.

Gary Player won the Senior PGA Championship for the third time. It was played in mid April on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. **Player** outplayed one of the strongest fields in the history of the tournament with rounds of 74, 69, 65 and 73 for a 281 total. Chi Chi Rodriguez turned in a last round 66 to finish two strokes out of first pace at 283. Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino tied for fourth at 285. **Ralph Terry** tied for 25th with a 301 and won \$3,300. **Dick Hendrickson** finished in a tie for 58th at 309. He won\$915. **Rex Baxter** and the Olde Masters Driving Range owner, **Bob Thatcher**, missed the cut. **Terry** and **Hendrickson** were in the field off their standings on the Senior PGA Tour. **Thatcher** and **Butch Sweigart** were exempt off their finishes in the 1989 PGA Senior Club Pro Championship but **Sweigart**, who was the professional at the Ingleside Manor Golf Club, didn't play in the Senior PGA Championship. Things were just too busy at that time of year as the club for him to find time to get away. **Baxter**, the professional at the Stone Harbor Golf Club, was exempt as a former winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship. First prize was \$75,000 from a purse of \$450,000.

Ted Tryba found it difficult to get a spot in the starting fields on the PGA Tour even though he had qualified at the Players School in December. The problem was that his number was floating between 50 and 59 so there were 175+ players ahead of him who could decide whether they wanted to play each week before he would be called. He had made it into four tournaments, winning a small check in one, so with another week off in the third week of April he entered the PGA Ben Hogan Tour's Gateway Open at Fort Meyers, Florida. He didn't improve his position on the PGA Tour but he helped the balance in his bank account. After shooting rounds of 72 and 70 **Tryba** entered the last round six shots off the lead but in the third and final round he birdied the last hole for a five under par 67. His 209 total put him in a three-way tie for first with John Daly (209) and Bruce Fleisher (209). The three pros went into a sudden death playoff, which **Tryba** ended quickly with an eagle three on the first hole. **Tryba's** first victory as a professional earned him a check for \$20,000. Steve Haskins finished fourth at 210. The purse was \$100,000.

Ed Kramer, who was now the professional at the Pitman Golf Club, won the Philadelphia Section Senior Championship and an invitation to the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic on the second Tuesday of May. The victory also qualified Kramer for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship. The Reading Country Club and Joe Dahl, who was part owner and head professional, hosted the tournament. Kramer turned in a two under par 68 to earn the title and a check for \$200. The purse was \$900. Ted McKenzie, the teaching professional at the Waltz Golf Farm Driving Range, finished second with a 70. St. Davids Golf Club professional Pete Trenham, Gulph Mills Golf Club professional Willie Scholl and the Woodland Hills Golf Club professional Bob Hutnik tied for third with 71s.

Linwood Country Club head professional **Jeff LeFevre**, won the **Burlington Classic** in the third week of May. **LeFevre** won by one stroke as he put together rounds of 66 on Sunday and 68 on Monday for a six under par 134. **Ed Dougherty**, who was on a break from the PGA Tour, led the first day with a 63. He ended up in second place at 135. **Noel Caruso** (136), the Westover Inn & Country Club assistant and Whitemarsh Valley Country Club assistant **Miguel Biamon** (137) finished third and fourth. The purse was \$11,500 and **LeFevre** took home a check for \$2,000. The first round was played with three amateurs and two professionals competing in a pro-am.

On the same Monday that the Burlington Classic was ending **Tom Robertson**, who managed the Golf Shoppe, was leading the local qualifying for the U.S. Open in central Pennsylvania. Qualifying was held at the par 71 Colonial Country Club. When play began in the morning it was cold and wet, which made for scoring difficult for the players with early starting times. **Robertson** (142) put together rounds of 73 and 69 to take the medalist honors by one stroke. **Ted Tryba** (143) and **Ray Silnik** (144), who was now the head professional at the Silver Creek Country Club, picked up the next two places. **Ben Witter**, an assistant at the Hershey Country Club, and **Steve Snyder**, the professional at the Berkleigh Country Club, tied for fourth and fifth with 145s. **Terry Hertzog** (146), the assistant at the Lancaster Country Club, won the last spot in a sudden-death playoff by making a par on the third extra hole. The low round of the day was an afternoon round of 67 by **Witter**, which moved him past 20 players.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open in Philadelphia was held on the fourth Tuesday of May, which was the day after qualifying was held in Harrisburg. Rolling Green Golf Club (par 71) and Llanerch Country Club (par 72) hosted the qualifying. The leaders at 139 were **Ed Dougherty** with a 70 at Rolling Green in the morning round and 69 at Llanerch after lunch and the teaching pro at the Burlington Country Club, **Greg Farrow**, who posted a 67 in the morning at Rolling Green to go with a 72 at Llanerch in the afternoon. Jim McGovern was next at 140 without the help of ever having played either course. McGovern drove in from Kentucky where he had been playing in an event on the PGA's Ben Hogan Tour. McGovern's brother and a neighbor from northern New Jersey each walked one of the courses on Monday. They met at a motel that night to give McGovern the yardages and to tell him how to play the courses. **Charlie Bolling**, who was also playing the Hogan Tour, was next at 144. **Brian Kelly**, who was now the teaching professional at the Plymouth Country Club, and **Gene Fieger**, who was now the playing professional from the Downingtown Golf Club, tied for the fifth and sixth spots with 145s. The next three places went to Waynesborough Country Club assistant **Stu Ingraham**, **Jim Masserio**, who was now the professional at the Aronimink Golf Club, and Bidermann Golf Club assistant professional **Chris Anderson**. All three posted 146s. **Noel Caruso** (147) picked up the tenth and last spot in a playoff over three others with a birdie on the second extra hole.

Emlyn Aubrey was exempt from local qualifying for the U.S. Open off having qualified for the tournament the previous year. **Jimmy Booros** was exempt as an exempt player on the PGA Tour.

The PGA Bell Atlantic Senior Classic was played at the Chester Valley Golf Club in the fourth week of May. The host pro was John Poole. For the third year in a row a playoff was needed to determine a winner. Dale Douglas and Gary Player ended up in a tie at the top of the leader board with 206 totals. They went into a sudden-death playoff, which began on the par three 15th hole. They halved that hole with pars and Douglas won out on the next hole (16th) with a par against a double-bogey 6 for Player. First prize was \$75,000 from a total purse of \$500,000. Bob Charles and Charles Coody tied for third at 207. Dick Hendrickson tied for 17th at 216 and won \$7,000. Bob Thatcher (228), Art Wall (229) and Ed Kramer (242) finished toward the bottom of the entries and they each won \$500. Wall was in the field off his standing on the PGA's lifetime money list and Hendrickson was there off his standing on the Senior PGA Tour. Kramer had an invitation as the Philadelphia Section senior champion and Thatcher had a sponsor exemption. There were 78 in the starting field. For the six days of the tournament week there were 74,000 spectators in attendance, with 30,000 of them paying their way in on Sunday. Both numbers were a record for the tournament.

On the first Monday of June **Ed Dougherty** and **Emlyn Aubrey**, who were back on the PGA Tour, made it through sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open in Rockville, Maryland. **Dougherty** had qualified locally in Philadelphia and **Emlyn Aubrey** had made it through local qualifying somewhere else. Qualifying was held at the Woodmont Country Club's North and South courses. Tom Byrum and Corey Pavin led with 137s. Twelve players who had shot 145s played off for the last two spots. Because the PGA Tour's Kemper Open had just ended the day before at Potomac, Maryland there were 139 players competing for 46 spots. **Dougherty** (73-70) put together a 143 to tie for 20th. **Aubrey** (72-72) turned in a 144 to tie for 28th with 16 other players. He made it by one stroke as the 145s played off. There were 48 spots to qualify for.

The Philadelphia Assistants Organization had a plan to raise money for the Variety Club and it physically challenged children. The plan, organized by PAO President **Joe Missimer**, was to have the assistants attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the "Fastest 18-hole Round of Golf". **Missimer** was an assistant at Waynesborough Country Club. The assistants solicited pledges from various individuals in support of their challenge to the record and the event was held on the first Monday of June. Head professional **Bob Sheppard** hosted the challenge at the Five Ponds Golf Club. The round had to be played by golfing one ball in a relay around the entire 18-holes. The players were split up into seven groups and a total of 68 assistants were involved. The ball was struck and sent to players waiting in the fairway, played again to players waiting on the green and then the ball was putted into the hole. After the ball was holed it was taken out of the cup and thrown to the next tee where a player was waiting with a baseball glove to catch the ball and lateral it to a player who teed the ball up for the next striker. As the ball traveled around the golf course the players drove or sprinted to their next assigned hole. The Guinness record of 9:51 had been set by a group of mini-tour players in South Africa, of which **Chris Anderson**, now an assistant at Bidermann Golf Club, was a participant. 250 spectators were on hand to witness this record setting attempt as **Missimer** struck the first shot when he drove from the 1st tee. The assistants made several attempts to break the record, but their best time was 12:42. Some of the participants were Twining Valley Golf Club professional **Will Reilly**, Horsham Valley Golf Club assistant **Andy Barbin**, and Spring Ford Country Club assistant **Frank Dobbs.** The attempt to set a new record was not successful but raising money was, as the PAO was able to present a check for \$30,000 to the Variety Club.

Brian Kelly led the sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open in Summit, New Jersey on the first Tuesday of June. **Kelly** toured the Canoe Brook Country Club in a 70 in the morning and a 72 in the afternoon for 142 strokes to earn the medalist honors by one stroke. **Kelly** had qualified locally in Philadelphia. There were six spots at Canoe Brook and the 146 scorers played off for the last four places. One of the players in the playoff was **Jimmy Booros**, who as an exempt player on the PGA Tour had been exempt from local qualifying. He lost out on the second hole.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was at the Doylestown Country Club on the second Thursday of June. Frank Arasin, a future Section member who was working in Vermont, led with a one over par 73. Llanerch Country Club professional **Bob Pfister**, **Ralph Terry**, **Pete Trenham**, former Section member **Bob Ross** and reinstated amateur **Bucky Erhardt** tied at 74. There were four spots so the five players went back out to play off for the second, third and fourth places. **Pfister**, **Ross** and **Erhardt** won the right to move on to the Senior Open in the playoff. **Dick Hendrickson** was exempt for the tournament off his position on the Senior PGA Tour money list and **Art Wall** was invited as a former winner of the Masters Tournament and a Ryder Cup Team member.

The U.S. Open was played in the middle of June at the Medinah Country Club, which was near Chicago. When the last round began on Sunday there were 27 players within four strokes of the lead. One of those was Hale Irwin who was four strokes back. Irwin toured the last nine holes in 31 strokes to finish at 280, which is what the USGA seems to think should be the winning score at their Open. Irwin had to wait almost two hours before he would know that he had caught the leader and had tied for the title with Mike Donald. The next day Irwin and Donald played an 18-hole playoff and ended up still tied after posting 74s. They went back to the first hole for sudden-death and Irwin birdied the hole to win the U.S. Open for a third time. Irwin had won his last U.S. Open in 1979 and his ten-year exemption had run out after 1989. He was in the tournament on a special exemption from the USGA. At the age of 45 Irwin became the oldest U.S. Open winner. Irwin's rounds were 69, 71, 69 and 72. Billy Ray Brown and Nick Faldo tied for third at 281. **Ed Dougherty, Emlyn Aubrey** and **Brian Kelly** missed the cut and they each picked up \$1,000. The purse was \$1,217,042.01 and first prize was \$220,000.

Delaware's Shawnee Country Club professional, **Pete Oakley**, won the two-day Susquehanna Valley Open at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in the third week of June. The pros played with the club members on Sunday and finished up on Monday paired with the other pros. **Oakley** put together a 69 and a 66 for a five under par 135 to win by three strokes. **Oakley** took away a check for \$1,000 from the \$5,150 purse. **Brian Kelly** (138), Mayapple Golf Links professional **Rob Shuey** (139) and Radnor Valley Country Club professional **George Forster**, **Sr.**, (140) finished second, third and fourth.

The second annual Shawnee Lady Club Pro Classic was played at the Shawnee Country Club in the third week of June. Spring Lake, New Jersey's Laura D'Alessandro defeated Tennye Ohr of Chevy Chase, Maryland on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. They had ended up tied at 145 in the two-day tournament. Honey Run Country Club assistant **Jody Logan** finished third with a 147. Jan Kleiman and Jackie Cannizzo tied for fourth at 148. The purse was \$11,000 and first prize was \$2,250. There was an extra purse for the Philadelphia Section entries. There was a pro-am the day before the tournament. The host professional was **Gordon Neely**.

Greg Farrow won the Variety Club Tournament of Champions on the fourth Tuesday of June at the White Manor Country Club. **Farrow** posted a five under par 67 to edge out **Jim Masserio** (68) by one stroke. Fernwood Golf Club profession **Bruce Hooper** finished third with a 69. **Ray Silnik, Stu Ingraham, Ed Dougherty** and Kennett Square Golf & Country Club professional **Harold Perry** tied for fourth with 70s. First prize was \$7,500 from a record purse of \$26,000. A pro-am was held the day before to raise money for the Variety Club charities.

On the first of July Lee Trevino won the U.S. Senior Open by out dueling Jack Nicklaus. The tournament was held in northern New Jersey at the Ridgewood Country Club. Trevino led by one stroke after round one with a 67 and a 68 in the second round kept him in front by one stroke. A 73 in the third round left him two stokes behind

Nicklaus with a round to play. In the last round on Sunday Trevino made six birdies and only one bogey for a 67 to finish two strokes ahead of Nicklaus' 277. Trevino's 275 total was thirteen under par. First prize was \$90,000. It was the sixth win of the year on the Senior PGA Tour for the 50-year-old Trevino. Chi Chi Rodriguez, Mike Hill and **Gary Player** tied for third with 281s. **Dick Hendrickson** tied for 23rd at 290 and won \$4,964.33. **Art Wall** posted a 296 to tie for 37th, which won \$3,444.50 and **Bob Pfister** won \$2,087 by tying for 56th with a score of 304.

Ray Silnik won the Dodge Golf Classic at the Eagle Lodge Country Club in the first week of July. Silnik opened up on Thursday with a course record equaling 65 and came back the next day with a 68 to win by two strokes. Silnik's nine under par 133 gave him a \$2,000 payday. The total purse was \$13,250. Stu Ingraham finished second with a 135 and Roger Stern, the teaching professional at the Wedgewood Golf Club, was next at 137. The Pine Tree Golf Club professional Dale Loeslein, Tom Robertson and Michael Mack, the professional at the Burlington Country Club, tied for fourth with 139s. In the second round Pete Trenham put together a 66 that included nine birdies. The 66 added to a first round 74 gave him a tie for sixth and the low senior prize. It was a good thing that the tournament was played in early summer. There was a two hour and twenty minute rain delay during the first round and the last of the 180 entries completed their rounds in fading light.

Qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship was held at the Plymouth Country Club on the third Monday of July. Gene Fieger was the medalist with 69-70 for a five under par 139. Jim Masserio and Harold Perry tied for second with 140s. Greg Farrow and Drew Hood, who was now the professional at the Conestoga Country Club, were next at 142. Spring-Ford Country Club assistant professional Frank Dobbs, Dale Loeslein and Roger Stern tied for sixth with 143s. The last spot went to Pete Oakley who had to get by Atlantic City Country Club assistant Russ Davis, Miguel Biamon and Gary Hardin, who was now the professional at the Northampton Country Club, in a sudden-death playoff. They had all posted 144s. Later in the year Jimmy Booros won the Section Championship but he had played more than 12 tournaments on the PGA Tour in the past 12 months, so he was not eligible for the PGA Club Professional Championship. The Section's spot for the Section champion went to Hardin who was the first alternate. Stu Ingraham, Rick Osberg, who was now the professional at the Waynesborough Country Club, and Noel Caruso, who was now the assistant professional at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, were exempt by having finished in the top forty at the 1989 PGA Club Professional Championship. Rex Baxter was exempt as a former champion.

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship qualifying was also held at the Plymouth Country Club on the third Monday of July. After a disappointing 80 in his morning round Bala Golf Club professional Henry McQuiston came back with a 65 in the afternoon to earn the top spot by one stroke. McQuiston's 65 was the low round of the day for the pros by four strokes, senior or otherwise. Saucon Valley Country Club professional Jerry Pittman finished second with a 146. Philadelphia Country Club professional Tim DeBaufre and Willie Scholl tied for the third and last spot with 150s. DeBaufre won the spot in a sudden-death playoff with Scholl. Ed Kramer was exempt as the Section Senior Champion.

The British Open was played at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland during the third week of July. Nick Faldo was the winner with rounds of 67, 65, 67 and 71. His 18 under par 270 won by five strokes. Payne Stewart and Mark McNulty tied for second at 275. Jody Mudd and Ian Woosnam tied for fourth at 276. First prize was \$153,850 in U.S. money.

On the third Wednesday of July **Pete Oakley** won the one-day **Philadelphia Open** for the second straight year. The venue was the Merion Golf Club's East Course. **Oakley's** two rounds on the difficult East Course were 68 and 69. His 137 total earned him the first place check of \$3,260 by two strokes over **Jim Masserio** (139). Since the tournament has been played at 36 holes only three players have scored under 137 and none have been better than 136. Amateurs Bill Kennedy (143) and Robin McCool, a pro-golf salesman for Ping clubs, (144) finished third and fourth. **Ed Dougherty** and amateur Buddy Marucci, who would later be a runner-up in the U.S. Amateur to Tiger Woods, tied for fifth with 145s. Play was so slow that **Oakley** had to finish eating his lunch while he was walking down the first fairway on the way to play his second shot in the afternoon round. The entry fee was \$70 and the purse was \$15,104.

Gene Fieger won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship on the fifth Monday of July. The

tournament sponsored by **George Izett** Golf was played at the Berkleigh Country Club. **Fieger** burned up the course with rounds of 69 and 65 for a ten under par 134. **Greg Farrow** played well but he finished a distant second, seven strokes back at 141. **Brian Kelly** (142) and **Frank Dobbs** (143) finished third and fourth.

The two-day Tylenol Kids Classic was played at the White Manor Country Club on the last Monday and Tuesday of July. Gene Sauers made fifteen birdies on the way to an eleven under par (64-69--133) tournament record. It was Sauers' second win in that event, the other one coming in 1988. Brian Tennyson finished second at 134, Nick Price was next at 135 and Scott Verplank finished fourth with a 136. First prize was \$40,000. There were 25 invitees and the Section's representative, **Rick Osberg**, finished 23rd at 149. **Osberg** who had earned an invitation as the Section champion won \$6,000. A celebrity skins game, which preceded the first day's play, drew a large gallery. The participants were Michael Jordan, Frank Gifford, Mike Schmidt and Joe Morgan. The event drew 23,500 spectators for the two days but it lost money. Eleven months later a check for \$100,000 was sent to the Special Olympics Committee. The \$100,000 was taken from the budget for the 1993 tournament.

In the second week of August the PGA Championship was played at the Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham, Alabama. Australian Wayne Grady won by three strokes with rounds of 72, 67, 72 and 71 for a six under par 282. Fred Couples led with six holes to play but four straight bogeys left him in second place at 285. Gil Morgan was next with a 286 and Billy Britton finished fourth at 289. **Rick Osberg, Stu Ingraham** and **Noel Caruso** missed the cut and each received \$1,000. They were in the tournament for having finished in the top 40 at the 1989 PGA Club Professional Championship, The purse was \$1,350,000 and first prize was \$225,000.

Rolling Green Golf Club hosted the Pennsylvania Open in the second week of August. Amateur Jay Sigel won with a 71 on Monday and a 69 on Tuesday for a two under par 140. It was the fourth time that Sigel had won the Pennsylvania Open. Twenty-year-old amateur Jim Furyk, who was playing out of the Hershey Country Club, grabbed second place with a fast finish. He birdied the 35th hole and chipped in for an eagle on the last hole to end up one stroke out of a playoff at 141. Furyk's father Mike Furyk was a Section member and a pro-golf salesman. Jim had won the Pennsylvania high school championship in 1987. The low pro was John Mazza who finished in third place at 142. Mazza's last round 70 featured a hole-in-one and two other eagles. Gene Fieger, Ed Dougherty and amateur Buddy Marucci tied for fourth with 143s. Mazza's check for having the lowest professional score was \$3,500 and the purse was \$18,500.

Rick Osberg won the two-day Mountain Laurel Classic at the Mountain Laurel Resort in late August. Osberg posted a 69 on Monday and a 68 on Tuesday for a seven under par 137 to edge out Jack Connelly (138) and Frank Dobbs (138) by one stroke. Pete Oakley finished fourth at 140. Osberg took home a check for \$2,000 from the \$11,500 purse.

The E.B. Westlake Memorial Golf Tournament was played at the Whitford Country Club in the second week of September. It was the sixteenth consecutive year that Whitford had hosted the tournament, which had been played under more than one name. **Rick Osberg** won his second two-day tournament in two weeks by putting together a Sunday 71 and a Monday 67 for a six under par 138. **Chris Anderson, Frank Dobbs** and **Pete Oakley** tied for second with 140s. **Osberg's** share of the \$19,150 purse was \$3,000.

On September 10th Charles Genter became the Section's third PGA Master Professional. The subject of his thesis was "12 Stages for Beginners".

The 59th Philadelphia Section PGA Championship was held at the Eagle Lodge Country Club for the sixth consecutive year. The course measured 6,759 yards. The tournament was played in the middle of September and for the third straight year the purse was \$100,000. The entry fee was now \$90. The tournament week began on Wednesday with a pro-am to entertain the sponsors and their guests. The Cigna Corporation, which owned Eagle Lodge, was the primary sponsor of the tournament. Other



Jimmy Booros 1990 Section Champions

sponsors were the Delaware Valley Dodge Dealers and Seaview Petroleum. On Thursday the tournament got under way with 162 Section members shooting for the Section's most important title and a top prize of \$16,000. On Friday play was interrupted by heavy rain shortly after noon and two hours later the course was declared unplayable. The tournament committee ruled that all of Friday's scores would count. Many of the players hadn't even teed off when the rain came. On Saturday those who had not finished resumed play at 8:30 and those who had not begun play teed off one hour later than their assigned times. The field was a cut to the low 60 and ties after the second round was concluded. Scores of 148 and better made the cut and 61 players were paired for the final round. On Sunday **Jimmy Booros**, who had taken a break from the PGA Tour, fired a 66 to win the title. His earlier rounds of 69 and 68 gave him a total of 203, which tied the tournament record for Eagle Lodge. **Booros's** ten under par score nipped **Gene Fieger** (204), who also finished with a 66, by one stroke. **Ed Dougherty** and the professional at the new Laurel Creek Country Club, **Ed Sabo**, tied for third at 206, one stroke in front of **Gary Hardin** (207) and **Russ Davis** (207). **Fieger** won \$12,500 and the tie for third was worth \$8,000 apiece. **Booros** had finished third in the tournament three times. There were 52 sub-par rounds shot in the tournament. The host professional was **Ed Bohla**.

Stu Ingraham was a member of the winning PGA Cup team in fourth week of September. It was America's turn to be the host and the match, which was played against the club professionals from Great Britain and Ireland, was held at the Turtle Point Golf Club in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. That year the competition included the pros from all of Europe for the first time. Before that the team was made up of pros from Great Britain and Ireland only. It was thought that the Americans would be facing a stiff challenge but they won by the wide margin of 19 to 7. The competition was contested over three days with five rounds of matches. On Friday and Saturday there were 4 foursomes (alternate stroke) matches each morning and 4 four-ball (better-ball) matches in the afternoon. On Sunday the ten members of each team met in singles matches. Ingraham, the youngest member of the American team at 30, won three matches and lost one. On Friday he and his partner won both matches and Saturday morning he and his partner lost. Ingraham was given the afternoon off and came back on Sunday to win his singles match 7&6.



Stu Ingraham PGA Cup Team 1990

Frank Dobbs garnered his first important tournament victory in the fourth week of September at the ninth annual Pennsylvania PGA Championship. Pennsylvania State University hosted the tournament on its Blue Course. The tournament had been held at the Toftrees Resort and Golf Club for the eight years before that. Members of the Philadelphia Section PGA and the Tri-State Section PGA were eligible for the tournament. **Dobbs** turned in rounds of 72 and 68 for a four under par 140. In Monday's first round no one scored better than 71 due to strong winds and a golf course that most of the players hadn't seen before. **Brian Kelly** finished second at 142. **Chris Anderson, Dale Loeslein** and Pittsburgh's John Mazza tied for third with 143s. The purse was \$15,000 and first prize was \$2,250. The entry fee was \$70.

Brett Upper, who was now the professional at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater, Florida, won the PGA Club Professional Championship in the first week of October. The PGA West, LaQuinta Hotel & Golf Resort in California hosted the tournament. The courses used for the tournament were the PGA West Stadium, La Quinta Mountain and the Mission Hills Old. **Upper** put together founds of 69, 69, 66 and 71 for a thirteen under par 275, which left him three strokes in front of Gibby Gilbert (278) and Larry Gilbert (278). **Greg Farrow**, Bob Borowicz, and Mike Lawrence tied for fourth with 280s. First prize was \$32,000 and **Farrow** won \$12,333.34. **Stu Ingraham** tied for tenth with a 283, winning \$6,620 and **Jim Masserio** won \$3,271 as he tied for 21st at 286. For having finished in the top forty **Upper, Farrow, Ingraham** and **Masserio** qualified for the 1991 PGA Championship. **Frank Dobbs** tied for 43^{rd} at 289 and missed qualifying for the PGA Championship by one stroke. He won \$1,018. **Gene Fieger** tied for 72^{nd} at 293 and **Gary Hardin** posted a 294 to tie for 83^{rd} . **Fieger** won \$665 and **Hardin** won \$625. The total purse was \$400,000. The win propelled **Upper** to the PGA Club Professional of the year honors. **Noel Caruso** missed the cut by one stroke with a 220 total. **Pete Oakley, Rick Osberg, Harold Perry, Dale Loeslein, Roger Stern** and **Drew Hood** missed the cut. **Rex Baxter** withdrew without playing.

The second annual Hanson Cup challenge matches were played in the fourth week of October. The matches were a two-day competition between the Philadelphia Section PGA and the Tri-State Section PGA. It was Philadelphia's turn to host the match and Bud Hansen's Commonwealth National Golf Club was the venue. The challenge match would have been in Philadelphia the year before but the Commonwealth course wasn't quite open yet. There were twelve players on each team, of which two had to be seniors. In the first round better-ball matches on Wednesday the Tri-State Section took a 3-½ to 2-½ point lead. The teams that earned the points for Philadelphia were Greg Farrow-Chris Anderson and Pete Oakley-Miguel Biamon who won their matches. The Ed Sabo-Jim Muething team halved their match. Muething was an assistant at the Pine Valley Golf Club. On Thursday there were twelve singles matches and the Philadelphia pros came through with nine wins and a halved match to win the challenge cup 12 points to 6. Plymouth Country Club professional Don DeAngelis, George Forster, Sr., Brian Kelly, Anderson, Biamon, Farrow, Oakley along with seniors Willie Scholl and Pete Trenham won their matches. Frank Dobbs halved his match. Philadelphia now led the Hansen Cup with two wins and no losses.

The Section held its fall meeting and election of officers at the Brandywine Country Club on the fifth Monday of October. Section President Charles Genter and all of the other officers were reelected. Jack Connelly was the first vice president and tournament chairman. Country Club of Harrisburg professional Mike Atkins was the second vice president. The second vice president presided over education, employment and apprentices. Jack Mac-

Carty was reelected secretary and Medford Village Country Club professional Leo DeGisi was reelected treasurer. The Section's junior golf chairman, **Tony DeGisi**, who was the professional at the Spring-Ford Country Club, reported that more than 500 boys and girls had been enrolled in the Section's Junior Tour, which resulted in almost 2,000 junior tour tournament rounds for the year. Connelly reported that the Section had raised almost \$700,000 during the year for various charities. Tim DeBaufre was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". DeBaufre had been the tournament chairman and the Section president along with spending many years on the tournament committee. He had been a moving force in making the Section's tournament program one of the best in the country and the envy of other PGA Sections. During his three years as the tournament chairman the tournament purses increased by two hundred and fifty percent. Tim and his family had donated the DeBaufre Trophy to the Section in memory of his father Ed in 1964. DeBaufre, the professional at the Wildwood Golf & Country Club, had died in an automobile accident that winter. Each year the trophy was awarded to the Section member that finished the tournament season with the lowest scoring average. The DeBaufre Trophy winner was



Tim DeBaufre "Golf Professional of the Year" 1990

Rick Osberg with a stroke average of 70.33 and he was also the Section's "Player of the Year". That was the second straight year that **Osberg** had won those two awards and it was the third time he had been "Player of the Year". The Hansen Cup point leader for the year was **Frank Dobbs.** The "Teacher of the Year" was longtime Shawnee Inn & Country Club professional **Dick Farley.**

In early November the officials of the Aronimink Golf Club announced that they were withdrawing as the host of the 1993 PGA Championship. They informed the PGA of America that the club was not going to be able to achieve minority representation in its membership prior to the 1993. Minority representation in a club's membership had become a requirement of all major golf organizations in the United States, like the USGA and the PGA.

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was played at the Ballenisles Country Club's East Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Ballenisles, owned by Philadelphia's Bud Hansen, was formerly the PGA National Golf Club and winter home of the PGA pros. It was held at the end of October and the first two days of November. Tom Joyce turned in rounds of 71, 68, 69 and 70 for a 278 that won by two strokes. First prize was \$12,000. Jim Albus (280), Marion Heck (283) and Lynn Rosely (285) finished second, third and fourth. Tim De-Baufre tied for 17th with a 293 total and won \$1,763. That also qualified DeBaufre for the 1991 Senior PGA Championship as the top 70 made it. The purse was \$125,000. Ed Kramer, Henry McQuiston and Jerry Pittman missed the cut.

In late November Jack Kiefer finished tied for second at the PGA Senior Tour qualifying school, which made

him eligible for almost every tournament on the 1991 PGA Senior Tour. **Kiefer** (68-68-69-67--272) finished at eight under par, which was just one stroke more than the medalist, Simon Hobday (68-69-68-66--271). **Kiefer** also picked up a check for \$3,000. Eight players qualified for full exemptions and the second eight earned conditional status. Qualifying was held at the 6,706-yard Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, California.

Woodcrest Country Club professional **Dick Smith**, Sr. was unanimously affirmed as the new president of the PGA of America at the national meeting on the first day of December. The meeting was held at the LaQuinta Hotel Golf & Tennis Resort in LaQuinta, California. Gary Schaal moved up to vice president and Tom Addis III won out over Ken Lindsay for the office of secretary. Over 300 PGA officers, members and staff attended the four-day meeting. The delegates from the Philadelphia Section were Charles Genter and Jack MacCarty along with several alternates. The delegates had 31 resolutions to consider. The first resolution was to accept a rewritten PGA constitution, which the delegates did. It had last been rewritten in 1967 and had become burdened with 400 amendments. The resolution that got the most attention was to allow inactive members to keep their membership as long as they continue to satisfy the "Professional Development Program" points. There was a great deal of intense discussion on both sides but the resolution passed. The theme was "once a member always a member". With an expected influx of 5,000 new members in the next five years there were five resolutions designed to help expand career paths for PGA members. Twenty of the thirty-one resolutions passed.

The leading money winner on the PGA Tour was Greg Norman with \$1,165,477 and he won the Vardon Trophy with a 69.10 stroke average. The PGA "Player of the Year" was also Nick Faldo. Late in the year **Ed Dougherty** made nine straight cuts and earlier in the year he had a second place finish in the Milwaukee Open. That allowed him to earn just enough money to stay eligible on the PGA Tour for 1991. **Dougherty** won \$124,505, which

Dick Smith, Sr. President, PGA of America 1991 and 1992 Section President 3 years Section Champion 5 times

left him in 123rd place on the money list. The top 125 kept their "playing cards". **Emlyn Aubrey** and **Jimmy Booros** each played in 30 tournaments and missed the magic 125th place number. **Aubrey** was 126th with \$122,329 and **Booros** was next at 127 with \$121,948. Three of the players who finished ahead of them were not members of the PGA Tour so **Aubrey** and **Booros** were considered to be in the top 125 and exempt for the next year. **Ted Tryba** only got into 18 tournaments and won just \$10,708.

The PGA Ben Hogan Tour began in 1990 as a second tour for the PGA Tour. Most of the tournaments offered a purse of \$100,000. When **Ted Tryba** wasn't able to get into the tournaments on the PGA Tour he was entering the Hogan Tour events were he was able to pick up \$23,735 in seven events that year. **Noel Caruso** got into eight events and won \$2,880. **Emlyn Aubrey** played in two tournaments when he wasn't eligible for the PGA Tour event and won \$2,334. **Charlie Bolling** played in ten tournaments winning only \$770 and he won another \$684 in a PGA Tour tournament.

Lee Trevino led the PGA Senior Tour with \$1,190,515 in earnings. Dick Hendrickson played in 34 tournaments and finished the year in 34th place on the money list with winnings of \$159,070. Art Wall was exempt but he only entered 15 tournaments. He ended up in with a total of \$23,134. Jack Kiefer, who had to qualify on Mondays, got into five tournaments and won \$21,930. Ralph Terry made it into 15 tournaments off his 1989 record on the PGA Senior Tour, his fame as a baseball player and qualifying. He won \$20,725. Ironically Wall (86th), Kiefer (87th) and Terry (88th) finished together on the money list. Bob Thatcher played in two tournaments and won \$500.

Gene Fieger led the Section in money winnings with \$30,163.44. He was \$11,486.39 ahead of the second person on the list.

In 1990 the R & A golf association, which governed the rules of golf for all countries except the United States

and Mexico, abandoned the small golf ball and joined the USGA in its measurements for the ball. Until that time a golfer could play with the small golf ball or a larger ball except in the United States and Mexico. The smaller golf ball was known as the British size golf ball.

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In early February Chris Anderson won the PGA Winter Tournament Program's PGA Match Play Tournament. In the 36-hole finals Anderson defeated Lee Rinker, his one-time University of Alabama teammate, by 3&1. First prize was \$3,000. Anderson won seven matches in seven days to take the title.

In late March Gene Fieger, who was now the playing professional at the Overbrook Golf Club, returned from a successful winter in South Florida. He led the PGA's eleven event Founders Tour for club pros. The eleven tournaments were played during a four-month span of November to February. Fieger won one event and finished second twice while compiling earnings of \$19,481.

The Section's spring meeting was held at the Oak Terrace Country Club on the first Monday of April. The tournament chairman Jack Connelly presented the tournament schedule. There were 60 tournaments offering over \$500,000 in purses. There was also a junior tour schedule and a schedule of events for the Philadelphia Assistants Organization, which was known as the PAO. Connelly also announced the hiring of PGA member Tom Carpus as the Section's tournament director. Carpus had been an assistant at Rolling Green Golf Club since 1985. He was now responsible for the twelve person field staff and all tournament operations. Carpus would oversee 65 Section tournaments, 25 junior tour events and the playing ability tests for apprentices. A new event on the Section schedule was a match play tournament. The Section had not held a match play tournament since 1959 when the Section Championship was last played with a match play format. In 1931 a match play tournament was held in the Section as well as the Section Championship, which was still a stroke play event. The next year the Section Championship was changed to the match play format in order to be the same as the national PGA Championship. From 1932 through 1959 the Section Championship was contested with the match play format except 1937 when the Section champion was determined through 36 holes of stroke play. A match play event was held as well that year. The Section had selected a Playing Legends team and a highlight of the meeting was the appearance of team-member George B. Smith who was 85-years old. Smith, who was a three-time Section champion, spoke briefly on some of his golf memories.

The Masters Tournament was played in the second full week of April as usual. With a par on the last hole, Welshman Ian Woosnam held off his closest competitors. Woosnam drove to the left of the fairway bunkers on the 18th hole and from there he reached the green with a second shot, which was totally blind. Woosnam's four rounds over the Augusta National course were 72, 66, 67 and 72 for an eleven under par 277. Jose Maria Olazabal, who was playing ahead of Woosnam made a bogey on the last hole, and finished second at 278. Tom Watson was playing with Woosnam and he made a double bogey on the last hole to finish in a three-way tie for third with Ben Crenshaw and Steve Pate at 279. There was no one from the Philadelphia Section in the starting field. The purse was \$1,347,696 and first prize was \$243,000.

The Senior PGA Championship was held on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida for the ninth straight year. The tournament was played in the third week of April. Jack Nicklaus won by six strokes with rounds of 66, 66, 69 and 70 for 271. In the eight previous years that the tournament had been played on the Champion Course no one had finished with a score below 281. Bruce Crampton (277), Bob Charles (282) and Homero Blancas (283) finished second, third and fourth. It was the fifth time that Crampton had finished second to Nicklaus in a major tournament. Dick Hendrickson tied for 14th at 289 and won \$8,500. Jack Kiefer turned in a 296 total, which earned him in a tie for 39th and \$1,962.50. Hendrickson and Kiefer were in the field as exempt players on the Senior PGA Tour. Tim DeBaufre missed the cut. First prize was \$85,000 and the total purse was \$550,000. DeBaufre had qualified at the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in November.

On the fourth Monday of April **Willie Scholl** earned a spot in the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic. Scholl toured the rain soaked White Manor Country Club in a three under par 69 to edge out 16 other senior members of the Section. Bob Thatcher was in the tournament on a sponsor's invitation.

Ted Tryba, who was now relegated to the PGA's Ben Hogan Tour, led the local qualifying for the U.S. Open in central Pennsylvania at the Carlisle Country Club on the third Monday of May. Tryba topped 85 pros and amateurs as he posted a pair of 69s for a four under par 138. Lebanon's Greg Lesher, who was playing the mini tours, Cleve Coldwater, the assistant at the Country Club of Scranton and Joe Donnelly tied for second with 142s. Dale Loeslein, who was now the teaching professional at the Wilmington Country Club, won the next spot with a 143. John Kulhamer, the professional at the White Deer Golf Club, and Don Dimoff, the professional at the Red Lion Country Club, tied for the last two spots with 144s.

On the third Monday of May, Reading's **Rick Price** passed the local qualifying test at the Deer Creek Golf Club near Chicago. He posted a (74-69) 143 to tie for sixth. Donald Kochevar was low with a 140. There were eight spots at that site.

Local qualifying in the Philadelphia area for the U.S. Open was held on the third Tuesday of May. The host clubs were the Philadelphia Cricket Club and the Green Valley Country Club. Riverton Country Club assistant John DiMarco (75-66), Frank Dobbs (73-68), Gene Fieger (69-72) and Rick Osberg (71-70) tied for the medal with one under par 141s. The Green Valley scores are listed first. Harold Perry finished fifth at 142 and Cedarbrook Country Club assistant professional Dave Roberts was next at 143. Lehigh Country Club professional Wayne Phillips and amateur James Kania tied for seventh and eighth with 145s. The last two places went to Miguel Biamon (146), who was now the teaching professional at the Waynesborough Country Club, and Russ Davis (146), who was now the professional at the Cape May National Golf Club. There were ten spots. Ed Dougherty was exempt from local qualifying off having been in the top 125 money winners on the PGA Tour the year before.

After six years at the Chester Valley Golf Club, The Bell Atlantic Senior Classic moved ten miles to the White Manor Country Club. The move agreed with Jim Ferree who had never had much luck at Chester Valley. In the fourth week of May Ferree led wire to wire as he put together three rounds of 67, 69 and 72 for an eight under par 208. Using his 50-inch long putter, Ferree one-putted 19 times and three-putted only once as he picked up his second win in ten years on the Senior PGA Tour. Lee Trevino and Jim Colbert tied for second with 210 totals. Harold Henning finished fourth at 212. First prize was \$82,500. Jack Kiefer (224) tied for 44th and won \$2,205. Dick Hendrickson and Bob Thatcher tied for 49th with 225 totals as they each earned checks for \$1,333. Art Wall (237) and Willie Scholl (240) finished at the end of the 72-man field and they each won \$500. Kiefer and Hendrickson were exempt players on the Senior PGA Tour. Wall was exempt off his standing on the lifetime PGA Tour lifetime money list. The host pro was Doug Hendricks.

On the first Monday of June **Rick Osberg** (135) and **Ed Dougherty** (137) qualified for the U.S. Open at the Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. Woodmont had two golf courses, North and South, and both were used for the qualifying. There were 167 players vying for 44 spots at Woodmont because the PGA Tour's Kemper Open had just concluded nearby the day before. Craig Parry led the qualifying at Woodmont with a 66 and a 67 for 133. **Osberg** tied for eighth and **Dougherty** tied for 21st. There were sixteen players with 139 scores and they went into a sudden-death play off for the last six spots, which wasn't completed until the next morning.

Reading's **Rick Price** passed the qualifying test for the U.S. Open on the first Monday of June at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. There were 44 players for four spots there. Joe Hajduch led with a five under par (66-71) 137. **Price** posted a 140 to tie for third. **Price**, who was working at Medinah Country Club, had passed the local qualifying test in the Chicago district.

Frank Dobbs qualified for the U.S. Open on the first Tuesday of June. He qualified at the Canoe Brook Country Club in northern New Jersey. **Dobbs** posted a 73 and a 69 for 142 to earn one of the fourteen spots at Canoe Brook. Mark McCumber, Tom Purtzer, David Jackson and Jay Gunning led the scoring with 140s. **Dobbs** tied for 8th. It took 144 or better to qualify. The North and South courses were used at Canoe Brook.

The Philadelphia Section Senior Championship was played at the Reading Country Club on the first Tuesday of June. **Bob Thatcher**, who was a part owner of Reading Country Club, finished in a tie for first with **Pete Trenham** at one under par 69. **Thatcher** wrapped up the Section's senior title by holing a twelve-foot putt for a birdie on the first extra hole. **Henry McQuiston** and the Westover Inn & Golf Club teaching professional **John Carson** tied for third with 70s.

The third annual Shawnee Lady Club Pro Championship was held at the Shawnee Country Club in the second week of June. There was a pro-am on Sunday and the tournament was played on Monday and Tuesday. The title and a check for \$2,000 went to Florida professional Lisa Chirichetti who turned in a three under par 141. Sandra Jaskol finished second at 145. Jody Logan tied for third with a 146. Lisa Day (149), an assistant to her husband Jerry at the West Chester Golf & Country Club and Beth Ward (151), an assistant at the Lebanon Country Club, ended well up in the money.

The U.S. Open was played in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in mid July. Payne Stewart led or was tied for the lead after each round but he had to play an extra round to capture the title. Stewart's rounds were 67, 70, 73 and 72. At the end of regulation play Stewart and Scott Simpson were deadlocked at 282. In a Monday playoff that featured lightening fast greens neither player threatened par. When it was all over Stewart was the winner with a 75 against a 77 for Simpson. First prize was \$235,000. Fred Couples and Larry Nelson tied for third with 285s. Frank Dobbs, Rick Price, Rick Osberg and Ed Dougherty missed the cut and they each received checks for \$1,000. The total purse was \$1,311,832.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was at the Northampton Country Club on the third Monday of July. Ben Smith who was a member of the PGA Senior Tour led with a 68 and amateur Gordon Brewer was next at 69. The third and last spot went to **Jack Kiefer** (70) in a sudden-death playoff. **Kiefer** was an exempt player on the PGA Senior Tour but he still had to qualify for the U.S. Senior Open.

Miguel Biamon won the Susquehanna Valley Open in the third week of June. The scoring was low and the competition was tightly contested. On Sunday **Biamon** toured the Susquehanna Valley Country Club course in 65 strokes and he came back with a 69 on Monday for a six under par 134. **Gary Hardin** finished one shot back with a 135. **Frank Dobbs** and **Jack Connelly** tied for third with 136s. The purse was \$5,150 and the top prize was \$950.

The day after the Susquehanna Valley Open ended the Philadelphia Section's Match Play Championship got under way at the newly revised Pine Crest Country Club. This was the former Montgomeryville Golf Club. Sixty-four Section pros teed off in the first round with the pairings based on each player's position on the current season's point list. After five rounds of matches the finals came down to Ed Sabo and Gene Fieger, with Sabo prevailing by the count of 5&4. In the semifinals Sabo had defeated the host professional Joe Max and Fieger had eliminated Philmont Country Club assistant professional Bob Kave 4&3. The entry fee was \$75 and first prize was \$1,200.

Harold Perry won the Variety Club Tournament of Champions on at the White Manor Country Club on the fourth Tuesday of June. He posted a five under par 67 to win the \$8,000 first place check by one stroke. Stu Ingraham (68) and Gene Fieger (68) tied for second. Chris Anderson and Noel Caruso tied for fourth with 69s. The professionals also participated in a pro-am on Monday to raise money for the Variety Club charities.

Gene Fieger won the Burlington Classic in mid July. Fieger scorched the par 70 Burlington Country Club in 63 strokes on Sunday and he came back with a 68 on Monday. His 131 total won by just two strokes. Greg Farrow and Drew Hood tied for second with 133s. Pete Oakley was alone in fourth place at 135. The purse was \$15,650 and Fieger took home



Ed Sabo Won on PGA Tour Won Match Play

\$2,400. The first round was played with three amateurs and two professionals competing in a pro-am.

Two days after the Burlington Classic ended the Philadelphia Open was played. The tournament was played at the Cedarbrook Country Club on the third Wednesday of July. Frank Dobbs shot an even par 72 in the morning and went to lunch trailing eleven players. In the afternoon Dobbs started birdie, eagle, birdie and then he birdied four holes on the back nine to post a 67. His 139 total earned him a two-stroke victory over Dave Roberts (141),

Greg Farrow (141) and Meadowlands Country Club professional **Jay Friedman** (141). The total purse was \$13,920 and **Dobbs** won \$2,600. The entry fee was \$70.

The British Open was played at the Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England during the third week of July. Ian Baker Finch won the claret jug with an eight under par (71, 71, 64, 66) 272. Michael Harwood (274) was two strokes back in second place. Fred Couples (275) and Mark O'Meara (275) tied for third. First prize was \$151,200 in U.S. money.

The U.S. Senior Open was played at the Oakland Hills Country Club near Detroit in late July. Jack Nicklaus won the tournament in a playoff and joined Arnold Palmer as a winner of the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur and U.S. Senior Open. Nicklaus opened with rounds of 72, 69 and 70, which put him in a tie with Chi Chi Rodriguez and one stroke behind the leader Lee Trevino. On Sunday Trevino slipped to a 74 while Nicklaus and Rodriguez were posting 71s. That left Nicklaus and Rodriguez in a tie at 282 and headed for a Monday playoff. In the playoff Nicklaus birdied five of the first eight holes and went on to shoot a 65 against a 69 for Rodriguez. A rainy day that even caused a two-hour rain delay softened the course and made for easier scoring. First prize was \$110,000. Al Geiberger finished third at 283. Trevino and Jim Dent finished in a tie for fourth with 284s. Jack Kiefer (191) tied for 17th and won \$7,687.50.

Frank Dobbs won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship, which was sponsored by **George Izett** Golf, on the fifth Monday of July. The tournament was hosted by the Philmont Country Club on its North and South courses. **Dobbs** took the lead in the morning round with a 66 and came back in the afternoon with a 69. His five under par 135 total gave him a six-stroke win over Wilmington Country Club assistant **John Owens. Miguel Biamon** was next at 142. **Dave Roberts** and the defending champion **Gene Fieger** tied for fourth with 143s. First prize was \$700 out of a total purse of \$5,200.

At the end of July Scott Hoch won the Tylenol Kids Classic at the new Commonwealth National Golf Club. The course measured 7,045 yards. The first day it rained and the course played quite long. The second day the tees were moved up some and the scores were quite low but it didn't seem to make a difference to Hoch as he played well both days. The scoring average for the 23 touring pros was 72.65 on Monday and 68.83 on Tuesday. Hoch's rounds were 67 and 66 for an eleven under par 133. Hoch's caddy was at Commonwealth National early enough on Monday morning to walk the course before play began and it must have helped. First prize was \$52,000 from a total purse of \$280,000. Aided by second round 64s, Rocco Mediate (134) and Kenny Knox (136) finished second and third. Mike Reid, Mark Brooks and Gil Morgan tied for fourth with 137s. The Philadelphia Section's representative, Jimmy Booros, finished near the end of the field with a 147 and earned \$6,000. The tournament was preceded by a celebrity event on Sunday and the attendance for the three days was 40,000.

Qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship was at the Torresdale-Frankford Country Club on the first Monday of August. Gene Fieger led the field by six strokes with rounds of 66 and 73 for a one under par 139. Brian Kelly, who was now the teaching professional at the Ingleside Manor Golf Club, finished second at 145. Jack Connelly and Harold Perry picked up the third and fourth spots with 146s. Gary Hardin and Ed Sabo were next at 147. The seventh opening went to Chris Anderson who posted a 148 and Roger Stern, who turned in a 149, won the last spot. Miguel Biamon earned a spot in the tournament later as the Section champion. Greg Farrow, Stu Ingraham, who was now the professional at the Overbrook Golf Club, and Jim Masserio were exempt off their top forty finishes in the 1990 tournament.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was also held at Torresdale-Frankford Country Club on the first Monday of August. Willie Scholl was the medalist with an 80 and a 71 for 151. The other two spots went to Pete Trenham with a 152 and Bob Pfister, who made it with a 153. Bob Thatcher was exempt as the Section senior champion.

Long-shot John Daly won the PGA Championship in the second week of August. A week before the tournament Daly was the ninth alternate. When Nick Price withdrew to be present at the birth of his child and three alternates declined the last minute invitation Daly was in. Daly even employed Price's caddy. Without a practice round Daly produced rounds of 69, 67, 69 and 71. His 276 on the par 72 Crooked Stick Golf Club, which was near Indianapolis, brought him in three strokes in front of Bruce Lietzke (279). First prize was \$230,000. Jim Gallagher, Jr., who had grown up nearby where his father was a club pro, finished third at 281. Kenny Knox was next with a 282. **Ed Dougherty**, who was in the field off his standing on the PGA Tour, won \$4,030 as he tied for 43rd with a 290. **Stu Ingraham, Greg Farrow, Jim Masserio** and **Brett Upper** missed the cut. They had all qualified by having finished in the top forty at the 1990 PGA Club Professional Championship and they each won \$1,000. The purse was \$1,400,000.

The Pennsylvania Open was held at the Butler Country Club in the second week of August. Frank Dobbs (72-67) and Kent Stauffer (66-73) finished the two-day tournament tied at 139. At the conclusion of Tuesday's round the two pros went into a sudden-death playoff. They matched pars for seven holes. On the eighth hole Dobbs claimed the title with another par and picked up the first place check for \$3,500. Aronimink Golf Club assistant professional Jim Mancill finished third at 141. Gene Fieger and Brian Kelly tied for fourth with 143s. It was the seventh tournament win for Dobbs is six weeks and he achieved a rare double by winning the Philadelphia Open and the Pennsylvania Open in the same year.

Frank Dobbs won another tournament, and his fourth in the month of August, by capturing the Mountain Laurel Classic title. There was a pro-am on Sunday and the tournament was played on Monday and Tuesday at the Mountain Laurel Resort, which was formerly the Hershey Pocono Resort. **Dobbs** toured the Mountain Laurel Resort course in 71 and 66 for a seven



Frank Dobbs Won 1991 Philadelphia Open Won1991 Pennsylvania Open Won 12 Section Events in 1991

under par total of 137. Chris Anderson finished second by one stroke with a 138 and Brian Kelly was next at 139. Dave Roberts and Little Mill Country Club professional Ken Peyre-Ferry tied for fourth with 140s. The purse was \$9,200 and Dobbs' take was \$1,500.

The Whitford Invitational was won by Stu Ingraham in the second week of September at the Whitford Country Club. On Sunday with two of the pros playing with two Whitford members or guests Ingraham took the lead with a seven under par 65. On Monday Ingraham birdied six of the first twelve holes and then made bogeys on five of the last six holes. In spite of the finish Ingraham managed to shot 73, which gave him a 138 total. That was just enough to nip Gary Hardin (139) by one stroke. Frank Dobbs and Don DeAngelis tied for third with 140s. Ingraham picked up a check for \$2,100 from the \$16,700 purse.



Miguel Biamon 1991 Section Champion

Three days after the Whitford tournament, 174 Section members teed off in the Section Championship at the Eagle Lodge Country Club. Once again the purse was \$100,000 and first prize was \$16,000. The entry fee was \$90. Frank Dobbs, who had won thirteen times that year, began the tournament in the same mode. **Dobbs** opened up with a six under par 65 on Thursday and he came right back with a 66 on Friday to lead by five strokes. The field was cut to the low 90 and ties. On Saturday Dobbs began to slip a little on the last nine but he still led by two strokes with three holes to play. When he made bogeys on #16 and #17 he found himself on the 18th tee all even with Miguel Biamon. On the 497-yard par 5 last hole both players reached the green with 185-yard six iron shots. Dobbs just missed his 20-foot eagle putt and when **Biamon** holed his 12-foot eagle putt he was the champion. Biamon had three steady rounds of 70, 66 and 70 for 206 and **Dobbs** was next at 207. A last round 65 pulled the defending champion Jimmy Booros (210) up into a tie for third with Rick Flesher (210), who was now the professional at the Berkleigh Country Club. The host professional was Mike Moses.

Ted Tryba won on the Ben Hogan Tour at the \$100,000 Utah Classic. The tournament was played in the third week of September at the par 72 Riverside Country Club in Provo, Utah. **Tryba** (202) opened up with a seven under par 65 and then tacked on a 68 and a 69 to win by one stroke over Webb Heintzelman (203). Steve Brodie, Olin Browne, Rick Dalpos, P.J. Horgan III, and Jeff Woodland tied for third with 206 totals. First prize was \$20,000.

The Pennsylvania PGA Championship was held at the Scotch Valley Country Club near Altoona in the fourth week of September. Most of the prize money stayed in western Pennsylvania as Jim Cichra (141) and Bob Ford (141) tied for the top prize of \$1,600. After posting a 69 and a 72, Cichra wrapped up the title by beating Ford (68-73) with a birdie on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff. Pete Oakley, Ron Milanovich, Joe Boros, Dick Von Tacky and John Rech tied for third with 142s. The total purse was \$10,000

In what was a first for the Section a team of twelve professionals from the Philadelphia Section met a team of twelve amateurs from the Golf Association of Philadelphia on the fourth Thursday of September. There were at least two seniors on each team. The venue was the Rolling Green Golf Club. The players were paired in fours and in each pairing there was a four-ball match and two singles matches with a total of three points on the line. In the six four-ball matches the teams of Frank Dobbs-Brian Kelly and John DiMarco-Chris Anderson were the only winners. Dobbs, Kelly, DiMarco, Noel Caruso, Gary Hardin, Ken Peyre-Ferry and Bob Pfister won their singles matches. Halved singles matches by Anderson and Greg Farrow enabled the pros to eke out a 10 to 8 victory. Pete Oakley, George Forster, Sr. and John Carson were also members of the team.

In the first week of October Gene Fieger missed winning the PGA Club Professional Championship by one stroke. The Doral Resort & Country Club in Miami hosted the tournament on its Blue, Gold and Silver courses. Due to heavy rains one of the courses had to be adjusted to a par 66. The courses were closed to carts and the players had to carry their bags. That problem was solved when the tournament sponsor, Taylor Made Golf Company, shipped in a supply of lightweight golf bags. Larry Gilbert picked up the win, his third PGA Club Pro title, with rounds of 67, 65, 67 and 68 for a three over par 267. First prize was \$32,000. Gene Fieger and Ron McDougal tied for second with 269s and they each picked up \$19,500. Mike San Filippo finished fourth at 269. Harold Perry put together a 275 and tied for 13th, winning \$5,321. Ed Sabo finished with a 279 and won \$1,343 for a tie for 35th. The top forty qualified for the 1992 PGA Championship and Sabo was in a seven-way tie for the last six spots. The last round of the tournament was used as the tiebreaker and a 71 by Sabo put him in the PGA Championship along with Fieger and Perry. Fieger's second place finish made him a member of the PGA Cup Team

along with **Brett Upper** who was on the team as the 1990 CPC champion. **Miguel Biamon** (282) and **Stu Ingraham** (282) tied for 66th and each won \$705. **Greg Farrow** (284) also made the cut, tied for 80th and won \$637. **Chris Anderson** and **Brian Kelly** missed the cut by one stroke with three over par 212s. **Jack Connelly, Roger Stern, Jim Masserio,** and **Gary Hardin** also missed the cut. The purse was \$400,000.

The Section's fall meeting and election of officers was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on the last Monday of October. There was a changing of the guard as a new slate of officers was elected. The new president was Leo DeGisi who moved up from treasurer. Whitemarsh Valley professional Jim Bromley and Brandywine Country Club professional George McNamara were elected first and second vice president. Mike Atkins moved from second vice president to secretary and Jack MacCarty moved from secretary to treasurer. The national president, Dick Smith, Sr., was in attendance and reported on national affairs. The Oldsmobile Scramble was a large item on the Section schedule. Each of the Section's golf courses could hold a local qualifying round. Based on the number of teams qualifying at a club one or more teams would move on to sectional qualifying at a site in its PGA Section. The Philadelphia Section led the country that year as 183 teams advanced to the sectional qualifying rounds. The 183 teams, made up of four amateurs and a golf professional, were divided up among four sectional qualifiers. The low net and low gross team from each sectional qualifying round then moved on to the national championship at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. \$50,000 in cash and golf merchandise was



Harry Hammond Section President 1985 PGA Master Professional Junior Golf Leader "Golf Professional of the Year" 1991 awarded to the participants in the sectional qualifying rounds. Based on the number of entries at the local level, each PGA Section received money from Oldsmobile. The "Golf Professional of the Year" was **Harry Hammond**, who had dedicated his career to junior golf. Along with running junior clinics and overseeing the Section's junior tour **Hammond** and his staff at Whitford Country Club spent countless hours cutting down and regriping clubs for the junior golfers of the Delaware Valley. **Frank Dobbs** was the "Player of the Year". **Dobbs** also won the De-Baufre Trophy with a scoring average of 69.00 and he led the Hansen Points race with 426.33 points versus 312 points for the second place finisher. There was a new award that year for the senior player of the year, which was named for Skee Riegel. **Bob Thatcher** was the winner of the "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" award. **Thatcher** won the Section Senior Championship and led the senior points list. The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was Trenton Country Club professional **Dennis Milne**.

The Philadelphia PGA and the Middle Atlantic PGA co-sponsored the East Coast Golf Merchandise Show at the Atlantic City Convention Center in late October. Professionals from twenty PGA Sections attended the threeday event. The pro-golf salesmen and their companies displayed the latest golf merchandise. The show featured eight educational programs and the keynote speaker was short game guru Dave Pelz. The show was only held that one year as the PGA of America ruled that a PGA Section could not hold a merchandise show outside its boundaries and two or more PGA Sections could not co-sponsor a show. The owner of the show, Seabury Management Inc., later sued the PGA of America and the Middle Atlantic PGA Section for a violation of breach of agreement and violated antitrust laws. Seabury won its case in court in early 1993 but later a judge vacated the ruling. The judge stated that the Middle Atlantic PGA had breached its contract with Seabury and ordered the PGA of America.

The PGA of America's four-day national meeting was held at the PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in the second week of November. Over 350 delegates, national officers and staff members attended the meeting from the 41 PGA Sections and the national offices. President **Dick Smith**, **Sr.**, Vice President Gary Schaal and Secretary Tom Addis III were all reelected without opposition for another one-year term. **Smith's** son **Dick Smith**, **Jr.**, who was his assistant at the Woodcrest Country Club, gave the nominating speech for his father. There were 15 resolutions to be considered. Eight passed without amendments and two passed with amendments. One change was that now all members of the PGA Tour, Senior PGA Tour and Ben Hogan Tour were Class A-3 PGA members as soon as they attained membership in those Tours. If they decided to become a different Class A member at a later date they would have to attend the schools and pass the tests like other PGA members had done. The delegates from the Philadelphia Section were **Leo DeGisi** and **Jack MacCarty**.

In mid November the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was held at the Ballenisles Country Club for a second straight year. Ballenisles was the old PGA Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and all four rounds were played on the East Course. The tournament came down to a battle between the Joyce brothers. When the tournament ended Tom (281) was the winner with rounds of 68, 71, 71 and 71 and Mike (283) was second. First prize was \$13,500. Dave Philo finished third with a 284 and Bill Kennedy was next at 285. Willie Scholl (283) tied for 20th and won \$2,016. Bob Pfister and Bob Thatcher tied for 27th with 296s and they each won \$1,600. They all qualified for the 1992 Senior PGA Championship as the top 70 made it. Pete Trenham missed the cut. The purse was \$175,000.

In early December **Emlyn Aubrey** and **Greg Lesher** qualified for the PGA Tour at the final stage of the three -level PGA Tour Qualifying School. Final stage qualifying was held at the Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort in Haines City, Florida. The medalist for the six rounds was Mike Standley with a total of 412. **Aubrey** finished 12th with rounds of 70, 77, 73, 66, 67 and 69 for a total of 422. **Lesher** (423) finished one stroke back in a tie for 13th. His rounds were 73, 68, 73, 67, 71and 71. **Chris Anderson** and **Miguel Biamon** qualified for the Ben Hogan Tour by reaching the final stage. The top 48 in the final segment earned playing privileges on the PGA Tour and the players who were not in that group qualified for the PGA Tour's 30 tournament Ben Hogan Tour. **Jimmy Booros** was also headed to the Ben Hogan Tour, having failed to make it through the qualifying school.

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Corey Pavin and he also topped the money list with earnings of \$979,430. Fred Couples led the scoring on the PGA Tour to win the Vardon Trophy with a 69.59 average. **Ed Dougherty** had a successful year on the PGA Tour as he finished in 86th place on the money list. He played in 36 tournaments and won \$201,958. Emlyn Aubrey won \$91,257 in 32 events and ended up out of the top 125 in 139th place on the money list. Jimmy Booros (172nd) was also headed back to the qualifying school as he won \$53,682 in 30 tournaments. Brett Upper took advantage of his exemptions for having won the 1990 PGA Club Professional Championship and won \$18,881 in the six events he was able to enter.

Ted Tryba played 27 tournaments on the PGA Ben Hogan Tour, winning \$46,491, which was 16th on the money list. The top five money winners on the 1991 Ben Hogan Tour received PGA Tour cards for the next season.

Mike Hill led the PGA Senior Tour as he earned \$1,065,657. Dick Hendrickson had another good year winning \$281,863 in 32 tournaments. He finished 22nd on the money list and by being in the top 31 he was fully exempt for the next year. Jack Kiefer won \$119,453 in 30 events. He was 54th on the money list and headed back to the qualifying school. Art Wall entered just nine events and won \$6,783.

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On January 3rd **Dennis Henderson**, the professional at the Buena Vista Country Club, became the Section's fourth PGA Master Professional. The topic of his thesis was "The Beginning Instructor and the Beginning Student".

In the second week of January Willie Scholl won the PGA Senior Stroke Play Championship at the Estates Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The Estates Course was one of the PGA National Golf Club's courses but it was not on the main property with the other three courses. The tournament was part of the PGA's winter tournament program, which was held each January. A course record nine under par 63 in the second round paved the way for Scholl's win. His rounds were 70, 63 and 68 for a 201 total on the 6,330-yard course. Scholl won \$2,450 as he edged out Lynn Rosely (203) by two strokes. Skee Riegel won the 75-79 year-old age group by putting together a 78 and a 79 for 157.

In late January **Kevin Hammock**, the professional at the Seaview Country Club, was honored as the PGA of America's "Merchandiser of the Year" for resort golf courses.

In the second week of April Fred Couples won his only major by winning the Masters Tournament. The story of the tournament happened in Sunday's final round when Couples tee shot on #12 landed short of the green and stayed on the bank rather than retreating into the water. He saved his par and went on to post a nine under par 275. At the age of 49 Raymond Floyd (277) became the oldest player to finish second at the Masters. Couples rounds were 69, 67, 69 and 70. Corey Pavin was next at 278, two strokes in front of Mark O'Meara (280) and Jeff Sluman (280). First prize was \$270,000. There were no players in the field from the Philadelphia Section.

The Section's spring meeting was held at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April with more than 300 in attendance. The featured speakers were national President **Dick Smith**, **Sr.** and Bob Joyce, our national director



Kevin Hammock Merchandiser of the Year Resort Golf Courses

from District II. They briefed the members and apprentices on the PGA of America's affairs. Section President **Leo DeGisi** and tournament chairman **Jim Bromley** presented a 60-event tournament schedule which was expected to produce \$700,000 in prize money and \$600,000 in charitable donations. The tournament committee was dealing with a difficult economy but they had produced more than a ten percent increase in purses over the previous year. A new tournament was the Mike Schmidt Pro-Celebrity Challenge. The pro purse for the one-day event was expected to be \$60,000. Another topic of interest was that 575 boy and girls had been members of the Section's PGA Junior Tour in 1991.

Penn State University was now offering a Professional Golf Management Program in conjunction with the PGA of America. PSU became the fourth university of have this course of study. Applicants must have an 8 handicap or less along with the usual SAT scores and grade point average. The students would study business and mar-

keting along with 16 months of golf course internships.

The Senior PGA Championship was held at the PGA National Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, in the third week of April. The tournament was played on the Champion Course. Lee Trevino became the tenth professional to win both the PGA Championship and the Senior PGA Championship by holing par saving putts on the last two holes. Trevino's eight under par second round put him in front of the field by six strokes and he held on to nip Mike Hill (279) by one stroke. Trevino put together rounds of 72, 64, 71 and 71 for his 278 total. First prize was a record \$100,000. Chi Chi Rodriquez finished third at 280 and Dave Stockton was next with a 284. **Dick Hendrickson** led the Philadelphia pros as he tied for 22nd at 295 winning \$7,750. Jack Kiefer, Willie School, Bob Thatcher and Bob Pfister, who was now the teaching professional at Muligan's Driving Range, missed the cut. Hendrickson and Kiefer earned entry into the tournament off their positions on 1991 Senior PGA Tour money list. Scholl, Thatcher and Pfister had earned their entries in December through the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship. The purse was \$700,000.



Leo DeGisi Section President 1992 and 1993 Section Finance Chairman

Ted Tryba won the \$150,000 PGA Tour Ben Hogan Shreveport Open

in Shreveport, Louisiana on the third Sunday of April. The tournament was played at the 6,916-yard Southern Trace Country Club. **Tryba** put together rounds of 67, 68 and 67 for a fourteen under par 202 total to finish two strokes in front of Skip Kendall (204). Steve Lowery, Paul Trittler, Larry Silveira, Greg Whisman and John Dow-dall tied for third with 205s. First prize was \$30,000.

On the first Thursday of May **Bob Thatcher** successfully defended his Philadelphia PGA Senior Championship title at the Reading Country Club. **Thatcher** and **Joe Dahl** owned two-thirds of the Reading Country Club. **Thatcher's** even par 70 score finished three strokes in front of **Ed Kramer** (73). **Kramer** was now the teaching professional at the Brandywine Country Club. The win also qualified **Thatcher** for the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic. The purse was \$1,700 and **Thatcher** won \$374.

Ben Witter led the local qualifying for the U.S. Open in central Pennsylvania on the third Monday of May. The Hershey Country Club's par 73 West Course hosted 88 pros and amateurs who were vying for seven places in the sectional qualifying. **Witter**, who had been an assistant at Hershey and was now the head pro at the Fox Chase Golf Club, was the only golfer to finish under par for the day. His rounds of 70 and 75 for 145 were two better than Kimberton Golf Club assistant professional **Steve Holauchock** (147). **Rob Shuey** and **Brian Kelly**, who was playing the mini-tours, picked up the third and fourth spots with 148s. **Cleve Coldwater**, **Francis Vaughn**, who was playing the mini-tours, and amateur Mike Banzhoff took the rest of the places with 149 totals.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open in Philadelphia was held on the third Monday of May. The Rolling Green Golf Club and The Springhaven Club were the host clubs for the Philadelphia area. **Frank Dobbs** led the scoring for the day with a five under par 65 in the morning at Springhaven and a three over par 74 at Rolling Green in the afternoon. **Dobbs'** 139 score gave him a four stroke margin over **Gene Fieger** who turned in a 143. **Greg Farrow** and Jim McGovern of northern New Jersey tied for third with 145s. **Ed Sabo**, Horsham Valley Golf Club assistant professional **Andy Barbin** and **Chris Anderson**, who was playing the Ben Hogan Tour, made it safely with 146s. **Jimmy Booros**, who was also playing the PGA Ben Hogan Tour, and **Brett Upper**, who was back in the Section as the professional at the new Bent Creek Country Club, tied with two other players at 147 and survived a suddendeath playoff for the last two spots. There were 100 players in the field. No one broke par at Rolling Green and **Barbin** was the only player who was able to match the par of 71.

Emlyn Aubrey won for the first time on the PGA Tour's Nike Tour in the third week of May. His win came at the \$175,000 Miami Valley Open in Springboro, Ohio at the 6,730-yard Heatherwoode Golf Club. **Aubrey** began with rounds of 65 and 72. In the third and final round **Aubrey** (202) made a hole-in-one on the third hole, which propelled him to a six under par 65 and a four-stroke win over Larry Silveria (206). Guy Boros and Omar Uresti tied for third at 207. First prize was \$31,500.

Qualifying for the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic was at the Reading Country Club on Monday of tournament week, which was in the third week of May. There were five openings and four players tied for the medal. Jack Kiefer, Snell Lancaster, Bob Reith and Dan Morgan all posted four under par 66s. Sweden's Claes Johncke earned the last spot with a 67.

After being played at the White Manor Country Club for one year, the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic was back at the Chester Valley Golf Club. The tournament had to find a different home for one year while Chester Valley built a new clubhouse. The host pro was **John Poole** and the tournament was played at the usual time, the fourth week of May. Lee Trevino arrived at Chester Valley with four wins on the Senior PGA Tour since the first of the year and he was also the leading money winner. He didn't slow down at the Bell Atlantic Senior. Trevino took a one-stroke lead on Friday with a 65; trailed by one after a 69 on Saturday and earned his fifth win of the year with a 68 on Sunday. His five under par score of 205 nipped Gibby Gilbert (206) by one stroke. **Gary Player** finished third at 208 and Doug Daiziel was next with a 209. First prize from the \$550,000 purse was \$82,500. **Dick Hendrickson** (217) led the Philadelphia pros as he tied for 27th and won \$5,070. **Jack Kiefer** (218) won \$\$4,079 for a tie for 30th. **Art Wall** (220) tied for 39th and won \$2,755. **Bob Thatcher** (222) won \$1,750 for finishing tied for 49th. **Hendrickson** and **Wall** were exempt players on the Senior PGA Tour. **Thatcher** had a sponsor's exemption as the Philadelphia Section Senior Champion.

On the second Tuesday of June **Frank Dobbs**, **Brett Upper** and **Greg Farrow** passed the sectional qualifying test for the U.S. Open. They qualified at the Century Country Club in Purchase, New York. Jim McGovern led 67 pros and amateurs by four strokes with a pair of 66s for a ten under par 132. **Dobbs** and **Upper** posted 139s to tie for third. **Farrow** was next at 140 and he was tied with two other players for the last three places. There were eight places to qualify for at Century. They had all qualified locally in Philadelphia. Any pro who was in the top 30 money winners on the PGA Tour from the previous year or the top ten at the end of May in the year of the U.S. Open was exempt.

Gene Fieger won the Burlington Classic at the Burlington Country Club in the middle of June. Fieger (138) shot a four under par 66 on Sunday and hung on with a 72 on Monday to win the \$2,075 first prize by two strokes. Gary Hardin and Ken Peyre-Ferry tied for second with 140s. Philadelphia Cricket Club professional Tim Lindemann finished fourth at 141. The total purse was \$14,400.

The U.S. Open was played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, California in the third week of June. Pebble Beach was as difficult as ever but the scoring in the early rounds was quite good as scores of 147 and better made the cut. On the last day the winds were up and many of the scores were also. Of the 66 players who played the final round, 20 shot in the 80s. The few that persevered finished at the top of the leaderboard. Tom Kite began the final round in a tie for second just one stroke out of the lead. With the help of five birdies Kite shot an even par 72 and finished at 285, which was two strokes better than Jeff Sluman (287). Kite's rounds were 71, 72, 70 and 72. Colin Montgomerie finished third at 288. Nick Faldo and Nick Price tied for fourth with 291s. The purse was \$1,520,259 and Kite won \$275,000. Brett Upper, Frank Dobbs and Greg Farrow who had gotten there through the local and sectional qualifying tests all missed the cut and they each received checks for \$1,000.

John Appleget, the assistant at the Stone Harbor Golf Club, won the Susquehanna Valley Open at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club on the fourth Monday of June. Appleget (140) shot a three under par 67 on Sunday and a 73 on Monday to edge out Gary Hardin (141) by one stroke. Jim Andrews, the assistant at the Lehigh Country Club, finished third with a 142. Rob Shuey and Drew Hood tied for fourth with 143s. Appleget picked up \$1,025 from the \$6,350 purse.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was at the Woodcrest Country Club on the fifth Tuesday of June. Frank Arasin, who had returned to where he grew up as the teaching professional at the Tee-to-Green Driving Range, was the medallist with a one over par 72. The players at Woodcrest were competing for four places in the U.S. Senior Open, which was being played at the Saucon Valley Country Club in July. Four players tied for the last three spots with 73s. At the conclusion of play a sudden-death playoff was held. Larry Wise (73), who was now the professional at the Center Valley Club, **Bob Ross** (73) and Jim Shely (73) a non-PGA pro from northern New Jersey prevailed over **Dick Smith, Sr.** (73). As the first alternate, **Smith** was later added to the field. Jack Kiefer was in the U.S. Senior Open off having finished in the top 25 at the 1991 U.S. Senior Open. **Dick Hendrickson**

was invited, as a fully exempt player on the Senior PGA Tour and Art Wall was exempt as a former winner of a major championship, the Masters Tournament, along with being a former Ryder Cup Team member.

On the fifth Tuesday of June **Chris Anderson** won the Variety Club Tournament of Champions at the White Manor Country Club. **Anderson** and **Gene Fieger** tied for the top prize of \$5,000 with four under par 68s. On the first hole of a sudden death playoff **Anderson** holed a 20-foot putt for an eagle three to win. **Frank Dobbs, Rick Osberg, Harold Perry** and **Noel Caruso**, who was now the professional at the Mahoning Valley Country Club, finished in a four-way tie for third with 71s. The total purse was \$25,000. On Monday the professionals participated in a pro-am to raise money for the Variety Club charities.

Roger Stern qualified for the U.S. Senior Open at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, Massachusetts. **Stern** turned in a three under par 69 to earn medallist honors. There were two spots at Indian Ridge.

Chris Anderson lost a sudden death playoff to Russell Beirsdorf for the Ft. Wayne Open on the Ben Hogan Tour in early July. Beiersdorf made a birdie on the first hole to win. **Anderson** (200) won \$14,375. **Anderson's** rounds were 64, 67 and 69 and Beiersdorf's (200) were 64, 66 and 70. Rick Dalpos (201) was third and John Flannery 202) finished fourth. Par was 72 and first prize was \$25,000.

Mark Hall, who was the teaching pro at the Maple Dale Country Club, won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship on the second Monday of July. The tournament, sponsored by **George Izett** Golf, was played on Philmont Country Club's North and South courses. Hall put together two solid rounds of 67 and 69. His four under par 136 brought him in three strokes in front of the defending champion **Frank Dobbs** (139). **Gene Fieger** finished third at 142. Hall took home a check for \$950 from the \$6,300 purse.

In the second week of July **Ed Dougherty** tied for second at the Anheuser-Busch Classic. The tournament was played at the Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Virginia. After rounds of 66, 69 and 66 **Dougherty** held a one-stroke lead over David Peoples entering the final round. A last round 71 left him tied for second at 272, one stroke out of a playoff. Peoples (271) shot a 69 on Sunday to go with earlier rounds of 66, 69 and 67. Jim Gallagher (272) and Bill Britton (272) also tied for second. First prize was \$198,000 and **Dougherty** along with the other two players who tied for second each won \$82,133.

For the second straight week **Ed Dougherty** finished second in a tour event. This time it was the **Chattanooga Classic**, which was held during the third week of July in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The winner was Mark Carnevale who posted rounds of 68, 71, 66 and 64 for a 19 under par 269. First prize was \$144,000. **Dougherty** and Dan Forsman tied for second with 271s. They each won \$70,400. In the third round **Dougherty** turned in a course record 62 on the Council Fire Golf & Country Club course. That gave him a four stoke lead on the field but a 71 on Sunday opened the door for Carnevale who came from five strokes off the pace. First prize was \$144,000. **Dougherty** had now won \$154,766 for the month of July, which was more than he had won in any one year on the PGA Tour.

The Philadelphia Section pros had a new one-day tournament with a large purse on the schedule. The Mike Schmidt Pro-Celebrity Challenge was played at the Commonwealth National Golf Club in the first week of July. There was a pro-am on Monday with fivesomes composed of Section pros, who were playing for \$10,000, celebrities and amateurs. On Tuesday 144 pros from the Philadelphia Section, which included a few invited pros, were paired with 48 celebrities to compete for individual prizes. Ed Sabo put together a solid four under par 67 on the 6,808-yard course to grab the \$5,000 top prize. Jay Overton (69) was second earning \$3,500. Miguel Biamon, Stu Ingraham and Tony Perla, the teaching professional at the Plymouth Country Club, posted 71s and they each took home \$3,075. The purse totaled \$50,000. Joe Theismann and Dan Marino led the amateurs in the stableford scoring. Due to the many spectator requests for autographs the Tuesday rounds took more than six hours. The tournament lost money. The paying spectators didn't show up to see the celebrities like the sponsors expected even thought there were many big names like Michael Jordan and Yogi Berra. One reason for the disappointing attendance was that it was the same time as the first two days of practice for the U.S. Senior Open at Saucon Valley Country Club. The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Daily News sponsored the tournament. The charity was the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, which received a check for \$100,000.

Saucon Valley Country Club hosted the U.S. Senior Open in the second week of July. Saucon Valley's Old Course measured 6,700 yards. Larry Laoretti picked the right time to win his first tournament on the PGA Senior Tour as he put together rounds of 68, 72, 67 and 68. His 275 total gave him a four-stroke margin to victory over Jim Colbert (279). Jack Nicklaus, **Gary Player**, Al Geiberger and Dave Stockton tied for third with four under par 280s. First prize was \$130,000 out of a total purse of \$700,000. Jack Kiefer tied for eighth with a score of 282 and won \$14.468.33. Dick Hendrickson won \$3,691 for a tie for 48th at 294. Dick Smith, Sr. (303) tied for 67th and won \$2,511.50. Larry Wise, Roger Stern, Frank Arasin and Art Wall missed the cut. Scores of 149 and under made the cut. The tournament drew about 20,000 spectators each day. A grounds only ticket for the seven days cost \$90. The host professional was Gene Mattare.

The Philadelphia Open was played at the Philmont Country Club's North Course on the third Wednesday of July. The tournament was scheduled for two 18-hole rounds that day but after two lengthy delays for lightening and heavy rain play was called for the day. Only nine of the forty-five pros and fifteen amateurs had completed the 36 holes. The Golf Association of Philadelphia made a decision to make it an 18-hole tournament. Four players, **Harold Perry** and **Frank Dobbs** along with amateurs **Jay Sigel** and Chris Lange, were tied for the top spot with two under par 68s. The GAP decided that an 18-hole playoff would be held to determine a winner. Finding a workable date for the four players and Philmont's busy golf schedule was not easy. The first date that worked for everyone was seven weeks later on the first Saturday of September. The playoff was tightly contested and when the four players reached the 18th tee they were all tied at one over par. They all drove into the fairway and all four were on the green with their second shots. Lange, **Perry** and **Sigel** missed their putts for birdies. **Dobbs** then holed a downhill ten-foot putt for a birdie, an even par 70 and the Philadelphia Open title. **Perry** had led by two strokes after eleven holes but on number twelve he hooked his tee shot into some trees. After taking an unplayable lie he took an improper drop and was penalized another stroke. First prize was \$2,600 and **Perry** won \$2,200 for his second place tie as the other two players were amateurs.

The British Open was played at the Muirfield Golf Links in Gullane, Scotland during the third week of July. Nick Faldo won the tournament for a third time with rounds of 66, 64, 69 and 73. His twelve under par 272 won by one stroke over John Cook. Jose Maria Olazabal (274) finished third and Steve Pate (276) was fourth. Faldo's winning prize money equaled \$154,000 in U.S. money.

The Tylenol Kids Classic was played on the first Monday and Tuesday of August at the 7.045-yard Commonwealth National Country Club. Twenty-three invited professionals and one amateur, **Jay Sigel**, were in the field. Also in the field were **Ed Dougherty** and **Miguel Biamon**. **Biamon** was invited as the Philadelphia Section champion. Scott Hoch birdied four of the last five holes to successfully defend his title. He picked up the \$50,000 first place check with a 67 and a 65. His 132 total was three better than the runner-up Mac O'Grady (135). Rocco Mediate finished third at 136 and Nick Price was next at 137. The purse was \$280,000 and everyone including **Biamon** (143) and **Dougherty** (145) picked up at least \$7,000. **Sigel** also had a 143.

Greg Farrow won the Philadelphia PGA Match Play Championship at the PineCrest Country Club in the first week of August. There were 54 pros entered so ten players received byes and 44 played matches in the first round. The competition consisted of six rounds of 18-hole matches. In the finals **Farrow** earned a hard fought one-up victory over his fellow Burlington Country Club assistant, **David Quinn**. To reach the final **Farrow** barely got by the defending champion **Ed Sabo** in the semifinals with a birdie on the 21st hole. In the other semifinal match **Quinn** eliminated **Gary Hardin** 3&1. First prize from the \$4,500 purse was \$1,500.

Mike Moses won the two-day Pennsylvania Open at the Country Club of Scranton in the second week of August. **Moses** made seven birdies in the second round and posted a six under par 66. The 66 and a first round 70 gave **Moses** (136) a one-stroke margin over former Pennsylvania Open champion Joe Boros (137). Rolling Green assistant professional **Mike Dynda** and **Dave Roberts** tied for third with 139s. First prize was \$3,500 from a purse of \$18,500. There was a cut to the low 60 and ties with scores of 76 and under earning the opportunity to play the second round.

In the middle of July the PGA Championship was at the Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis. The Philadelphia Section had four members in the starting field. **Ed Dougherty** was there as a result of winning enough money on the PGA Tour between the 1991 and 1992 PGA Championships to put him in 68th place as the top 70 on that list

received invitations to the tournament. **Gene Fieger, Harold Perry** and **Ed Sabo** were in the field for having finished in the top 40 at the PGA Club Professional Championship in October. Nick Price won his first major by posting rounds of 70, 70, 68 and 70 for a 278 total. Price won by three strokes as Nick Faldo, John Cook and Jim Gallagher, Jr. tied for second with 281s. The purse was \$1,400,000 and Price took home \$280,000. **Perry** made the cut and finished 83rd with a score of 305, winning \$2,175. **Dougherty, Fieger** and **Sabo** missed the cut and they each earned the cut money of \$1,200.

Frank Dobbs won the Mountain Laurel Classic for the second straight year. The tournament was at the Mountain Laurel Golf Resort in the fourth week of August. The scoring was low and **Dobbs'** were lower than everyone else. **Dobbs** (133) shot a six under par 66 on Monday and a 67 on Tuesday to edge out **Gene Fieger** (134) by one stroke. **Brett Upper** was next at 136 and **Greg Farrow** finished fourth with a 137. The purse was \$9,600.

For the eighth straight year the Philadelphia Section Championship was held at the 6,759-yard Eagle Lodge Country Club. After six years of Section Championship purses that were in the neighborhood of \$100,000 the purse took a hit, as it was now \$40,000. Cigna Corporation was still a sponsor but not to the extent that it had been. The tournament was played in the first week of September. In spite of the scaled down purse there was a record entry of 188 Section members. After the second round the field was cut to the low 90 players and ties. With rounds of 70 and 69 two-time Section champion **Rick Osberg** teed off in the final round holding a one-stroke lead over six players. On the last hole **Osberg** played a 207-yard three-iron to within ten feet of the hole. From there Osberg (207) two putted for a birdie four and a three under par 68 that edged out Stu Ingraham (208) and Brett Upper (208) by one stroke. On the last hole Ingraham had chipped in from 90-feet for an eagle and Upper had made a birdie after just missing a putt for an eagle. Gary Hardin finished fourth at 209. Five players tied for fifth with 210s as a total of thirteen players finished below par for the three days. First prize was \$6,000. Osberg was the eighth player to win the Philadelphia Section Championship more than two times. The host professional was Mike Moses.



Rick Osberg 1992 Section Champion Won For a Third Time

Qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship took place during the first two rounds of the Section Championship. The first of ten openings went to the new Section champion **Rick Osberg. Michael Mack, Dick Smith, Sr., Miguel Biamon** and **Stu Ingraham** tied for second through fifth with 140s. **Ed Sabo, Cleve Clearwater** and **Jim Masserio** wrapped up the next three places with 141s. The last two places went to **Gary Hardin** and **Dave Roberts** who had posted 142s. **Hardin** (67) and **Roberts** (68) beat out several other pros in the tiebreaker, which was the last round of the championship. **Brett Upper** was exempt as a former winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship. **Gene Fieger** and **Harold Perry** were exempt off their finishes in the 1991 tournament.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was also held during the first two rounds of the Section Championship. With his 140 score, **Dick Smith**, **Sr**. had pulled off a record setting double by qualifying for both the regular and senior championships. No one had accomplished that feat before. **Willie Scholl** earned the second spot with a 143 and **Bob Pfister** won the third and last place with a 145. **Bob Thatcher** was exempt as the Section senior champion.

The Whitford Golf Classic was played at the Whitford Country Club in the second week of September. The two-day tournament ended in at tie between Gary Hardin (68-72) and Jim Masserio (73-67), which Hardin went on to win in a sudden-death playoff with a birdie on the first extra hole. After Masserio had shot a 33 on the last nine holes to finish at 140 Hardin, who was playing in the last group, birdied his last hole for 140. Hardin picked up a check for \$1,950 from the \$16,700 purse. Mike Moses (141) finished third and Miguel Biamon (142) ended up in fourth place.

Brett Upper and Gene Fieger were members of the ten-man winning PGA Cup Team. The Kildare Country

Club in Dublin, Ireland hosted the matches, which were played against the European PGA Cup Team in the third week of September. The Kildare Country Club, also known as the K-Club, hosted the 2006 Ryder Cup. The first two days there were foursome matches each morning and four-ball matches in the afternoon. The third, and last, day there were ten singles matches. Fieger and Upper were paired as partners for all of the foursomes and better-ball matches and they won all four. They each won their singles match also, thus they contributed six points to the victorious USA team, which won 15 points to 9 for Europe. Upper qualified for the team as the winner of the 1990 PGA Club Professional Championship and Fieger qualified by finishing second in the 1991 PGA Club Professional Championship. The matches were held every two years.

Frank Dobbs won the \$10,000 Pennsylvania PGA Championship on the fourth Tuesday of September. The tournament was held at the Scotch Valley Country Club in Altoona. **Dobbs** opened up on Monday with a 65 and tacked on a 69 on Tuesday for a ten under par score of 134. Jim Cichra and John Mazza tied for second with 138s. **Rob Shuey** finished fourth at 139 and The Springhaven Club professional **Wilson Zehner** was next with a 140.

The PGA Club Professional Championship was played in LaQuinta, California on the first four days of October. The PGA West Jack Nicklaus, Mission Hills Old Course and LaQuinta Hotel Mountain Course were used for the tournament. The winner by three strokes was Ron McDougal (273) with rounds of 67, 69, 68 and 69. Sammy Rachels finished second at 276. Jeff Fairfield and Will Frantz tied for third with 278s. First prize was \$32,000 and the purse was \$400,000. Cleve Coldwater and Stu Ingraham tied for 16th at four under par 284. They each won \$5,016.67 as they qualified for the 1993 PGA Championship and the 1993 PGA Club Professional Championship. The top forty players qualified. Gene Fieger (289) missed a chance to qualify for the PGA by one stroke as he tied for 47th and won \$891. Jim Masserio (291) tied for 68th and won \$689. Dave Roberts (297) and Rick Osberg (297) tied for 95th and they each took home \$573. Harold Perry (298) also made the cut and won \$563 for a tie at 97th. Miguel Biamon, Gary Hardin, Michael Mack, Brett Upper, Ed Sabo and Dick Smith, Sr. missed the cut and they each received checks for \$400.

The Philadelphia Section PGA pros and the Golf Association of Philadelphia amateurs met in a challenge match at the Manufacturers Golf & Country Club on the second Tuesday of October. There were twelve players on each team and each team had at least two seniors. The players were paired in fours and in each pairing there were two singles matches and a four-ball match. In the singles matches Gary Hardin, Mike Moses, Drew Hood, Pete Oakley, Tony Perla, Ken Peyre-Ferry, Roger Stern, Butch Sweigart, now the teaching pro at Mac's Golf Center driving range, and Noel Caruso were winners. Dave Roberts halved his match. The teams of Moses-Roberts, Don DeAngelis-Hood, Oakley-Caruso, Perla-Peyre-Ferry and Stern-Sweigart won their matches. The team of Rick Osberg-Hardin halved their match. That made the final tally, 15 points for the pros and 3 for the amateurs.

In mid October **Harry Hammond** became the Philadelphia Section's fifth PGA Master Professional. The topic of his thesis was "Computers for the Golf Shop".

The Section's fall meeting and election of officers was held on the fourth Monday of October at the Hershey's Mill Country Club. Leo DeGisi-president, Jim Bromley-first vice president, George McNamara-second vice president, Mike Atkins-secretary and Jack MacCarty-treasurer were all reelected without opposition. Charles Genter who had been the professional at the Tavistock Country Club for 22 years was named "Golf Professional of the Year". Genter had served the Section on many committees as well as holding the offices of president, secretary and treasurer. While serving as a district director in early spring of 1985 he had come to the rescue of the Section when he agreed to take over the vacated position of secretary. Genter was the Section secretary for four years and the treasurer for one year. In 1990 he attained the status of PGA Master Professional, the Section's third. The "Player of the Year" was Gene Fieger and he also won the DeBaufre Trophy by leading the scoring in designated Section events with an average of 70.55. The Section points race was captured by Gary Hardin and he was also the Section's "Teacher of the Year". The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was Roger Stern.

A Philadelphia Section Hall of Fame was created in 1992 and the first class was inducted at the Section's fall meeting on the fourth Monday of October. Johnny McDermott and Ed Dudley were in the PGA of America Hall of Fame so they were in automatically without a vote of the committee. Leo Fraser, Dick Smith, Sr. and Pete Trenham had been nominated by other Section members and then voted in by the committee. It had been decided

to vote in as many as three the first year and a maximum of two each year after that. **McDermott's** credentials included back-to-back U.S. Open victories along with other wins in tournaments that are considered equal to today's PGA Tour events. **Dudley** played on three Ryder Cup Teams, won PGA Tour tournaments, served seven years as Section president and seven years as president of the PGA of America. **Fraser** was president of the Philadelphia PGA for six years and president of the PGA of America two years. He owned and operated the Atlantic City Country Club for forty years and he was the great innovator of the Philadelphia Section. He held a women's national open before the USGA recognized the lady pros and he held senior opens before there was a Senior PGA Tour. **Smith** was Section president for three years, president of the PGA of America for two years and a leading player in the Section for twenty years. He won the Section championship five times. **Trenham** had spent 25 years serving Section and had been a member of every Section committee. He was the Section treasurer for seven years and the Section president for two years. Their bios can be found in the Leaders & Legends chapters that follow the Section history of each decade.





Clockwise From Top Left Johnny McDermott Ed Dudley Leo Fraser Dick Smith, Sr. Pete Trenham

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was held at the former PGA National Golf Club's East Course at the end of October. The facility was now called Ballenisles Country Club and owned by Bud Hansen who put up the money for the Philadelphia Section Hansen Cup points. Roger Kennedy (278) wrapped up the title with rounds of 67, 71, 69 and 71. First prize was \$14,000. Next in line were Tom Wargo (280), Dave Philo (281) and Bobby Greenwood (283). Dick Smith, Sr. tied for 25th with a score of 291 and won \$1,825. Bob Thatcher (294) and Bob Pfister (294) tied for 34th and they each won \$1,250. By finishing in the top 70, Smith, Thatcher and Pfister all qualified for the PGA Senior Championship and the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in 1993. Willie Scholl missed the cut. The purse was \$185,000.

Dick Smith, Sr. stepped down from office as the president of the PGA of America at the national meeting in the first week of November. The Philadelphia Section hosted the meeting in Philadelphia at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel. **Ted McKenzie** was the chairman of the Section committee for hosting the meeting. Gary Schaal moved up from vice president to president and Tom Addis moved from secretary to vice president. They were elected unanimously. Ken Lindsay defeated Guy Wimberly for the office of secretary by the margin of 73 to 33 votes. There were now 13,000 PGA members and 9,000 apprentices. Since 1986 the number of PGA members had increased 37 percent and the number of apprentices had grown by 65 percent. There was no doubt that there were more golf professionals than jobs for golf professionals. The treasurer's report showed a 4.5 million dollar profit for the last fiscal year. Five new directors were brought onto the board, including Jack Connelly who began a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors representing District II. District II of the PGA of America was composed of the Metropolitan Section, New Jersey Section and the Philadelphia Section. The three-year director positions rotated through each of the PGA Districts. The delegates had 14 resolutions to debate and as usual some were withdrawn, some were defeated and some passed. One that passed was that apprentices would have to pass the playing ability test during the six months preregistration period. That meant that apprentices could not earn more than six credits toward membership until they passed the playing ability test. Another resolution that passed was that officers would be elected for a two-year term rather than have an election each year. The delegates could have an officer removed if a 50 percent majority of the delegates voted in favor of removal. The Philadelphia Section delegates were Leo DeGisi and Jack MacCarty. Numerous other Section members attended the meeting as alternate delegates or interested PGA members. Numerous other Section members attended the meeting as alternate delegates or interested PGA members.

The Section held an education seminar on the first Monday of November. David Brannon, the president of Slazenger Golf, spoke on "Industry Trends and the Changing Golf Business". Gerald Stefanick, from the PGA of America, spoke on the "Wage and Hour" laws.

In the first week of December **Bob Thatcher** earned conditional status on the PGA Senior Tour by finishing in 15th place at the qualifying tournament. Only the top eight qualifiers earned unconditional status on the Senior Tour. In the final stage at the Mission Hills North Course in Rancho Mirage, California **Thatcher** posted four straight 72s for an even par 288. The players with conditional status would get into the tournaments when they weren't filled by the exempt players. The medalist was Larry Gilbert with a 276.

On the first Monday of December **Gene Fieger** won a Founders Cup tounament at the Ballenisles Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He posted rounds of 66 and 73 to win. His five under par 139 total won by one stroke. Dana Quigley, David Marchand, Gary Robinson and Mike San Fillippo tied for second with 140s. First prize was \$3,500. This was number six in a series of events put on by the PGA of America for its club professionals.

Gene Fieger won a second straight Founders Cup at the PGA National Golf Club's Estate Course on the second Friday of December. His nine under par (64-71) 135 won by two strokes over Brad Dean (137). Lee Rinker, Gary Robison, Steve Gotsche and Scot Steger tied for third with 138s. First prize was \$3,400.



Bob Thatcher Played 41 events on PGA Sr. Tour Section senior champion twice

Gene Fieger won the Bermuda Open in late 1992.

Fred Couples swept all of the honors on the PGA Tour as he was the PGA "Player of the Year", the leading money winner with \$1,344,188 and he won the Vardon Trophy with an average of 69.38 strokes per round. Ed **Dougherty** won \$237,525 in 36 tournaments on the PGA Tour, which put him in 66th place on the money list. **Greg Lesher** finished 145th with earnings of \$84,818 in 28 events. Emlyn Aubrey also played in 28 events and finished 167th with \$58,087. Aubrey also played in two tournaments on the Ben Hogan Tour where he won \$1,763. Lesher and Aubrey were headed back to the PGA Tour qualifying school.

Ted Tryba won \$105,952 in 28 tournaments on the PGA Ben Hogan Tour. That put him in fourth place on the money list and earned him playing status on the PGA Tour for 1993. A third place finish in the final event of

the year at Fresno, California made the difference. The top five earned their privileges. **Chris Anderson** played in 21 events and finished 71st on the money list with \$17,813. **Jimmy Booros** won \$1,373 in the six tournaments he was able to get into and **Gene Fieger** won \$850 in four tournaments.

Lee Trevino led the PGA Senior Tour as he won \$1,027,002. **Dick Hendrickson** won \$270,025 in 36 tournaments, which was just enough to put him in 31st place on the money list. The top 31 on the money list were fully exempt for the next year. **Jack Kiefer** wasn't fully exempt but he got into 18 events and won \$203,095 to finish 36th in earnings. **Walter Morgan** played in 29 events and finished 59th with \$101,037. **Art Wall** played in 14 tournaments and won \$12,013. **Bob Thatcher** played in two tournaments and won \$1,750.

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Bob Pfister won the rain-shortened PGA Quarter Century Club Championship in the first week of January. The two-day tournament for PGA members who had been PGA members for at least 25 years was shortened to one round due to a total rain out of the second day. **Pfister** posted a three under par 69 on the PGA National Golf Club's Estate Course. **Pfister** earned \$1,500 for winning the tournament and he picked up another check of \$800 for winning his age group of 50-54. His nearest competitors were Roland Stafford, Robert Nichols and Nick Berkich who all finished with 70s on the par-72 course.

The Section's spring meeting was held at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. More than 350 PGA members and apprentices were in attendance. The biggest news may have been that the Section Championship was moving to Conestoga Country Club after having been held at the Eagle Lodge Country Club for eight straight years. Tournament Chairman Jim Bromley announced that the Section's Tournament Director Tom Carpus was leaving to take over the head pro position at the Greate Bay Country Club. Bob Korbel, who had been working in the tournaments at the national office, had been hired to replace him. President Leo DeGisi told the members that the PGA Tour's second tour, which was now called the PGA Nike Tour, was holding its White Rose Classic at the Honey Run Golf Club in early July. The Nike Tour was formerly called the Ben Hogan Tour. DeGisi also reported that the Section's budget for the year was now \$1.4 million.

The Masters Tournament was played at its usual time, the first full week of April. Bernhard Langer won the Masters for a second time by putting together rounds of 68, 70, 69 and 70 for an eleven under par 277. In the last round Langer made an eagle three on #13 and a birdie four on #15 to finish four strokes in front of Chip Beck (281). First prize was \$306,000. John Daly, Tom Lehman, Steve Elkington and Lanny Watkins tied for third with 283s. There were no players associated with the Philadelphia Section entered in the tournament. There were 90 players in the starting field.

A club professional named Tom Wargo won the Senior PGA Championship in the third week of April. Wargo had qualified for the tournament by finishing second at the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in late October. The tournament was played on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Wargo posted rounds of 69-69-67-70 for a nine under par 275 and then had to beat Bruce Crampton (73-67-69-66--275) in a sudden-death playoff. On the first playoff hole (the par four #16) Wargo and Crampton halved the hole in with pars and Wargo won it with a par three on the nest hole (#17) after Crampton had put his tee shot in the pond to the right of the green. First prize was \$110,000. Isao Aoki finished third at 279 as Bob Charles and Tom Weiskopf tied for fourth with 281s. Dick Hendrickson (290) tied for 27th and won \$6,500. Jack Kiefer (296) tied for 45th, winning \$2,062.50. Dick Smith, Sr., Bob Pfister, who was now the professional at the Rock Manor Golf Club, and missed Bob Thatcher the cut. Hendrickson and Kiefer were in the tournament off their positions on the Senior PGA Tour money list. Like Wargo Smith, Pfister and Thatcher had qualified by finishing in the top 70 at the 1992 PGA Senior Club Professional Championship.

Bob Pfister won the Section Senior Championship at the Reading Country Club on the first Thursday of May. **Pfister** had to go overtime to get the win as he and **Bob Thatcher** had finished in a tie with one under par 69s. The win qualified **Pfister** for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship and the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic, which was coming up in two weeks. North Hills Country Club professional **Ron Rolfe** and **John Carson**, who was now the teaching professional at the McCall Field Golf Club, tied for third with 70s. The purse was \$1,700. The Section Match Play Championship was played at the PineCrest Country Club in the second week of May. **Pete Oakley**, who was now the teaching professional at the Rehoboth Driving Range, added another title to a long list by winning five matches over a three-day period (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). The finals went into extra holes before **Oakley** got past **Chris Anderson** with a par on the 20th hole. **Anderson**, who was now the teaching professional at the Delcastle Golf Club, had tied up the match when his second shot on #18, which was played from the rough, finished two feet from the hole. In the morning semifinal match **Anderson** eliminated **Michael Mack** 4&3 and with the help of a front nine 30 **Oakley** had put out **Dave Roberts** 7&5. **Anderson** was back in competition after taking a break from the tournament grind. In the late fall **Anderson** had failed to pass the PGA Tour qualifying test for a ninth time so he had put his clubs in a closet and didn't touch them for four months.

The Senior PGA Tour was at the Chester Valley Country Club for the PGA Bell Atlantic Senior Classic again. After two days of pro-ams the \$650,000 main event teed off on the third Friday of May. Lee Trevino failed to hold a lead that he took into the final round, which was a rarity, and Bob Charles grabbed the title. Charles' rounds were 67, 67 and 70 for a six under par 204. Charles picked up a check for \$97,500, which made him the first person to pass four million dollars in winnings on the Senior PGA Tour. This was his seventh year on that tour. Dave Stockton finished second at 205. Trevino had slipped to a 72 in the last round and along with the two who passed him three more caught him. Trevino, Bob Murphy, Dave Hill and Jim Colbert all tied for third with 206s. Jack Kiefer tied for 15th with a 214 and won \$11,375. Dick Hendrickson (217) won \$6,354 for a tie 24th. Dick Smith, Sr. (219), who was now the professional at the Galloway National Golf Club, tied for 35th and won \$3,534. Bob Thatcher (220) won \$2,275 by tying for 43rd. Bob Pfister (233) finished near the end of the 78-man field and won \$390. Jack Nicklaus played in the tournament for the first time and with the aid of only one of the pro-ams for practice he tied for 28th at 218. Kiefer and Hendrickson were in the tournament as exempt players on the Senior PGA Tour. Thatcher was in the field off his partial exempt status on the Senior PGA Tour. Smith was there on a sponsor exemption. Pfister had earned his spot by winning the Philadelphia Section Senior Champion-ship. The host professional was John Poole.

Emlyn Aubrey, who was back on the PGA's Nike Tour, won the Miami Valley Open on the fourth Sunday of May. The tournament was held at the 6,730-yard Heatherwoode Golf Club in Springboro, Ohio. **Aubrey** put together rounds of 65, 72 and 65. His eleven under par 202 total gave him a four stroke margin of victory over Larry Silveira (206). In the final round **Aubrey** aced the par three third hole with a 5-iron shot and never looked back. Guy Boros (207) and Omar Uresti (207) tied for third. First prize from the \$175,000 purse was \$31,500.

On the fourth Monday of May Nike Tour member **Greg Lesher** and Len Mattiace, who was playing the PGA Tour, captured the first two spots at the central Pennsylvania U.S. Open local qualifying test. **Lesher** (140) posted rounds of 73-67 and Mattiace (140) shot a morning 66 and an afternoon 74. The par 72 Blue Mountain Golf Club hosted the event. Hershey Country Club assistant professional **Paul Oglesby** finished third at 142 and **Steve Holauchock** was next with a 143. The last two of the six places allotted to that qualifying site were won by Blue Mountain Country Club professional **Don Lowe** (147) and Joe Donnelly (147) in a three-man playoff that lasted just one hole. **Lowe** made a birdie and Donnelly made a par to qualify.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open in Philadelphia was held at the St. Davids Golf Club and the Gulph Mills Golf Club on the fourth Tuesday of May. Chris Anderson won the medal and the right to move on to sectional qualifying by posting a one over par 72 at Gulph Mills in the morning and a three under par 68 in the afternoon at St. Davids. His 140 total led three players by two strokes. Somerton Springs Driving Range teaching professional Craig Dear, Rick Osberg and Brett Upper tied for second with 142s. Ed Sabo, Greg Farrow, Gene Fieger and Carl Lohren were next at 143. The ninth and last spot went to Frank Dobbs, who was home from the PGA's Nike Tour. Dobbs had to hole a ten-foot putt for a par on the 18th hole at St. Davids to finish at 144. That allowed him to finish one stroke in front of six players who were at 145.

Country Club of York assistant professional **David "Moose" Brown** made it through the local qualifying for the U.S. Open at the Towson Golf & Country Club near Baltimore, Maryland. There were nine spots at Towson. Erick Egloff led with a 138 and a 145 won the last spot. **Brown** shot a 76-66 for a 142 that tied for fourth. **Brown** birdied seven of his last eleven holes.

The Nike Tour's White Rose Classic was scheduled for the Honey Run Golf Club at the beginning of July. The PGA Tour had set aside sixteen places in the tournament field for Philadelphia Section members and qualifying for the spots was held at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club on the first Monday of June. **Brett Upper**, who had played the PGA Tour for five years in the 1980s, led the qualifying with a five under par 66. Whitemarsh Valley Country Club assistant professional **Orist Wells** finished second with a 67. **Stu Ingraham**, Middletown Country Club assistant professional **Keith Devos** and **Brian Kelly**, who was now the teaching professional at the White Deer Golf Club, tied for third with 68s. Lebanon Country Club assistant professional **Jim Douglass** was next with a 69. **Jim Masserio**, **Drew Hood** and **Terry Hertzog** made it safely with 70s. The last seven places went to Delcastle Golf Club professional **Bill Hackett**, **Gene Fieger**, **Dave Roberts**, **Pete Oakley**, **Harold Perry**, **Ken Peyre-Ferry** and Green Pond Golf Club professional **Jim Muschlitz** who all posted 71s to make it right on the number without any playoffs. **Bob Kave** (72) and the teaching professional at the Maple Dale Country Club **Larry Jones** (72) were the first and second alternates. They got into the tournament when **Masserio** and **Douglass** dropped out.

David "Moose" Brown qualified for the U.S. Open at the Sharon Golf Club in Sharon, Ohio on the first Monday of June. There were 32 players shooting for three qualifying spots at Sharon. Kevin Burton won the first spot with a three under par 141. The other two places went to **Brown** (71-71) and Mark Balen who tied at 142.

Gene Fieger qualified for the U.S. Open in New York on the second Tuesday of June. Qualifying was held at the Century Country Club and the Old Oaks Country Club. There were 142 pros and amateurs vying for 28 openings in the starting field at the Open. Fifty-two of the professionals were from the PGA Tour, which was in Harrison, New York that week for the Buick Classic. Fieger posted a three under par 68 in the morning at Century and came back in the afternoon with a two over par 72 at Old Oaks. His 140 total got him under the wire by two strokes. Five players who had posted 142 played off for the last three spots. Mike Donald was the medalist with a 135.

Two days later in June Gene Fieger was still on his game as he won the two-day Variety Club Tournament of Champions at the White Manor Country Club. The first day only the professionals played and the second day the pros played with three amateurs for pro-am money as well. Fieger put together a 67 the first day and a 71 the second day for a six under par 138. Dave Roberts and John Owens tied for second with 140s. Brett Upper and Stu Ingraham were next at 142.

The Variety Club was formed in Pittsburgh in 1927 to aid physically disabled children. The Philadelphia Section had been conducting a pro-am tournament in conjunction with the Variety Club since 1976, but in the spring of 1993 they took on a new challenge. Five Section members teamed up with five of the Variety Club's disabled children to teach them golf. They met at the White Manor Country Club for golf lessons. The program was called the "Buddy Program" and the five professionals were **Rick Osberg**, **Doug Hendricks**, **Mike Moses**, **Chris Anderson** and **Jim Masserio**.

The U.S. Open was at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey in the third week of June. Baltusrol was a course where many of the U.S. Open records had been set and this year was no exception. Lee Janzen tied a Jack Nicklaus record for the first 36 holes by posting a pair of 67s. A 69 in the third round put him at 203 and tied the record for the lowest 54-hole score at the U.S. Open. Another 69 in the last round put him at 272, which tied the record score that Nicklaus had set in 1980, also at Baltusrol. Janzen was just the second person to play all four rounds in the 60s. In spite of the record scores he couldn't shake Payne Stewart until he birdied two of the last three holes. Stewart finished just two strokes back at 274. Paul Azinger and Craig Parry tied for third with 277s. The total purse was \$1,714,234 and first prize was \$290,000. Gene Fieger and David "Moose" Brown missed the cut. They each received \$1,000 as the pros that didn't complete 72 holes each won that amount.

For a second straight year the Mike Schmidt Pro-Celebrity Challenge was played at the Commonwealth National Golf Club. The tournament played on the fourth Monday of June was again sponsored by the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Daily News. Each pairing was made up of two professionals and two celebrities. John Owens took the top money of \$5,100 with a three under par 68. The total purse was \$34,000. Chris Anderson, Pete Oakley, Miguel Biamon and Billy Ziobro tied for second with 69s. The tournament was not a financial success as several of the major celebrities withdrew at the last minute. Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was held at the Doylestown Country Club on the fifth Tuesday of June. There were 43 players competing for two spots in the starting field in Denver. The first spot went to **Butch Swei**gart who turned in a two under par 70 and the next spot was won by **Bob Thatcher** with a 72. The only playoff needed was for alternate spots.

Open qualifying for the PGA Nike Tour's White Rose Classic was held on the fifth Monday of June at the Outdoor Country Club. Don Bell led the qualifying for fourteen spots with a five under par 66. All of the players who shot a 71 or better qualified.

The Nike Tour, which was the PGA Tour's second tour, held the \$200,000 White Rose Classic at the Honey Run Golf Club in the first week of July. Many future and past PGA Tour members were playing that tour in an attempt to earn full exempt status on the 1994 PGA Tour. Curt Byrum won by putting together four solid rounds of 69, 70, 64 and 67 for an eighteen under par 270. First prize was \$36,000. Estaban Toledo, Morris Hatalsky and Gary Rusnak all posted 271 totals to tie for second just one stroke off the pace. Rusnak had eight straight birdies over the second and third rounds. The second round had three long rain delays and only 21 players completed their rounds. The rest finished on Saturday morning. Frank Dobbs led the Philadelphia Section members with a 276. **Dobbs** tied for 21st and won \$2,100. With the help of a third round 63 **Harold Perry** won \$1,704 as he posted a 277 to tie for 24th. When the field teed off on Sunday for the final round **Perry** was tied for second just two strokes out of the lead. A 75 in the final round dropped him 22 places on the money list, which was a testimonial to strength of the Nike Tour. Gene Fieger (280) won \$660 for a tie for 45th and Jim Furyk (282) tied for 51st winning \$480. Drew Hood finished 58th at 287 and won \$360. Cleve Coldwater, Emlyn Aubrey, Bob Kave, Rick Osberg, Brian Kelly, who was now the teaching professional at the White Deer Golf Club, Larry Jones, Pete Oakley, Brett Upper, Jim Muschlitz, Dave Roberts, Greg Lesher, Bill Hackett, Orist Wells, Keith Devos, Stu Ingraham, Terry Hertzog and Ken Peyre-Ferry missed the cut. Dobbs and Aubrey were Kike Tour members. Lesher was playing on both the PGA Tour and the Nike Tour. Osberg was exempt as the Section champion. Coldwater, who was now the professional at the Glenmaura National Golf Club, was exempt off having finished in the top 20 in the 1992 PGA Club Professional Championship. Furyk had an exemption from the sponsor. The others had qualified locally. As the host professional, Steve Chronister, was exempt but chose not to play in the tournament. He was instrumental in bringing the tournament to his club and the Philadelphia Section.

Greg Farrow won the Burlington Classic at the Burlington Country Club on the second Monday of July. **Farrow** put together two solid rounds of golf with a 67 on Sunday and a 66 on Monday for a seven under par 133 to win by four strokes. **Dave Roberts** and **Ed Sabo** tied for second with 137s. **Harold Perry** and **Stu Ingraham** were next at 138. The purse was \$15,450.

The U.S. Senior Open was at the Cherry Hills Country Club near Denver in the second week of July. Jack Nicklaus was now winning major senior championships and he added another at Cherry Hills. His rounds were 68, 73, 67 and 70 for a six under par 278 total. In the last round Tom Weiskopf made a charge with a 30 on the front nine but two bogies on the back side gave him a 67 and left him one stroke out of a tie at 279. Kermit Zarley (280) finished third one stroke in front of Chi Chi Rodriquez (281) and Dale Douglass (281). The golf course measured 6,915 yards but in Colorado's high altitude it played much shorter. First prize from the \$750,000 purse was \$135,330. Bob Thatcher (304) tied for 55th and won \$3,764. Bob Pfister missed the cut. Thatcher and Pfister had qualified in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Open was played at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club on the second Wednesday of July. Once again the tournament was plagued by rain. The tournament was scheduled for 36 holes on one day but after being interrupted twice by rain the Golf Association of Philadelphia decided to call it a one round tournament. Gene Fieger was able to complete one round before the second rain delay and he had a three under par 67 on the scoreboard. Several players had a chance to catch him but they all failed. Fieger picked up the Philadelphia Open title and a check for \$2,680. The purse was \$13,860. Jack Connelly, Jim Masserio and amateur Jim Spagnola tied for second with 68s. Miguel Biamon finished fifth with a 69.

Greg Norman won the British Open at the Royal St. George's Golf Club in Sandwich, England during the third week of July. Norman (267) won by two strokes over Nick Faldo (269) with rounds of 66, 68, 69 and 64. Par

was 70. Bernhard Langer finished third at 270. Corey Pavin (272) and Peter Senior (272) tied for fourth. First prize in United States money was \$154,000.

Paul Ogelsby won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship on the fourth Monday of July. The tournament sponsored by **George Izett** Golf, was held at the Burlington Country Club and the Laurel Creek Country Club. **Ogelsby** toured the Burlington course in three under par 67 and then put together a one under par 70 in the afternoon at Laurel Creek. His 137 score won by three strokes over Conestoga Country Club assistant John **Cooper** (140). There was a five-way tie for third as **Greg Farrow**, John Owens, Brian Kelly, Chris Anderson and Gene Fieger all posted 141s.

In the fourth week of July Scott Hoch won the Tylenol Kids Classic for the third straight year. Everything was the same except the golf course as the White Manor Country Club was hosting the event that year. Hoch posted a 68 on Monday and a 67 on Tuesday for a nine under par 135. Hoch birdied three of the last seven holes to win by three strokes. Tom Lehman finished second at 138. Kirk Triplett, Gary McCord, Steve Pate and Steve Lamontagne tied for third with 139s. As the Philadelphia Section PGA champion **Rick Osberg** was invited and he posted a 143. **Osberg** tied for 15th and won \$6,400. **Ed Dougherty** was also in the 24-man field and he posted a 149, winning the minimum prize of \$6,000. Hoch won \$50,000 to bring his winnings for the last three years in the tournament to \$145,000. The purse was \$280,000.

Jim Furyk won on the PGA Tour's Nike Tour in the first day of August at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic. The tournament was played at the 6,705-yard Windance Golf & Country Club in Gulfport, Mississippi. **Furyk** (72-68-66) finished with four straight birdies to tie Bob Friend (70-66-70) at 206. In the sudden-death playoff that followed **Furyk** made another birdie on the first playoff hole to win the \$27,000 first prize. The total purse was \$150,000. J.P. Hayes was next at 209. Kim Young and Tommy Moore tied for fourth at 210.

Qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship was at the North Hills Country Club on the first Monday of August. Jimmy Booros, who was now the professional at the Whitetail Golf Club, earned the medallist honors with a 68 and a 66 for the two rounds. Booros (134) finished three strokes in front of Miguel Biamon (137). Gary Hardin, Greg Farrow, Pete Oakley and Brian Kelly tied for third with 138s. Dave Roberts picked up the seventh spot with a 141, which finished one stroke in front of George Forster, Sr. (142). Forster won the eighth and last spot in a sudden-death playoff. In September Jim Masserio also qualified by winning Section Championship. Brett Upper was exempt as a past champion of the tournament. Stu Ingraham and Cleve Coldwater were exempt for having finished in the top 40 the year before.

The Section's senior members also qualified for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship at North Hills Country Club on the first Monday of August. There were two spots to qualify for and **Butch Sweigart** took the first one with a 74 in the morning and a 68 in the afternoon for an even par 142. The second spot went to **Roger Stern** who posted a 145. John Carson (148) eliminated Stan Dudas (148), who was leasing the Mays Landing Golf Club, and Henry McQuiston (148) in a sudden-death playoff for the first alternate position and when the Section was awarded another place he wound up in the starting field. Bob Pfister had qualified earlier by winning the Section Senior Championship in May.

The Pennsylvania Open was in the western part of the state and most of the prizes stayed there. The par 70 Allegheny Country Club hosted the tournament in the second week of August. Bob Ford beat John Klincholk with a birdie on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff. Ford (68-66) and Klincholk (68-66) tied with 134s. Klincholk had eight birdies in the last round, which included each of the last four holes. Sean Farren finished third at 135. John Mazza and Bernie Di Loreto tied for fourth with 136s. The low pro from the Philadelphia Section was **Brett Upper** who tied for eight with a 139. The course measured 6,402 yards.

The PGA Championship was at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio in the middle of August. Paul Azinger won by beating Greg Norman on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. Azinger (69-66-69-68) birdied four of the last seven holes to tie Norman (68-68-67-69) at eight under par 272. On the second extra-hole Azinger two putted for a par and Norman lipped out a four-foot par putt from above the hole. First prize was \$300,000 from a \$1,700,000 purse. Nick Faldo finished third at 273 and Vijay Singh was fourth with a 274. **Stu Ingraham** (283) played well as he tied for 31st and finished the tournament as the low club professional. **Ingraham** won \$7,057.69.

Cleve Coldwater missed the cut. **Ingraham** and **Coldwater** had qualified for the tournament by finishing in the top 40 at the 1992 PGA Club Professional Championship.

Brett Upper won the two-day Mountain Laurel Classic on the last day of August. The \$11,025 tournament was hosted and sponsored by the Mountain Laurel Resort. **Upper** earned \$1,600 by posting a 69 and a 66. His nine under par 135 gave him a one stroke win over **Pete Oakley** and **Harold Perry** who tied for second with 136s. **Frank Dobbs** finished fourth with a 139.

Harold Perry won the two-day Whitford Classic in the second week of September. Perry put together a 68 and a 67 for a nine under par 135 to win by three strokes. Don DeAngelis finished second with a 138 and Brett Upper was next at 139. Gene Fieger finished fourth with a 140 total. The purse was \$16,700.

After eight straight years at the Eagle Lodge Country Club the Section Championship moved to the central counties region of the Section. The championship was hosted by the Conestoga Country Club in the third week of September. Jim Masserio won the \$6,000 first prize by overtaking Stu Ingraham (134) and Frank Dobbs (134) with a three under par 67 in the last round. Masserio put together rounds of 66, 70 and 67 for a seven under par 203 to win the Section Championship for a second time. Ingraham finished second with a 205. Dobbs and Gary Hardin tied for third with 206s. Gene Fieger and Miguel Biamon were next at 207. The total payout was \$40,000. The host professional was Drew Hood.



Jim Masserio 1993 Section Champion

The Pennsylvania PGA Championship was played at the Scotch Valley Country Club in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania in the third week of September. The Philadelphia Section Championship had ended on Friday and this tournament began on the next Monday so the entry from the eastern part of the state was somewhat limited. Dick Von Tacky (138) posted a 70 and a

68 to finish with a six under par score that won by four strokes. Bob Ford and Jim Cichra tied for second with 142s. Llanerch Country Club assistant professional **Jim Curran**, **Frank Dobbs** and Gordon Vietmeier tied for fourth with 143s. The course measured 6,786 yards and the purse was \$10,750.

On the fifth Wednesday of September the Philadelphia Section pros squared off against the Golf Association of Philadelphia amateurs at the Philadelphia Cricket Club's Flourtown Course. Each team was made up of two senior players and ten others. The players were paired in fours with two amateurs and two pros in each pairing. Each pairing featured two singles matches and a better-ball match. The pros edged out the amateurs in what was the most closely contested match in its three-year history. In the better-ball matches the professional teams of Pete Oakley-Ed Sabo and John DiMarco-Russ Davis won. The Jim Masserio-George Forster, Sr. team halved its match. In the singles matches Oakley, Sabo, Masserio, Forster, DiMarco, Davis and senior Butch Sweigart won. That left the professionals with 9 ½ points against 8 ½ for the amateurs and the slimmest margin of victory. The other members of the Philadelphia Section team were Dave Roberts, Chris Anderson, Frank Dobbs, Don DeAngelis and senior Bob Pfister. The pros now led the series of matches with three wins to none for the amateurs but it was only a matter of time before the amateurs won.

The PGA Club Professional Championship was back in the east at the PGA Resort and Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The tournament was played during the second week of October on the Champion, Haig and Squire courses. The Philadelphia Section was well represented as **Pete Oakley** tied for third and six other Section members made the cut. There were five rain delays in the first three rounds. Jeff Roth took the title with rounds of 68, 69, 66 and 72 for a thirteen under par 275. John Lee finished second at 277. **Oakley**, Todd Smith, George Bowman, Walt Chapman and Ron McDougal tied for third with 278s. First prize was \$32,000 and **Oakley** won \$12,800. **Miguel Biamon** tied for 31st at 284 and won \$1,580. He was in a ten-way tie, which meant that the 284 scorers won the last ten of the 40 places allotted to the PGA club professionals for the 1994 PGA Championship. **Biamon** and **Oakley** were in the PGA. **Brian Kelly** (287) and **Greg Farrow** (287) tied for 59th and they each won \$760. **Cleve Coldwater** won \$665 as he tied for 70th at 288. **Gary Hardin** and **Stu Ingraham** both made the cut but did not play their fourth rounds. The each won \$400, which was what the players who didn't make the cut received. George Forster, Sr., Dave Roberts, Jim Masserio, Jimmy Booros and Brett Upper missed the cut. The purse was \$400,000.

The Section's fall meeting and election of officers was at the Hershey Country Club on the fourth Monday of October. Jack MacCarty was the new Section president, George McNamara moved from second vice president to secretary, Mike Atkins moved from secretary to treasurer, Michael Mack was elected vice president tournaments and Drew Hood was the new vice president of section affairs. Atkins was named "Golf Professional of the Year". In 1982 and 1984 Atkins was the "Golf Professional of the Year" in the Sun Country PGA and he was president of the Sun Country PGA for 1982 through 1984. Atkins was one of the pros that were responsible for the formation of the Central Counties Chapter under the Philadelphia PGA umbrella. He had served as an officer in the Central Counties Chapter and the Philadelphia Section. Gene Fieger was the Section's "Player of the Year", led the Section points race and he won the DeBaufre Trophy with a 69.85 stroke average. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was Bob Pfister. The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was Ted Sheftic. It was the second time that **Sheftic** had won the award.



Mike Atkins "Golf Professional of the Year" 1993

Skee Riegel and Fred Byrod were inducted into the Philadelphia PGA Hall of Fame on the fourth Monday of October. The induction ceremony



Skee Riegel 1993 Hall of Fame

took place at the Section's fall meeting at the Hershey Country Club. **Riegel** was almost 24when he hit his first golf ball but nine years later he won the U.S. Amateur and went on to play on two Walker Cup Teams where he won every match. He turned pro in 1950 and finished second in the 1951 Masters Tournament. At the age of 39 he left the PGA Tour and returned home to Philadelphia as the pro at the Radnor Valley Country Club. He then won the Pennsylvania Open twice and a Philadelphia Open. For over 30 years he was a member of the Section's tournament committee and the chairman of the rules committee. He spent numerous hours helping to make the Section members more knowledgeable on the rules of golf. In 1975 he received the Horton Smith award for work he did in the education of the Section members and apprentices. Byrod graduated from Temple University in 1933 and began writing sports for the Philadelphia Inquirer that year. In 1959 he be-

came the Inquirer's sports editor. In his early years of writing sports Byrod wasn't very interested in golf but it later became his main interest. He covered 69 major golf championships for the Inquirer and was well liked by all of the tour stars from Byron

Nelson to Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. After he retired from the Inquirer he wrote for the Philadelphia Golf Magazine while still writing a weekly golf column for the Inquirer. Byrod was a walking encyclopedia on golf in Philadelphia and he went out of his way to include the Philadelphia Section and its members in the Inquirer's sports pages. For sixty years he did more to inform the public about the Philadelphia PGA and its members than all of the other sports writers combined.

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was played in late October at the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course, West Palm Beach, Florida. Bob Carson ran away from the field by putting together rounds of 69, 69, 69 and 70 for an eleven under par 277. Tom Joyce finished eight strokes back in second place with a 285. Bill Garrett (287) and Patrick O'Brien (288) finished third and fourth. First prize was \$14,000. Bob Pfister (299) tied for 37th and won \$1,200.



Fred Byrod 1993 Hall of Fame

Butch Sweigart won \$1,032.50 (300) for a 40th place tie. **Roger Stern** (301) tied for 44th and won \$922. **Pfister**, **Sweigart** and **Stern** qualified for the PGA Senior Championship as the top 55 made it. The number of qualifiers out of this tournament for the PGA Senior Championship had been reduced from 70 to 55. **John Carson** missed the cut by one stroke.

The PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida hosted the national PGA meeting, in the first week of November. The delegates from the Philadelphia Section were **Jack MacCarty** and **Mike Atkins**. The biggest news at the meeting was that the PGA had obtained an option to purchase the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. A part of the agreement was that the 1996 PGA Championship would be played there. It was also announced that the PGA had an agreement to build another golf facility in Florida, which would have 36 holes and a learning center. The courses were going to be designed by Tom Fazio. One important resolution that passed was that a resolution could be voted on without waiting for the annual meeting. The board of directors could now propose a resolution. The resolution would then be mailed to the PGA Sections. A vote would be taken within 45 days and it would require a vote of two-thirds in favor by both the board and the Sections to pass. The A -6 classification was expanded to include PGA members employed at PGA recognized indoor golf facilities. Also in attendance were past national president **Dick Smith, Sr.** and District II national director **Jack Connelly**.

John Poole was recognized at the PGA of America's national meeting in November as the winner of the Bill Strausbaugh Award for his work in Club Relations. Poole was the pioneer in the Philadelphia Section when it came to club relations. He became involved with the new club relations committee in the late 1978 and in 1982 he accepted the chairmanship of the committee. He was the chairman from 1982 through 1991 where he counseled 105 club committees in the hiring of new professionals. He won the Strausbaugh Award in the Section six times. He had been a member of the national club relations committee since 1985.

Nick Price was the leading money winner for the year on the PGA Tour and he won the two major awards as well. He was the PGA "Player of the Year", won the Vardon Trophy with a stroke average of 69.11 and took home \$1,478.557. Ed Dougherty had a so-so year on the PGA Tour, but beginning with the New England Classic he made nine straight cuts. He played in 34 events and ended the year in 99th place with \$167,651. Late in the year Ted Tryba tied for third at the Walt Disney World Golf Classic and won \$52,800. That boosted him up into the all-exempt top 125 on the money list. He played in 33 tournaments and finished the year in 116th place with \$136,670. Tryba also won \$1,894 in one tournament on the PGA Nike Tour. Greg Lesher played in 14 tournaments and won \$23,171. Lesher also played in eleven tournaments on the Nike Tour where he earned \$1,105.



John Poole Bill Strausbaugh Award national winner

Emlyn Aubrey was back on the PGA Nike Tour (formerly the PGA Ben Hogan Tour) where he won \$72,944 in fourteen tournaments. He was 14th on the money list which qualified him for a return to the PGA Tour. He also played in one tournament on the PGA Tour where he won \$18,125. In his first full year as a professional golfer **Jim Furyk** played in 25 tournaments on the Nike Tour and won \$58,240. He finished 26th on the money list. **Furyk** was less than \$3,000 away from finishing in 25th place, which would have qualified him for the PGA Tour. **Frank Dobbs** played in ten events and won \$2,100.

Dave Stockton led the PGA Senior Tour money list with \$1,175,944. Jack Kiefer broke through a barrier by winning enough money to lock up full exempt status for the next year. He played in 32 events and won \$333,511, which was 27th place on the money list. Dick Hendrickson completed another year as he played in 34 tournaments, winning \$243,262, which put him in 35th place on the money list. Bob Thatcher got into 19 tournaments as a conditional qualifier and won \$37,119. The introduction of super-senior money brought Al Besselink out of retirement. He played in six tournaments and won \$1,748 plus the super-senior money.

Jim Furyk qualified for the PGA Tour in the first week of December. They made it through the six-round

qualifying school, which was held at the La Quinta Resort's Dunes Course in La Quinta, California. Three players tied for medallist honors. Ty Armstrong, Dave Stockton, Jr. and Robin Freeman all finished with 415 totals. **Furyk** tied for 37th with rounds of 70, 71, 74, 71, 69 and 71 for 426. There were 40 spots and **Furyk** was one of ten players who just made it. There are no playoffs at the Q-School and all ties for the last spot are included.

In the second week of December longtime amateur **Jay Sigel** turned pro and entered the qualifying test for the PGA Senior Tour. Like most seniors who were trying to get on the Senior Tour he had to survive two 72-hole qualifying events in order to earn playing privileges. At the final stage a player had to finish in the top eight in order to fully qualified for 1994 PGA Senior Tour. The entry fee was \$2,000. **Sigel** finished eleventh in qualifying as he posted rounds of 75, 75, 73 and 70 for a five over par 293 at the Grenelefe Resort in Haines City, Florida. In each of the first three rounds he hit a ball out-of-bounds. **Sigel** won \$2,730, his first money in golf, but that wasn't important. The important thing was that he had qualified for the Senior Tour. Only the top eight qualifiers earned full exemptions to the tour, but the second eight had conditional status. This meant that beginning with the player who qualified in the ninth position, the eight players with conditional status would be able to play when the fields weren't filled with the fully exempt players.

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It didn't take **Jay Sigel** long to win his first tournament on the PGA Senior Tour. In just the fourth full field event of the year **Sigel** came from ten strokes back to win the GTE West Senior Classic. The tournament was played at the Ojai Valley Inn and Country Club in the first week of March. Lee Trevino had told **Sigel** that the Ojai course, which was only 6,200 yards, was too short for the strengths of his game. Never the less **Sigel** was there and after rounds of 70 and 66 he trailed Jim Colbert by ten strokes. When he teed off in the final round he was fighting a stomach virus and he had a new caddy on his bag that week. He was just hoping to earn a decent check before taking an all night flight home to Philadelphia. **Sigel** proceeded to put together a course record eight under par 62 for a total of 198, which caught Colbert. A sudden-death playoff began on the par three 17th hole. After they halved the hole with pars they went to the par five 18th hole where they both had putts of about four-feet for birdies. Colbert missed his



Jay Sigel Won Early in His Rookie Year on the PGA Senior Tour

putt and Sigel holed his for the victory and a check for \$82,500. Larry Laoretti and Bob Murphy tied for third with 199s. Sigel was now an exempt player on the PGA Senior Tour.

The Section's spring meeting was held at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. The spring meeting was held at DuPont several times because the club had more than one 18-hole course. The Section usually held some kind of a pro-pro event after the morning meeting and with the Section now having so many members two courses were needed to take care of everyone that wanted to play in the event. There were over 300 members, apprentices, staff and guests at the meeting. Section President Jack MacCarty informed those present that Drew Hood had resigned as the vice president of section affairs and that the Penn Oaks Country Club professional, Mike Cole, had been appointed to replace him. The tournament chairman, Michael Mack, briefed the Section members and apprentices on the tournament schedule. There were several new tournaments on the schedule and the schedule had an estimated \$565,000 in purses. The PGA Nike Tour was back in the Section for another year as it was holding a tournament at the Center Valley Club. The Variety Club was represented by Vince Mariniello, who was the moving force behind the relationship between the Philadelphia Section and the Variety Club. For several years Mariniello had been attending the meetings with the purpose of selling the Variety Club charity to the Section members but this time he had Russell Ohneck, a member of the one-year-old Buddy Program, with him. Russell gave a riveting talk on what the program meant to him. One thing he said was "My professional is Doug Hendricks and he's teaching me how to play golf'. The Section Secretary George McNamara reported that as of March 31 the PGA of America had 14,292 members. Of that number 2,114 were Life Members, which was the retired classification.

The Masters Tournament ended on the second Sunday of April with another Spaniard at the top of the leader board. Jose Maria Olazabal opened with a 74 but then he posted rounds of 67, 69 and 69 for a nine under par 279

to edge out Tom Lehman (281) by two strokes. First prize was \$360,000.Larry Mize (282) and Tom Kite (283) finished third and fourth. There was no one in the field from the Philadelphia Section.

The Senior PGA Championship was played in mid April and it was held at the PGA National Golf Club for the thirteenth straight year. Raymond Floyd blew a four-stroke lead on the last nine holes and Lee Trevino (279) was there to grab the win. That gave Trevino two Senior PGA Championship wins in the last three years. Floyd (282) was done in by the two par three holes on the back nine, #15 and #17. He lost four strokes to par on #15 and two more on #17 to finish three strokes off the pace. Trevino only used 108 putts to put together four steady rounds of 70, 69, 70 and 70. Jim Colbert finished second at 280 and Dave Stockton (282) tied Floyd for third. Jay Sigel (288) finished thirteenth and won \$15,000. Dick Hendrickson (292) won \$11,000 as he tied for 19th. Jack Kiefer (294) tied for 29th and won \$4,250. Mike's Indoor Golf teaching professional Butch Sweigart, Bob Pfister and Roger Stern missed the cut and they were each paid \$750. First prize was \$115,000 from a purse of \$850,000. The course measured 6,702 yards. Sigel had gained entry into the tournament off his position on the 1994 Senior PGA Tour money list through April 1. Hendrickson and Kiefer were exempt off their positions on the 1993 Senior PGA Tour money list. Sweigart, Pfister and Stern earned their entry through the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship by finishing in the top 55.

Pete Trenham won the Philadelphia Section Senior Championship at the Little Mill Country Club on the second Tuesday of May. He posted a one under par 70 to finish four strokes in front of **Tony Perla**, (74), who was now the teaching professional at the Plymouth Country Club. Wild Quail Golf & Country Club teaching professional **Joe Kriznuski**, **Dick Smith**, **Sr**. and Freeway Golf Club professional **Bill Bishop** tied for third with 75s. The victory earned **Trenham** an exemption for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship and an invitation to the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic. The purse was \$1,350 and first prize was \$325.

The Blue Ridge Country Club hosted the central Pennsylvania local qualifying round for the U.S. Open on the fourth Monday of May. For a second time the USGA had decided to reduce the local qualifying from 36 holes to 18. It had been tried in 1989 but in 1990 local qualifying was back to 36 holes. Now with more than 6,000 entries it was becoming difficult to find enough courses and officials to manage two rounds of qualifying in one day at various sites around the country. There were 66 pros and amateurs competing at Blue Ridge. Many locations required two courses. Sixty-five players were fully exempt into the U.S. Open and 170 were exempt from local qualifying. The low qualifier for the six places allotted to Blue Ridge was **Paul Oglesby** who posted a three under par 69. Amateur Jonathon Clark finished second with a 71 and **Wilson Zehner** (73), who was now the professional at the Lancaster Country Club, won the next spot in spite of hitting two balls out-of-bounds on one hole. There was a seven-way tie at 74 for the last three places. The survivors were **Rob Shuey**, the teaching professional at the Bent Creek Country Club, **Jim Douglass** and Outdoor Country Club assistant professional **Robert Ruby**.

Local qualifying in Philadelphia for the U.S. Open was held at the Commonwealth National Country Club on the fourth Tuesday of May. There were 120 pros and amateurs entered in Philadelphia but even though it was a warm sunny day there were 20 withdrawals and no shows. Philadelphia had been allotted twelve spots for the right to move on to sectional qualifying. In order to get the players around what was a difficult test, the course was set up at 6,774 yards. That was about 270 yards less than the full course yardage but the last players still needed five hours and 20 minutes to complete their rounds. The rough was deep and the slick greens became firmer as the day progressed. Garrison's Lake Golf Club teaching professional Pete Oakley, Rick Osberg and Bob Menne tied for medallist honors with one under par 70s. Stu Ingraham was fourth with a 71, his assistant Gene Fieger was fifth with a 72 and Brett Upper was next at 73. The host professional David Craig birdied the 18th hole for a 74, which put him in a playoff with six other players for the last six spots. Craig, Miguel Biamon (74), Pine Valley Golf Club assistant professional Jason Lamp (74), Wilmington Country Club assistant professional Daviel Volko (74) along with amateurs Jeff Kiley (74) and Chris Lange (74) survived the sudden-death playoff by making pars on the first extra hole. Jim Furyk was exempt from local qualifying as an exempt player on the PGA Tour.

The tenth Bell Atlantic Senior Classic was back at the Chester Valley Country Club at the end of May. Qualifying for the last four places in the starting field was at the Reading Country Club on the Monday of tournament week. Agim Bardha led with a five under par 65. The next two spots went to Rod Curl (66) and Walter Morgan (66) who was a Philadelphia Section member. He was living in Cherry Hill, New Jersey where his wife had a job as a school administrator. The first day was cold and windy but then the weather returned to normal for late spring. Lee Trevino won on the PGA Senior Tour for the 22nd time and the fourth time that year. Trevino (206) won the tournament for a second time with rounds of 71, 67 and 68, which was four under par. Mike Hill finished second at 208 and Tommy Aaron was third with a 210. Tom Wargo, Jim Dent and Chi Chi Rodriguez tied for fourth with 211s. Jack Kiefer tied for seventh with a 212 and won \$23,800. Jay Sigel (219) won \$6,230 for a tie for 26th. Morgan (221) tied for 34th and won \$4,050. Dick Smith, Sr. (222) tied for 41st and won \$3,080. Bob Thatcher (223) won 2,450 as he tied for 47th. Pete Trenham (234) tied for 70th and won \$616. Dick Hendrickson withdrew after the first round with a pinched nerve in his neck. There were 78 in the starting field. Kiefer, Sigel and Hendrickson were in the field off their standing on the Senior PGA Tour. Smith and Thatcher, who was back at his Olde Masters Driving Range, had received sponsor exemptions. Trenham was in the field as the current Philadelphia Section senior champion. That year Chester Valley was the second most difficult course on the Senior PGA Tour. The host professional was John Poole. Trevino won \$105,000 from the \$700,000 purse. The admission fee for spectators was \$18 each day.

Jim Furyk and amateur **Duke Delcher** qualified for the U.S. Open in the Washington D.C. area. Qualifying was held at the Congressional Country Club's Gold Course and the Woodmont Country Club's North Course on the second Monday of June. The PGA Tour's Kemper Open had concluded the day before so there were 142 players qualifying for 39 spots. **Delcher** was a former Section member now playing out of the Atlantic City Country Club. **Furyk** put together a 65 and a 73 for 138 and **Delcher** shot 73 and 66 for 139. Bradley Hughes was low with a 131. Fourteen players with 140 totals went into a sudden-death playoff for the last five spots.

Emlyn Aubrey also qualified for the U.S. Open on the second Monday of June. He was in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Coldstream Country Club competing with 38 players for three spots in the starting field at the Oakmont Country Club. **Aubrey** was the low qualifier as he put together rounds of 66 and 69 for a seven under par 135. Frank Lickliter and Steven Flesch took the other two places with 138s. **Aubrey** was exempt from local qualifying as a member of the PGA's Nike Tour.

Gene Fieger won the Variety Club Tournament of Champions at the White Manor Country Club in the second week of June. The first round was played on a Thursday in a pro-am format. The amateur entry fees went to the Variety Club charities. On Friday the pros were paired by their Thursday scores. **Frank Dobbs**, who was now the teaching professional at the Blue Bell Country Club, led the first day with a 68 but the second day **Fieger** made eight birdies on the way to an eight under par 64. **Fieger's** 64 and a Thursday 71 gave him a total of 135. **Dobbs** finished second with a 138. **Stu Ingraham, Pete Oakley** and **Harold Perry** tied for third with 140s. The purse was \$27,750.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was at the Reading Country Club on the third Friday of June. There were two places to qualify for. **Bob Pfister** and Dick Howell, a professional from northern New Jersey, took two spots with two under par 68s. Larry Wise won the first alternate spot with a 69 and later got into the tournament. Jay Sigel was in the tournament on a special invitation from the USGA. Jack Kiefer was exempt off his position on the PGA Senior Tour money list.

The U.S. Open was played at the Oakmont Country Club near Pittsburgh in the third week of June. Oakmont played as difficult as usual and at the end of regulation play there were three players tied at the top. Ernie Els (69-71-66-73), Colin Montgomerie (71-65-73-70) and Loren Roberts (76-69-64-70) all posted one under par 279s. On Monday the USGA held its usual 18-hole playoff to break the tie. Els and Roberts turned in 74s and Montgomerie's 78 eliminated him. A sudden-death playoff between Els and Roberts was next and it began on the 10th hole to accommodate TV. They both made par4s on #10 and Els took the title with a par 4 on the next hole. Curtis Strange finished fourth alone with four consecutive 70s for 280. First prize was \$320,000 from a purse of \$1,752,835. Jim Furyk tied for 28th at 292 and won \$11,514.20. Emlyn Aubrey (302) also made the cut as he tied for 62nd and won \$3,800.33. Duke Delcher missed the cut.

Rob Shuey won the Burlington Classic at the Burlington Country Club on the fourth Monday of June. Shuey put together a 65 on Sunday and he came back with a 66 the next day to post a six under par 134. Pete Oakley finished second with a 135 total. Jim Curran and Frank Dobbs tied for third at 137. The purse was \$17,000.

The U.S. Senior Open was played at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club's #2 course in the beginning of
July. South Africa's Simon Hobday took home the title with rounds of 66, 67, 66 and 75 for a twelve under par 274. Hobday only won by one stroke as Graham Marsh and Jim Albus tied for second with 275 totals. Tom Weiskopf, Tom Wargo and Dave Stockton tied for fourth with 277s. First prize was \$145,000. Jack Kiefer tied for 25th with a 288 total and won \$6,589. Bob Pfister tied for 65th and won \$1,978. Larry Wise missed the cut.

The George Izett Memorial Assistant Pro Championship was held on the first Monday of July. The tournament was played at the North Hills Country Club and the Cedarbrook Country Club. Greg Farrow put together a one under par 71 at Cedarbrook in the morning and a four under par 67 at North Hills in the afternoon to take the title. His score of 138 nipped Frank Dobbs (139) by one stroke. Dave Seeman (142), the teaching pro at the Wilmington Country Club, finished third and Jim Curran (143) was fourth. The total purse was \$8,500. There was now a George Izett memorial trophy and Farrow's name was engraved on the trophy.

The British Open was played at the Turnberry Golf Resort in Scotland during the third week of July. With rounds of 69, 66, 67 and 66, Nick Price won the claret jug. His 12 under par 268 edged out Jesper Parnevik (269) by one stroke. Fuzzy Zoeller was third at 271. David Feherty, Mark James and Anders Forsbrand tied for fourth with 273 totals. First prize in United States money was \$178,200.

Stu Ingraham won the Philadelphia Open in a playoff with **Harold Perry** on the third Tuesday of July. **Ingraham** (71-65) 136 and **Perry** (65-71) 136 the host professional at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club had finished in a tie at the end of 36-holes the previous Wednesday. In the playoff **Ingraham** turned in a four under par 67 against a 72 for **Perry**. The 136 scores tied a Philadelphia Open record. Since 1940 when the tournament was shortened from 72-holes to 36-holes, only four other players had posted 136s. They were **Bud Lewis, Gene Kunes, Jay Sigel** as an amateur and amateur Billy Hyndman. First prize was \$2,620 from a purse of \$12,600. **Gary Hardin** finished third at 137. **Mike Moses and Jim Masserio** were next with 138s. Eleven players broke 140 and seventeen broke par. **Rob Shuey, Brian Kelly, Gene Fieger, Pete Oakley,** 57-year old **Pete Trenham** and amateur Chet Walsh all posted 139s. Earlier qualifying rounds had established a starting field of 45 professionals and 15 amateurs.

The Section members qualified for the PGA Club Professional Championship on the first Monday of August at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club. The first of seven openings went to **Charlie Bolling**, who was now the teaching professional at the Bent Creek Country Club. He turned in a 69 in the morning and a 65 in the afternoon for an eight under par 134. **Jim Masserio** finished second with a 137. The next three spots went to **Brian Kelly** (138), **Stu Ingraham** (138) and **Gary Hardin** (138). **Miguel Biamon** and **Bob Kave** took the last two places with 139s. **Pete Oakley** was exempt off his third place finish in the tournament the year before. **Brett Upper** was exempt as a former winner of the tournament. When **Frank Dobbs** won the Section Championship in September he qualified also.

The Section's senior members also qualified at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship on the first Monday of August. The seniors had three spots to qualify for. Dick Smith, Sr. and Willie Scholl tied for the medal with 143s. Dennis Milne won the third spot with a 144. Pete Trenham was exempt as the Section senior champion.

Paul Oglesby won the Pennsylvania Open at the Bent Creek Country Club on the second Tuesday of August. **Ogelsby** came from five strokes back to win by four. He opened up with a one under par 70 on Monday and came back with a course record (30-34) 64 on Tuesday. His 134 score gave him a comfortable margin of victory over **Gene Fieger** who finished second at 138. First prize was \$4,000 from a purse of \$21,600. The first round leader Ned Weaver ended up in third place with a 139. **Brian Kelly** and Gulph Mills Golf Club teaching professional **Terry Hertzog** tied for fourth with 140s.

In the second week of August Nick Price broke all of the PGA Championship records as he captured the title for the second time in three years. The tournament was held at the Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Price won by six strokes as he put together rounds of 67, 65, 70 and 67 for an eleven under par 269. It was the lowest 72-hole score in the tournament since the format had been changed from match play in 1958. The purse was \$1,700,000 and first prize was \$310,000. Corey Pavin finished second at 275 and Phil Mickelson was next at 276. Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and John Cook tied for fourth with 277s. Ted Tryba, Pete Oakley and Miguel

Biamon missed the cut and they each received \$1,200. **Tryba** was in the field for having been in the top 70 money winners on the PGA Tour money list from the 1993 PGA Championship through June 18, 1994. **Oakley** and **Biamon** were there for having finished in the top 40 at the PGA Club Professional Championship.

Frank Dobbs won the Mountain Laurel Classic on the fifth Tuesday of August. The tournament was played at the par 72 Mountain Laurel Resort. **Dobbs'** rounds of 71 on Monday and 67 on Tuesday for 138 gave him a one stroke victory over **Pete Oakley** (139). **Miguel Biamon** finished third at 140 and **Ben Witter** was next at 143. The purse for the tournament was \$11,740.

The \$14,500 Whitford Classic was played in the second week of September at the Whitford Country Club. **Stu Ingraham** left everyone in his wake as he led by two strokes after shooting a 68 on Sunday and then he shot a 67 on Monday for a nine under par 135. **Frank Dobbs** and **Gary Hardin** tied for second with 142 totals. Pine

Valley Golf Club assistant professional Marc Carter, Brett Upper, Miguel Biamon, Ken Peyre-Ferry and Terry Hertzog tied for fourth at 143.

Pete Oakley wasn't available for the Philadelphia Section Championship because he was playing in the PGA Cup Matches at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. As the immediate past president of the PGA of America, Dick Smith, Sr. captained the team, which was competing against the European PGA club professionals. The matches were played on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course in the third week of September. The first two days there were 4 foursomes matches in the morning and 4 four-ball matches in the afternoon. In those two days **Oakley** won a four-ball match, lost in the two foursomes matches and sat out the other four-ball match. In the four-ball match that Oakley won, he holed a twenty-foot birdie putt on the last hole to save a 1-up edge. The Americans led 9 to 7 after the second day's matches were completed. Smith reminded his team that no American team had lost on home soil. On the third day there were ten singles matches. **Oakley** brought in one of the first wins as he played three under par golf and won by 6&5. The Americans won five more singles matches and finished on top with 15 points against 11 for Europe. The PGA of America now led the series with eleven victories against four wins for Europe. Two of the contests had ended in a draw.



Pete Oakley 1994 PGA Cup Team Member

After having won almost everything else in the Philadelphia Section Frank Dobbs won the Philadelphia PGA



Frank Dobbs 1994 Section Champion

Championship on the fourth Thursday of September. The Conestoga Country Club hosted the tournament for the second straight year. In the end the tournament came down to **Dobbs** and **Michael Mack**. While **Dobbs** waited in the rain on the 18th fairway **Mack** three putted the 18th green for a threeday total of four under par 206 (69-69-68). When the green cleared **Dobbs** hit an eight-iron to within ten feet of the hole. He then holed the putt for a birdie and a total of 205, which gave him a one-stroke victory. **Dobbs'** rounds were 66, 68 and 71. The purse was \$40,000 and **Dobbs** won \$6,000. **Stu Ingraham** and **Terry Hertzog** tied for third with 208s. Five players tied for fifth with even par 210s. The host professional was **John O'Malley**.

On the first Tuesday of October the Golf Association of Philadelphia's amateurs defeated the Philadelphia Section professionals. The pros had won the first three challenge matches contested against the amateurs. A plausible reason for this loss was that ten of the Section's best players were in Missouri for the PGA Club Professional Championship. The matches were held at the Green Valley Country Club. There were twelve pros and twelve amateurs on each team. Two members of each team were seniors. In each fourman pairing there were two singles matches and a better-ball match. The final score was 11 ½ points for the amateurs and 6 ½ points for the pros. Ken Peyre-Ferry, Dave Roberts, Orist Wells and Butch Sweigart won

their singles matches. The teams of George Forster-Wells and John Carson-Sweigart won their better-ball matches. The Vince Ramagli-Roberts team halved their match. Ramagli was the teaching professional at the Bumble Bee Hollow Driving Range. The other members of the Philadelphia Section team were Rob Shuey, Chris Anderson, Michael Mack, John DiMarco and Don DeAngelis who was now the professional at the Blue Bell Country Club.

The PGA Club Professional Championship was in Lake Ozark, Missouri in early October. The tournament was played at the North Port National Golf Club, Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Course and the Oaks Course. The tournament ended in a three-way tie as Sammy Rachels, Darrell Kestner and Ron McDougal all finished regulation play with 284 totals. A sudden-death playoff was held at the completion of play. McDougal went out on the first hole and Rachels won with a par on the second extra hole. Rachel's rounds were 68, 72, 71 and 73. The tournament was delayed by rain. It began on the first Thursday of the month and due to rain it took five days to complete as it finished on Monday. Some players needed three days to play their second round. Bruce Zabriski finished fourth at 285. First prize from the \$400,000 purse was \$32,000. Pete Oakley and Frank Dobbs tied for 13th with 288 totals and they each won \$5,458. They also qualified for the 1995 PGA Championship as the top 25 made it. The number of players qualifying for the PGA Championship had been reduced from 40 to 25. Brian Kelly missed qualifying for the PGA Championship by one stroke as he posted a 290. Kelly tied for 26th and won \$2,059.09. Jim Masserio (292) tied for 44th and won \$946.67. Stu Ingraham (293) won for a 53rd place tie. Bob Kave (297) finished tied for 77th and won \$655. Brett Upper made the cut right on the number with a 222 and withdrew. Charlie Bolling, Gary Hardin and Miguel Biamon missed the cut. Upper and everyone who missed the cut received checks for \$400.

In the third week of October the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was held in West Palm Beach, Florida. The tournament was played on the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course and the starting field had been reduced from 144 to 129. Roger Kennedy won the tournament for a second time with rounds of 72, 69, 70 and 72 for a five under par 283. Bill Garrett finished second at 284, Patrick O'Brien was third at 286 and Tom Joyce finished fourth at 287. First prize from the \$185,000 purse was \$14,000. Dick Smith, Sr. tied for 12th with a 293 total and won \$3,016.66. Pete Trenham tied for 37th at 303 and picked up a check for \$720. That qualified Smith and Trenham for the 1995 Senior PGA Championship as the top 55 made it. Willie Scholl and Dennis Milne missed the cut.

Jack Kiefer won on the PGA Senior Tour for the first time by shooting a 63 in the last round at the Ralph's Senior Classic. The tournament was played in Los Angeles, California at the Rancho Park Golf Club during the fourth week of October. This was the same course that hosted the Los Angeles Open on the PGA Tour for many years. Kiefer had joined the Senior PGA Tour in 1990. Kiefer needed the 63 because Dale Douglass was putting together a ten under par 61 at the same time. Douglas' 61 was a course record and it also equaled the lowest round in the history of the PGA Senior Tour. Kiefer (69-65-63) finished with a three round total of 197 and Douglass' total was 198. First prize was \$112,500. Jim Colbert finished third at 201. Bob Murphy, Tony Jacklin, Ben Smith, Jim Dent, Jimmy Powell and Kermit Zarley tied for fourth with 202 totals. Jay Sigel shot a 202 and tied for tenth winning \$17,250.

In the fourth week of October **Frank Dobbs** became the holder of both the Philadelphia Section Match Play Championship and the Philadelphia Section Championship titles. To win the Match Play title **Dobbs** beat **Ken**



Jack Kiefer Won 1971 PA Open Two Wins on PGA Senior Tour

Peyre-Ferry by 5&4 in the finals. The tournament was played at the PineCrest Country Club. On Monday **Gary Hardin** led the qualifying for the match play ladder with a three under par 67. Thirty-one players and **Pete Oakley**, who was exempt as the defending champion, qualified for the matches. The first round matches were also played on Monday. Two matches were played on Tuesday with the semifinals and finals being played on Wednesday. In the semifinals **Dobbs** played four under par golf to defeat **Gene Fieger** 2-down. **Peyre-Ferry** needed three extra holes to eliminate Pinelands Golf Club assistant professional **John Appleget** in the other semifinal match. The purse was \$3,100.

The PGA of America's annual meeting was held during the first week of November at the Ommi Hotel at Charleston Place in Charleston, South Carolina. The theme of the meeting was "PGA 2000", which meant what would be the make up of the PGA professional in the year 2000 and after. Tom Addis was unanimously elected as the 29th president of the PGA and Ken Lindsay moved up to vice president. The Carolinas PGA Section's Will Mann was elected secretary on the first ballot in a three-man race with Ron Dunham and Jerry Ray. Several resolutions were passed. Credits for a four-year college degree were increased from 8 to 12. Apprentices who where working for a non member head professional who was in the PGA apprentice program would now receive one credit for each month worked instead of one-half credit. A classification was established for PGA members who were directing a PGA Recognized Golf School at a PGA Recognized Golf Range. Apprentices would be required



Don Siok "Golf Professional of the Year" 1994

to make acceptable progress in their training as defined by the Board of Directors or be dropped from the Apprentice Program. The delegates from the Philadelphia Section were **Jack MacCarty** and **Mike Atkins. Dick Smith**, **Sr**. was also in attendance as a past president of the PGA and **Jack Connelly** was there as the national director representing District II.

Seaview Country Club hosted the Section's fall meeting on the second Monday of November. The president Jack MacCarty and all of the other officers were reelected. The other officers were Secretary-George McNamara, Treasurer-Mike Atkins, Vice President Tournaments-Michael Mack and Vice President Section Affairs-Michael Cole. The "Golf Professional of the Year" was Atlantic Country Club professional Don Siok. He was a founder of the Central Counties Chapter and he had been a Section member for more than 30 years. Siok served as the treasurer for two years and the secretary one year. As the secretary he and the Section attorney, Francis Sullivan, created new By-Laws for the Section. Siok and his father-in-law, the late Leo Fraser, were always ready to host tournaments and meetings for the Section. The "Player of the Year" was Frank Dobbs. It was the third time that he had achieved that award. Stu Ingraham won the DeBaufre

Trophy with a 70.00 scoring average for the year's designated tournaments. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was **Butch Sweigart.** The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was **Russell Davis.**

Marty Lyons was inducted into the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame on the second Monday of November. The ceremony took place at the Seaview Country Club during the Section's fall meeting. Lyons began his career in golf at the age of nine as a caddy at Llanerch Country Club and he worked his way up the ladder at the club. At the age of 16 he became the caddy master and two years later he was the assistant pro. He left for six years to work in south Jersey as a head professional. In 1933 Lyons returned to Llanerch as the assistant to Denny Shute. That year Shute won the British Open and moved on to another club job at the end of the year. With the backing of almost every member Lyons moved into the head professional position, where he remained until his death 35 years later. Lyons was so revered by the Llanerch members and even though his induction to the Section's Hall of Fame was 26 years after his death a large contingent of Llanerch members rented a bus and made the trip to Seaview for the ceremony. His accomplishments are almost endless. Lyons hosted the Section Championship nine times. He was president of the Section for six years and he was the vice president for four years. He was the secretary of the PGA of America for one year. Lyons, Leo Fraser and Jimmy D'Angelo were the first PGA members to put forth the idea of the PGA having its own golf course in Florida and it was the



Marty Lyons Section President Six Years PGA of America Secretary

three of them that made it happen. Through his efforts on the national level the PGA Championship was played at Llanerch Country Club in 1958. It was also **Lyons** who campaigned to change the PGA Championship from match play to stroke play. The 1958 PGA Championship was played at stroke play for the first time and the tournament became a huge financial success. **Lyons** was one of the early promoters of junior golf, using movies of their swings to peak their interest. When the wounded veterans from World War II began returning to the Valley Forge Hospital **Lyons** promoted the construction of a golf course at the hospital. He and the Section's professionals spent many hours introducing the wounded veterans to golf. Just a few days before **Lyons** died in 1968 he had said "With Valley Forge Hospital getting all these wounded boys from Vietnam, we've got to get busy up there again".

Walt Morgan qualified for the PGA Senior Tour in the third week of November. Qualifying was held at the par 71 TPC of Tampa Bay in Lutz, Florida. Morgan finished second at (72-71-68-69) 280, just two strokes back of the medallist Tommy Aycock (74-66-69-69—278). The top eight earned full exemptions on the Senior Tour and the next eight players earned conditional status. Morgan also picked up a check for \$8,400. The course measured 6,638-yards.

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Nick Price and he led in money won with \$1,499,927. Greg Norman won the Vardon Trophy with an average of 68.81 strokes per round. **Ted Tryba** finished 74th on the PGA Tour money list. He earned \$246,481 in the 34 tournaments he entered. **Jim Furyk** made the most of his first year on the PGA Tour as he played in 31 tournaments, won \$236,603 and finished 78th on the money list. **Furyk** also won \$3,815 in a tournament on the PGA Nike Tour. **Ed Dougherty** failed to hold on to his full exempt status on the PGA Tour.

He finished the year in 157th place on the money list with earnings of \$96,987 in 33 events. **Dougherty** then failed to make it through the second stage of tour qualifying. He had been exempt from level one qualifying. In spite of losing his exemption **Dougherty** would be able to enter some of the tournaments due to having made at least 150 cuts during his career.

Emlyn Aubrey finished tenth on the PGA Nike Tour, which qualified him for the 1995 PGA Tour. He won \$113,919 in the 19 tournaments that he entered. **Aubrey** also won \$3,802 in a tournament on the PGA Tour.

For the second straight year Dave Stockton led the PGA Senior Tour as he won \$1,402,519. In his first year on the PGA Senior Tour **Jay Sigel** lived up to his amateur record by finishing 12th on the money list. He had fourteen top ten finishes and he won the GTE West Senior Classic, which earned him "Rookie of the Year" honors. **Sigel's** victory early in the year made him a fully exempt and he went on to win \$634,130 in 29 tournaments. **Jack Kiefer** won his first tournament on the PGA Senior Tour and went on to finish 21st on the money list. His earnings in the 35 tournaments he entered came to \$532,467. **Dick Hendrickson** slipped to 51st on the money list as he earned \$153,155 in 31 events. **Roger Stern** played in three tournaments and won \$8,198. **Bob Thatcher** got into two tournaments and won \$5,998. **Al Besselink** played in three tournaments and won \$1,166 along with his supersenior earnings.



Emlyn Aubrey 2 Wins on Asian Tour 2 Wins on PGA Nike Tour

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Gene Fieger won the PGA Winter Tournament Program's Match Play Championship in the second week of February. The tournament was held at the PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The first four rounds were played on the Estate Course and the last three rounds were at the Champion Course. There were 190 entries. **Fieger** had to defeat seven opponents. In the finals he got past New York's Craig Thomas by the count of 3&1 to earn a check for \$5,000. **Frank Dobbs** lost in the quarter-finals to Thomas.

Blue Ridge Country Club professional **Pete Micklewright** was approved for the Master Professional classification by the Master Professional evaluation panel in the third week of February. The title of his thesis was "Harrisburg Golf for Kids Days, PGA Clubs for Kids: A Formula for Success". The Section's spring meeting was held at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. Section President Jack MacCarty and executive director, Greg Shreaves, announced that a contract had been signed to hold the Section Championship at the Little Mill Country Club for the next two years. Also the Cape May National Golf Club had agreed to host the Section Match Play Championship for three years with a guaranteed purse of \$10,000. The PGA Tour's Nike Tour was back in the Section with a tournament called the Philadelphia Classic at the Philmont Country Club in late June. The Section honored Vince Mariniello with an honorary membership. Mariniello was the chairman of the Variety Club Tournament and a tireless worker for the Variety Club's handicapped children. The Variety Club was the Section's major charity.

The Masters Tournament was held during the first full week of April at the Augusta National Golf Club. One week after his mentor Harvey Penick had died Ben Crenshaw won his second Masters title. Crenshaw put to-



Jack MacCarty Section President 1994 & 1995

gether four solid rounds of 70, 67, 69 and 68 for a fourteen under par 274. In the last round Crenshaw birdied the 16th and 17th holes to edge out Davis Love III (275) by one stroke. First prize was \$396,000. Jay Haas and Greg Norman tied for third with 277s. There were no entries from the Philadelphia Section.

The Senior PGA Championship was played in mid April at the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course. Just 12 months before Ray Floyd had seen his four-stroke lead evaporate on the last nine holes but this time he held steady as he made all pars on his last fourteen holes to win by five strokes. Floyd put together rounds of 70, 70, 67 and 70 for an eleven under par 277. Lee Trevino, John Paul Cain and Larry Gilbert tied for second with 282s. Jay Sigel, Jack Kiefer and Dick Hendrickson tied for 30th with 292 totals and they each won \$5,281.25. Dick Smith, Sr., J.R. Delich, a new Section member who was playing in various senior tournaments, and Pete Trenham, who had left St. Davids Golf Club on January 1st to look for a new challenge, missed the cut. They each received checks for \$775. Sigel, Kiefer and Hendrickson were in the starting field as exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. Smith, Sr., Delish and Trenham were in the field by having finished in the top 55 at the 1994 PGA Senior Club Professional Championship. Delish had qualified as a member of the Colorado PGA and was now in the Philadelphia Section. The total prize money was now \$1,000,000 and first prize was the usual 18 percent, \$180,000.

Pete Trenham won the Section Senior Championship at the North Hills Country Club on the fourth Wednesday of April. It was **Trenham's** second straight Section Senior title but he had to go five extra holes to sew it up. **Trenham, Tony Perla** and **Roger Stern**, who was playing various senior professional tours, had finished their rounds tied with two over par 73s. **Stern** lost out with a bogie five on the first hole and **Trenham** finally prevailed over **Perla** with a bogie five on the fifth hole. First prize was \$350. **Butch Sweigart** was fourth with a 74.

The Chester Valley Golf Club and its professional **John Poole** hosted the PGA Bell Atlantic Senior Classic again in the third week of May. In 1994 the Chester Valley Golf Club course was the toughest on the PGA Senior Tour. The average score at Chester Valley of 74.182 against a par of 70 didn't even have a close challenger for that distinction. Pinehurst Country Club was next at 3.751 over par. Jim Colbert picked up his third win of the year on the PGA Senior Tour by putting together rounds of 68, 71 and 68 for a three under par 207. Colbert trailed J.C. Snead (208) by five strokes after the fourth hole on Sunday but he played holes #7 through #17 in five under par. When Colbert teed off on the 18th hole he held a three-stroke lead. Snead put a pitching wedge shot two feet from the hole for a birdie and Colbert made a bogey but Colbert was safely home with a one-stroke win. Jack Nicklaus finished third at 209 and Calvin Peete was next with a 211. **Jay Sigel** tied for 15th at 217 and won \$12,830. **Bob Thatcher** (220) and **Walt Morgan** (220) tied for 32nd. They each won \$5,940. **Jack Kiefer** (223) tied for 48th winning \$2,970 and **Dick Hendrickson** (226) won \$1,755 for a 57th place tie. First prize was \$135,000. The attendance for the three tournament days was 120,000, which was the best since 1993 when Nicklaus last played in the tournament. **Sigel, Morgan, Kiefer** and **Hendrickson** were exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. **Thatcher** was there on a sponsor's exemption.

The West Shore Country Club hosted the central Pennsylvania local U.S. Open qualifying event on the third

Monday of May. There were 58 players competing for five places in the sectional qualifying. Amateurs, **Jeff Daniels** and Steve Shrawder, who were in the same pairing led the scoring as they each posted 71s. West Shore Country Club assistant professional **Dennis Toomey** and amateur Benjamin Smith were next with 73s. **Wilson Zehner** and Joe Donnelly won the last two places with 74s.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open in Philadelphia was held at The Springhaven Club on the fourth Tuesday of May. The single 18-hole round of qualifying at the local for the U.S. Open level was now a fixture with the USGA. Due to the increased number of players attempting to qualify and advent of Monday golf outings at the golf clubs it had become quite difficult to find two or more golf courses in the populated areas for the one day 36-hole qualifying events. There were 104 players competing for 12 opportunities to move on to sectional qualifying. Virginia's Michael Muehr led with a four under par 66. Gene Fieger and amateur Jim Kania tied for second with 68s. Twining Valley Golf Club professional Will Reilly, Brett Upper, Wilmington Country Club assistant professional Jim DeMallie, Ken Mattiace and Michael Christie along with amateur Aaron Friedman took the next six spots with 68s. Chris Anderson (70), Scott McCarron (70) and Aaron Friedman's father Jay (70) earned the last three spots in a sudden-death playoff, which only took one hole. Ted Tryba was exempt from local qualifying as a member of the PGA Nike Tour.

Ted Tryba made it through sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open at Rockville, Maryland on the first Tuesday of June. Play was over the Woodmont Country Club's North and South Courses. The two courses were needed, as there were 157 pros and amateurs competing for 28 places in the Open. The large field was due to the PGA Tour's Kemper Open being held nearby that week. The medallist was Bill Porter who posted a pair of 65s for a fourteen under par 130. **Tryba** (67-72) just got under the wire with a 139. He was one of seven tied for the last six spots so a sudden-death playoff was needed to eliminate one player. **Tryba** holed a chip for a birdie on the third extra hole of the playoff to grab third from last spot.

Stu Ingraham won the two-day Variety Club Tournament of Champions on the second Friday of June. The \$25,000 tournament was played at the White Manor Country Club. **Ingraham** put together rounds of 68 and 72 for a four under par 140. **Ingraham's** assistant **Gene Fieger** and **John DiMarco** finished tied for second at 142. **Chris Anderson** and **Jim Curran** tied for fourth with 143s.

The Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York hosted the U.S. Open during the third week of June. The course measured 6,944 and the par was 70. Greg Norman and Tom Lehman teed off in the final round tied for the lead at one under par. Corey Pavin trailed by three strokes. Norman and Lehman played the front nine in on over par and Pavin was around in par 35. Norman and Lehman continued to struggle on the back nine while Pavin was making birdies on #12 and #15. Pavin finished at 280 to win by two strokes. Pavin's rounds were 72, 69, 71 and 68. First prize was \$350,000. Greg Norman finished second in another major as he shot a last round 73 for 282 and Tom Lehman was next at 283. There was a six-way tie for fourth as Bill Glasson, Davis Love III, Neal Lancaster, Phil Mickelson, Jeff Maggert and Jay Haas all finished with 284 totals. **Ted Tryba** tied for 51st with a 292 and won \$5,842.60.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open in Philadelphia was at the Riverton Country Club on the third Friday of June. J.R. Delish was the medalist with a three under par 68. The second of the two open spots went to amateur Francis Donohue who posted a 71. Jack Kiefer and Jay Sigel were exempt off their positions on the PGA Senior Tour.

Stu Ingraham won his second consecutive two-day Section tournament as he captured the Burlington Classic in the third week of June. **Ingraham** led by three strokes after a six under par 64 on Sunday and he came back with a 72 on Monday. That enabled **Ingraham** (136) to eke out a one-stroke victory over **Greg Farrow** (137). **Rob Shuey, Gene Fieger** and **Chris Anderson** tied for third with 138s. The purse totaled \$19,250.

The Nike Tour's Philadelphia Classic qualifier for the Philadelphia Section members was held at the Wyncote Golf Club on the third Wednesday of June. Chester Valley Golf Club assistant professional John Owens and Terry Hertzog, who was now the professional at the Gulph Mills Golf Club, tied for low with four under par 68s. The third and fourth places were taken by Chris Anderson and Gene Fieger with 71s. Ken Peyre-Ferry was fifth with a 72. Dave Roberts (73) and Jim Curran (73) won the last two places in a sudden-death playoff with

Vince Ramagli (73), the teaching professional at the Cape May National Golf Club. There were seven qualifying spots and three players were exempt. The PGA national officers selected **Stu Ingraham** and the professional at the new King's Creek Country Club **Pete Oakley** for the two exempt spots. **Mickey Sokalski**, the host professional at Philmont Country Club, was given an exemption. **Ed Dougherty**, who was back at Edgmont Country Club as the teaching professional, was exempt off his status on the PGA Tour.

Open qualifying for the Nike Tour's Philadelphia Classic was at the Sunnybrook Golf Club on the last Monday of June. The medallist was **Greg Lesher** with a six under par 66. Seven players that had shot 71s played off for the last spots and **Greg Farrow** failed to survive.

The PGA Nike Tour's Philadelphia Classic was held at the Philmont Country Club in late June. The tournament was played on Philmont's North Course. When the Philadelphia Classic got underway on Thursday it was a classic example of how golf was changing to a power game. The North Course had always been considered one of the more difficult golf courses in the Philadelphia area, but in the Philadelphia Classic 36 players were able to complete the 72 holes with totals under the par of 280. During the four days there was a 63 and several 64s turned in. Sean Murphy who had already won five times on the Nike Tour picked up his sixth win with rounds of 65, 68, 67 and 67 for a thirteen under par 267. Allen Doyle, who shot a 64 in the last round, finished second at 268. Gary Rusnak and Matt Peterson tied for third with 269s. **Greg Lesher** (277) contended but a last round 73 left him tied for 18th. He picked up a check for \$2,250. **Stu Ingraham** (282) shot a 65 in the second round but he finished in a tie for 48th with winnings of \$560. **Ed Dougherty** (283) tied for 53rd and won \$440. **Dave Roberts, Terry Hertzog, Pete Oakley, Chris Anderson, Ken Peyre-Ferry, Mickey Sokalski,** the host pro, **Gene Fieger, John Owens** and **Jim Curran** missed the cut. The purse was \$200,000 and first prize was \$36,000.

The U.S. Senior Open was played at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. The tournament ended on the first Sunday of July. Tom Weiskopf (275) broke 70 in all four rounds (69-69-69-68) to win the tournament by four strokes over his fellow Ohio State University alumnus Jack Nicklaus (279). Weiskopf won \$175,000, which was exactly one-half of the first prize at the U.S. Open. Par was 288 and the course measured 9,945 yards. Isao Aoki and Bob Murphy tied for third at 280. Jay Sigel tied for 21st with a 291 and won \$9,797.60. J.R. Delish missed the cut. Jack Kiefer was exempt and entered in the tournament but he did not tee off in the first round.

Gene Fieger won the Philadelphia Open at the Laurel Creek Country Club on the second Wednesday of July. The scores were low for what had usually been a difficult golf course. The course measured 6,712 yards. The field was made up of 45 pros and 15 amateurs who were either exempt or had passed a qualifying test earlier in the

year. **Brian Kelly** led by two strokes with a morning round of 66. **Fieger** (71) trailed **Kelly** by five strokes, but in the afternoon he put together a course record 64 to finish with a seven under par total of 135. That was just good enough to nip his employer and the defending champion **Stu Ingraham** (136) by one stroke. **Pete Oakley** and **Brett Upper** tied for third with 137 totals. **Kelly** finished fifth at 138. The 135 total was the lowest score shot since the tournament had been reduced to 36 holes in 1940. Ten players posted par or better totals for the 36-holes. First prize from the \$12,640 purse was \$2,660.

The British Open was held at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland during the third week of July. John Daley won it in a four hole playoff with Costantino Rocca. Daley (67, 71, 73, 71) and Rocca (69, 70, 70, 73) at four under par 282. It took an unusual birdie on the last holr for Rocca to make the playoff. After a huge drive he flubbed his little approach shot only to then hole a 65 foot putt for a three. In the playoff they played hole 1, 2, 17 and 18. Daley made a birdie on the second hole and three pars to win by four strokes. First prize was \$199,375 in United States money. Mark Brooks, Michael Campbell and Steven Bottomley tied for third at 283.

Ted Tryba won on the PGA Tour for the first time as he grabbed the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic title on the third Sunday of July. The tourna-



Ted Tryba Two Wins on PGA Tour

ment was played in Williamsburg, Virginia on the River Course of the Kingsmill Golf Club. **Tryba** posted rounds of 69, 67, 68 and 68 for a twelve under par 272 to beat out Scott Simpson (273) by one stroke. **Tryba** began the final round one stroke behind Simpson and proceeded to bogey the first hole even though he needed only a pitching wedge shot for his second shot. He then picked up the pace and when he completed the first nine in two under par he had a two-stroke lead. **Tryba** birdied the 11th hole to take a four-stroke lead. Usually it is not easy to get a first win on the PGA Tour and this was no exception. **Tryba** played the last four holes in even par but Simpson birdied three of the last four holes, which meant that **Tryba** needed every stroke of his lead to finish on top. Jim Carter, Scott Hoch and Lennie Clements tied for third with 274 totals. The total purse was \$1,100,000 and first prize was \$198,000.

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After 16 years of being on and off the PGA Tour Ed Dougherty earned his first victory at the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic in the fourth week of July. The tournament was played opposite the British Open at Madison, Mississippi on the 7,157-yard Annandale Golf Club. It was only the third PGA Tour tournament of the year for **Dougherty**. Some exempt players were at the British Open and some were just taking a week off so **Dougherty** was in the field off having made 150 cuts during his time on the PGA Tour. He had lost his PGA Tour exemption the year before when he finished 157th on the money list. In the last round **Dougherty** came from behind with birdies on the last two holes to shoot a 66 and win the \$126,000 first prize by two strokes. His rounds were 68, 68, 70 and 66 for a sixteen under par 272. Gil Morgan finished second at 274 and Pete Jordan was next at 275. Steve Rintoul, Tom Byrum, Kirk Triplett and Dickey Thompson tied for fourth with 276 totals. The win earned **Dougherty** an invitation to the PGA Championship and Masters Tournament along with a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour. It also meant that the 47-year-old **Dougherty** would be exempt until a few months before he was eligible for the PGA Senior Tour in late 1997.



Ed Dougherty Won on the PGA Tour Won on the PGA Senior Tour

Qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship was at the Northampton Country Club on the first Monday of August. The medallist with two very good five under par rounds of 67 was Jimmy Booros (134), who was now the professional at the Allentown Municipal Golf Club. Stu Ingraham and Chris Anderson finished five strokes back in second place with 139s. Rick Osberg, Harold Perry and Greg Farrow earned the fourth, fifth and sixth spots with 140s. Gene Fieger took the next place with a 141. The eighth and last place went to Terry Hertzog (142), which he won in a three-way sudden-death playoff. Pete Oakley was exempt off having finished in the top 25 at the 1994 PGA Club Professional Championship. Brett Upper was exempt as a former winner of the tournament. When Brian Kelly won the Section Championship in September that also earned him a spot in the tournament.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was also held at the Northampton Country Club on the first Monday of August. **Bob Thatcher** led with rounds of 70 and 74 for an even par 144. **J.R. Delish** picked up the second spot with a 145 and the third place went to **Bob Pfister** who posted a 147. **Pete Trenham** had an exemption as the Section senior champion.

The 1995 PGA Championship was held near Los Angeles, California at the Riviera Country Club in the second week of August. The story of the tournament was the low scoring, which was caused by problems with the greens. The greens, which had been rebuilt for the tournament were in poor condition, thus they were watered extensively. Due to that the greens held all shots and were slow by major tournament standards. Steve Elkington (267) shot a last round seven under par 64 to tie Colin Montgomerie (267) who had posted a 65 in the last round. They went back to the 18th hole for a sudden-death playoff. Elkington holed a 25-foor putt for a birdie and Montgomerie missed from 20-feet to make Elkington the winner. Elkington's rounds were 68, 67, 68 and 64. Ernie Els (269) led by three strokes after the third round but a last round 72 left him tied for third with Jeff Maggert (269). Brad Faxon (271) shot a (28-35) 63 in the last round to finish fifth and move into a berth on the Ryder Cup Team. The 267 was the lowest score in U.S. major championship history and it tied Greg Norman's record score at the 1993 British Open. The purse was \$2,000,000 and first prize was \$360,000. Ed Dougherty tied for 58th with an even par 284 and won \$3,630. Pete Oakley and Ted Tryba missed the cut. Dougherty and Tryba were exempt as winners on the PGA Tour during 1995. Oakley was in the field off having finished in the top 25 in the 1994 PGA Club Professional Championship. There were 150 players in the starting field and the course measured 6,956 yards.

In the second week of August Gene Fieger won the Pennsylvania Open for a second time. This win came at the Longue Vue Club near Pittsburgh. Fieger set a course record with a five under par 65 in the first round on Monday. He came back with a solid round of even par 70 on Tuesday for a total of 135. In spite of that great golf just managed to win the tournament. Fieger trailed Bob Ford by one stroke as they teed off on the 36th hole while being paired together. Ford (136) three-putted the last green and Fieger holed a ten-foot putt for a birdie and the victory. John Mazza and amateur Vince Zachetti tied for third with 137s. Fox Chase Golf Club assistant professional Brad Hertzog finished fourth at 140. First prize was \$4,500 from a purse of \$23,500.

On the second Monday of August **Ben Witter** played 306 holes at the Fox Chase Golf Club for the benefit of the Jake Gittlen Cancer Research Institute at Hershey Medical Center. The Jake Gittlen Institute had helped **Witter** survive a cancer called adenoid cystic carcinoma in 1987. He lost part of his jaw to the cancer and his face had to be surgically rebuilt. Witter began the day when he teed off at 2:55 A.M. with a glow-in-the-dark golf ball and he finished the day at 8:30 p.m. Witter averaged 53 minutes and 69.7 strokes per round over the par 72 course. In one of the seventeen rounds he shot a 62. It was the fourth straight year that Witter had played the marathon. The day raised \$25,000 for the research center, which brought the total raised in the four years to \$60,000.

Bruce Hooper, the teaching professional at the Whitetail Golf Club, won the Mountain Laurel Classic at the Mountain Laurel Resort at the end of August. **Hooper** put together a 67 on Monday and a 72 on Tuesday for a five under par 139, which left him in a tie for the title with **Pete Oakley** (139). They went into a sudden-death playoff and **Hooper** prevailed with a birdie on the third extra hole. **John Owens** finished third at 140. Linwood Country Club assistant **David Quinn, Wayne Phillips** and **John Appleget**, who was now the teaching professional at the Stone Harbor Golf Club, tied for fourth with 141s. The total purse was \$11,800.

Brian Kelly won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship on the first Tuesday of September at the White Deer Golf Club. Kelly who was now the teaching professional at the Frosty Valley Country Club had some knowledge of the course as he had been working at White Deer in a similar capacity the year before. He put

together rounds of 69 and 67 for an eight under par 136. Kelly's name was engraved on the George Izett memorial trophy. Gene Fieger and Robert Ruby missed a tie with Kelly by just one stroke as the tied for second with 137 totals. Dave Seeman and Brad Hertzog tied for fourth at 139. The total purse was \$6,000.

Walt Morgan won the \$600,000 GTE Northwest Senior Classic in the second week of September. With rounds of 68 and 68 Morgan took a one-stroke lead into the final round. He gave up the lead on the first nine but he finished strong. A birdie on the last hole gave him a 67 for a thirteen under par 203 and a three-stroke victory. His first win on the PGA Senior Tour earned him a check for \$90,000. Dave Stockton finished second at 206. George Archer, Al Geiberger and Rocky Thompson tied for third with 207s. Morgan was the fourth African-American to win on the PGA Senior Tour.

The Whitford Invitational was held at the Whitford Country Club on the second Sunday and Monday of September. Jimmy Booros turned in a pair 70s for a four under par 140 to edge out Gene Fieger (141) and Brett Up-



Walt Morgan Won twice on PGA Senior Tour Shares SR. Tour lowest round (60)

per (141) by one stroke. Dave Seeman and Pete Oakley tied for fourth with 142s. The purse was \$16,700.

Brian Kelly won the Philadelphia Section PGA Championship in the third week of September. The Little Mill Country Club and their professional Ken Peyre-Ferry hosted the tournament. Little Mill had three nine-hole courses, the red, white and blue. The nines could be played in three combinations and they were all used. On Monday the red and blue nines were used and on Tuesday the white and blue nines were played. In the final round on Wednesday the red and white nines were played. The courses with fast greens and tree lined fairways proved to be difficult. The first day only two players broke 70 as Peyre-Ferry shot a four under par 67 and Stu Ingraham posted a 69. The next day on one broke par. In spite of a double bogey six on the last hole Ingraham was able to finish with a one over par 72, which was the low round of the day. That put Ingraham in the lead by three strokes over Kelly. In the final round Ingraham made seven bogies for a 79 and Kelly put together a steady two under par round of 70, even though he made bogies on the last two holes. On one broke 70 and there was only one other round of 70 shot that day. Kelly's even par 214 gave him a two-stroke edge over Gene Fieger and Rick Osberg who tied for second with 216 totals. Peyre-Ferry finished fourth at 217 and Ingraham was next at 220. Kelly took home



Brian Kelly 1995 Section Champion

\$6,000 from the purse of \$40,000. The win gave Kelly the distinction of having been the first to win the Section Championship and the Section Assistant's Championship in the same year and it qualified him for the PGA Club Professional Championship.

The PGA Club Professional Championship was held at LaQuinta and Rancho Mirage, California in the first week of October. The LaQuinta Mountain Course, Jack Nicklaus Private Course and the Dinah Shore Tournament Course were used for the first three rounds of the tournament. The Mountain Course was used for the final round. Steve Schneiter (71-71-68-68) came from behind in the last round to finish at ten under par 278, which edged out Bob Ford (279) and John DeForest (279) by one stroke. **Stu Ingraham** put together a last round 69 to tie for fourth with Lonnie Nielsen and Robby Ware at 281. **Chris Anderson** tied for 12th at 283. **Ingraham** won \$12,333 and **Anderson** won \$5,333.33. They both qualified for the 1996 PGA Championship by finishing in the top 25. The total purse was \$400,000 and the winner won \$32,000. **Ingraham's** fourth place finish earned him a place on the 1996 PGA Cup Matches team. **Terry Hertzog** and **Greg Farrow** each won \$1,100 as they tied for 38th at 287. **Pete Oakley** and **Rick Osberg** missed the cut by one stroke with 219 scores. **Gene Fieger, Harold Perry, Jimmy Booros, Brian Kelly** and **Brett Upper** also missed the cut as everyone who missed the cut received checks for \$400.

On the second Wednesday of October the Philadelphia Section professionals met the Golf Association of Philadelphia amateurs in a challenge match on Merion Golf Club's West Course. The West Course was not as long or difficult as Merion's famous East Course but never the less a good test for a challenge match. The pros gained some degree of revenge for having lost the year before by putting together a solid 12-1/2 to 5-1/2 victory. There were 12 players on each team with two of the team members being seniors. In each four-man pairing there were two singles matches and a better-ball match. The teams of Michael Mack-Donny Wessner, Gary Hardin-George Forster, Sr. and seniors Ron Rolfe-John Carson each won 3 points as they won all nine of their matches. The Pete Oakley-Rob Shuey team won 2-1/2 points and the Russ Davis-Dave Roberts team won 1 point. The other members of the Philadelphia team were Brett Upper and Bruce Hooper. The Philadelphia pros now had four victories against one for the amateurs. Wessner was the assistant pro at the Moselem Springs Golf Club.

Jim Furyk won his first of what would be many tournaments on the PGA Tour in the middle of October. His victory came at the five-round Las Vegas Invitational. The first three rounds were played on four different courses in a pairing with a different team of four amateurs each day. There was a cut after the fourth round and the pros were paired together for the last round to determine the individual prizes. Furyk started fast with 65-65 and kept it up with 67-67, which he had to, as the scores were low. The pin placements couldn't be made too difficult or it would have taken the five-man pairings forever to finish. Another 67 in the last round gave him a 331 total and

earned him a one-stroke win. First prize was \$270,000. Billy Mayfair finished second at 332 and Scott McCarron was next at 334. Phil Blackmar, Mark O'Meara and Brad Bryant tied for fourth with 335s.

The Philadelphia Section PGA met the New Jersey PGA in a challenge match on the third Wednesday of October. The Commonwealth National Golf Club hosted the match and Matrix Golf, which owned Commonwealth National, sponsored the match. There were twelve professionals on each team and they played 27 holes that day with each nine holes featuring a different format. Two member of each team were seniors. The three formats were two-man scramble, foursomes and four-ball. Philadelphia won the scramble $3-\frac{1}{2}$ to $2-\frac{1}{2}$, halved the foursomes 3 to 3 and won the four-ball $4-\frac{1}{2}$ to 1-1/2. That gave the Philadelphia team an 11 to 7 victory. The leading point winners for Philadelphia were the team of Brett Upper-Rick Osberg and the senior team of Tony Perla-Dennis Milne, each winning 3 points. The team of Gary Hardin-George Forster, Sr. won 2-1/2 points and the Russ Davis-Dave Roberts team won 1-1/2 points. The Pete Oakley-Bruce Hooper team won 1 point. The other Philadelphia team was Donny Wessner and Rob Shuey. The Philadelphia team was led by non-playing captain, Skee Riegel.



Jim Furyk Earned his first of what would be many victories on the PGA Tour

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was at the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course in West Palm Beach, Florida. The tournament was scheduled to begin on Tuesday October 17 but the Palm Beach area was deluged with twenty inches of rain. On Wednesday the sun was shinning but every golf course in the county was underwater and closed. All you could see at Ibis were tees and greens. The tournament finally began two days late and by eliminating a round it finished just one day late. Bob Irving (71-68-70) came from behind in the last round to win the tournament by three strokes with a seven under par 209. Randy Glover finished second at 212. Bill Garrett, Don Maddox, Dennis Bradley and Art Proctor tied for third with 213s. The total purse was \$185,000 and first prize was \$14,000. **Bob Thatcher** tied for seventh at 214 and won \$4,333.34. **Bob Pfister** tied for 31st with a score of 219 and won \$1,300. **J.R. Delish** shot a 223 and won \$800 for a 55th place tie. **Pete Trenham**, who was back in the country after having been in Ireland for four months opening a new golf course for an American investor, tied for 64th at 225. He won \$720. **Thatcher** and **Pfister** qualified for the 1996 Senior PGA Championship by finishing in the top 55. **Delish** lost out in a sudden-death playoff with four others for that last spot.

The PGA of America's national meeting was in Washington D.C. at The Grand Hyatt hotel in the fourth week of October. The PGA Career Links was introduced to the delegates. The essence of Career Links was that the PGA members would complete a profile on themselves to send to the PGA along with their resume. They would then be informed about job openings that fit their profile and desires. Construction of the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida had begun. The delegates voted to accept a major change in the PGA Club Professional Championship. Beginning with 1997 the tournament would be played in July with a 144-man field. That field would be composed of the low 90 from the 1996 PGA Club Professional Championship, past winners of the tournament, and 45 players to be determined by a formula of the PGA Board of Directors. The low 25 at that tournament would be exempt for the 1997 PGA Club Professional Championship. Beginning with 1998 players would qualify in their Section championships for one of four (North, South, East and West) regional championships. 139 players would qualify for the PGA Club Professional Championship at those regional championships. The past five winners of the tournament and anyone who had finished in the top fifteen at the previous PGA Championship would be exempt. A resolution passed that allowed for a Class A-6 (teaching professional) member to be employed by a driving range even though there was no other PGA member on staff. The Philadelphia Section's delegates were Jack MacCarty and Mike Atkins. Also in attendance were past national president Dick Smith, Sr. and outgoing director Jack **Connelly** who had just completed his three-year term on the PGA Board of Directors representing District II. **Smith** was now the playing pro at the Atlantic City Country Club.

Jimmy Booros won the Section Match Play Championship at the Cape May National Golf Club in early November. In the qualifying round, which was held on Monday morning, Chris Anderson, Pete Oakley and Dave

Roberts tied for low with even par 71s. The first round matches were played that afternoon. Two 18-hole matches were played on Tuesday and two more on Wednesday. In the finals Oakley held a lead on Booros until they reached the 18th green. Oakley three-putted and when Booros one-putted for a par the match went into extra holes, continuing on the 1st hole. Booros never led in the match until he holed a six-foot putt for a par on the 469-yard par four 2nd hole to win the match. Booros took home \$2,000 from the \$10,000 purse. To reach the finals Booros eliminated Anderson in the semifinals by the count of 5&4 and Oakley got past John DiMarco 2-up. The course measured 6,807-yards.

The Section's fall meeting and election of officers was at the LuLu Country Club on the first Monday on November. Mike Atkins was elected president as he moved up from treasurer. Tom Carpus was elected vice president-tournaments and Michael Cole was reelected vice presidentsection affairs. Those two officers were no longer called first vice president and second vice president. Michael Mack moved from first vice president to secretary and George McNamara was elected treasurer. "Player of the Year" honors went to Stu Ingraham and Gene Fieger won the DeBaufre Trophy with an average of 70.88 strokes per round in the designated tournaments. Tony Perla was the "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year". Outgoing president Jack MacCarty was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". MacCarty was elected District Director in 1988 and became the co-chairman of the membership committee and a member of the club relations committee. Two years later he was elected to the office of secretary. He served the Section as secretary two years, treasurer two years and president two years. Before coming to the Philadelphia Section in 1982 he served on the Tri-State PGA Section's board of directors, chairing the apprentice committee and the junior golf committee. The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was Dennis Clark, who was the teaching pro at the



Jack MacCarty "Golf Professional of the Year" 1995

Seaview Country Club.

Two longtime Section members, Henry Williams, Jr. and Joe Aneda, were inducted into the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held during the fall meeting of the Philadelphia Section at the LuLu Country Club on the first Monday of November. Williams had been a Section member since 1935 when he worked as an assistant to his father Henry Williams, Sr. at the Lehigh Country Club. He was the head



Henry Williams, Jr. 1995 Hall of Fame professional at five different clubs in the Philadelphia Section; Phoenixville Country Club, Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Tully-Secane Country Club, Berkleigh Country Club and Moselem Springs Golf Club. Williams was one of the last professionals who held a full time head pro job and competed at a high level on the PGA Tour. The highpoint of his career was the 1950 PGA Championship at Sciota when he went to the finals. He eliminated two pros who had won major championships before losing to Chandler Harper in the finals. Williams played in twelve PGA Championships, seven U.S. Opens and two Masters Tournaments. For ten years he played the winter PGA Tour, winning the Tucson Open in 1952. After that Williams competed on the Caribbean Tour where he won the Jamaica Open in 1962. Locally he won three Philadelphia Section Championships, two Pennsylvania Opens and two Philadelphia Opens. Aneda grew up in Stroudsburg and caddied at the Shawnee Country Club. He graduated from nearby East Stroudsburg State Teachers College in the middle of the Great Depression. For the next four years he worked for the WPA. In 1938 Aneda went to work as the head professional at the Glen Brook Country Club. World War II interrupted his golf career. He served three years in the army's counter intelligence corps spending time in the Pacific. After the war Aneda worked as the pro at Glen Brook and later the Elmhurst Country Club. In 1952 he became the professional at the Newark Country Club where he stayed until his retirement in 1976. For thirty years after that he was the pro emeritus at Newark. Aneda was the chairman of the Section's golf show for

four years. In 1962 he was elected treasurer of the Section, he served three years as the secretary and he was elected president in 1966 and 1967. For five years **Aneda** represented the Section as a delegate to the national PGA meeting and in 1968 he completed **Marty Lyons's** term as a national vice president. That year for the first time the PGA of America required the apprentices to pass a test in order to successfully complete the business school. The school was held in Philadelphia and **Aneda** was the school coordinator, arranging for all of the speakers. **Aneda** was the Section's "Professional of the Year" in 1964.

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Greg Norman and he was the money leader with \$1,654,959. Steve Elkington won the Vardon Trophy with a 69.62 stroke average. **Jim Furyk** moved up to 33rd on the PGA Tour money list by winning \$535,380 in 31 events. **Ted Tryba** also had a successful year as he won \$451,983 in 35 starts, which placed him 39th on the money list. **Ed Dougherty** wasn't an exempt player on the PGA Tour but his past history on the PGA Tour got him into the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic in July, which he won. He went on to play in fifteen events. **Dougherty** won \$154,007, which put him in 122nd place on the money list. **Emlyn Aubrey** played in 30 tournament and finished 140th on the money list with \$137,020.



Joe Aneda 1995 Hall of Fame

Greg Lesher played in four tournaments on the PGA Nike Tour and won \$6,153.

Jim Colbert led the PGA Senior Tour money list with \$1,444,386. Three Section pros won enough money to finish in the magic top 31 (full exemption) on the money list. **Jay Sigel** won \$567,557 in 31 events and finished in 21st place. **Jack Kiefer** finished 25th with earnings of \$473,732 in 37 tournaments. The third player was **Walter Morgan** who was 27th with \$423,756, which he won in 35 events. **Dick Hendrickson** finished 59th with \$166,972 in 31 tournaments. **Bob Thatcher** won \$14,177 in four tournaments and **Art Wall** won \$1,822 plus super-senior money in four tournaments.

Joe Daley qualified for the PGA Tour at the qualifying school in the first week of December. The qualifying event was held at the Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. That Q-school featured very low scoring. Carl Paulson was the medallist with rounds of 70, 65, 69, 65, 69 and 71 for a 409. Forty-two players earned their playing privileges there as a score of 419 qualified. That was just ten strokes more than the medallist's total. Daley's rounds were 67, 71, 73, 69, 68 and 69 for 417. Daley tied for 26th.

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Jim Furyk captured his second official win on the PGA Tour in the third week of February in Honolulu, Hawaii. He had won the unofficial Kapalua Open in Hawaii just three months before in early November. This victory came at the Hawaiian Open on the Waialae Country Club. **Furyk's** rounds of 71, 69, 69 and 68 for 277 put him in a tie at the top with Brad Faxon (277). **Furyk** went on to beat Faxon on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff, which earned him a check for \$216,000. They halved the 10th and 11th holes in pars and **Furyk** birdied the par five 18th hole to take the title. Steve Stricker finished third with a 278. There was a four-way tie for fourth at 279 between Tom Lehman, Scott Simpson, Larry Mize and David Ogrin. The total purse was \$1,200,000.

The Section' spring meeting was held at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. Jack Connelly who had recently completed a three-year term as a director of the PGA of America representing District II announced that he was running for the office of secretary of the PGA. Section president Mike Atkins informed the Section members and apprentices that the officers had established a reserve fund with a goal of \$250,000 by 2001. That amount, which was about one-half of the Section's annual budget, was to be used only for future unexpected challenges or business opportunities. For the third year the Graham Insurance Company was sponsoring the Section's PGA Junior Tour. In 1995 more than 500 juniors had played in at least one of the Section's thirty plus junior tour events. Aileen Parker, who had been the Section's executive secretary from 1968 to early 1977, was honored with the title of honorary member. Parker had managed the Section's office with one secretary while operating all of the programs including the extensive tournament program. The Masters Tournament was held in the second full week of April as usual and under that policy it came as late as possible, ending on the second Sunday of June. Greg Norman teed off in the final round on Sunday with a six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo and when they had putted out on the last green Faldo had won by five strokes over Norman (281). Faldo's rounds were 69, 67, 73 and 67 for 276. Faldo's 67 on Sunday was the low round of the day. On Thursday Norman had tied the course record with a 63. First prize was \$450,000. Phil Mickelson finished third at 282 and Frank Nobilo was fourth at 283. **Jim Furyk** tied for 29th with a 294 score and won \$15,571. **Ted Tryba** and **Ed Dougherty** missed the cut. They each received \$1,500. **Furyk, Tryba** and **Dougherty** were all in the Masters as winners of tournaments on the PGA Tour since the last Masters Tournament.

The Senior PGA Championship was held at the PGA National Golf Club for the fourteenth straight time. The tournament was played on the 6,702-yard Champion Course in the third week of April. It was Hale Irwin's rookie year on the PGA Senior Tour and it didn't take long for him to win and to win a senior major. Having won three U.S. Opens he had a knack for playing difficult courses. He demonstrated that by opening up with a six under par 66, which turned out to be the low round of the tournament. He followed that up with rounds of 74, 69 and 71. In the last round he led by five strokes after making a birdie on the 15th hole. When it was all over his eight under par 280 total gave him a two-stroke margin of victory over Isao Aoki (282). Vincente Fernandez was next at 284. Chi Chi Rodriguez, Brian Barnes and Bud Allin tied for fourth with 287s. Jay Sigel tied for 11th at 289 and won \$17,500. Jack Kiefer finished at 294 to tie for 25th and won \$9,500. Dick Hendrickson (302) won \$2,025 as he tied for 53rd. Bob Thatcher (310) finished 69th, which won \$1,520 and Bob Pfister (318), who was now the teaching professional at the Edgmont Country Club, finished 72nd winning \$1,460. Sigel, Kiefer and Hendrickson were in the field as exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. Thatcher and Pfister had qualified for the tournament by finishing in the top 55 at the 1995 PGA Senior Club Professional Championship. First prize was \$198,000 from a purse of \$1,100,000.

On a cold and windy spring day at the Jersey shore, **Bob Pfister** won the Philadelphia Section PGA Senior Championship. The tournament was hosted by the Greate Bay Country Club on the fourth Wednesday of April. **Pfister** posted a 73 to take the title and a check for \$1,000. The victory earned him an invitation to the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic in June and an exemption into the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in October. **J.R. Delish** finished second with a 74. **Bill Hackett** and **Clark Luis**, the professional at the Valley Country Club, tied for third with 76s.

Local qualifying in Philadelphia for the U.S. Open was at the Llanerch Country Club on the second Tuesday of May. Gene Fieger, Maryland professional Adam Corson and John Cooper, who was in his first season as the assistant at Llanerch, tied for the medal with 71s. Play wasn't completed until dark. The start was delayed for 45 minutes due to frost and then a playoff for the last of the twelve spots required seven holes. Steve Snyder, who was now a teaching professional at the Pagoda Golf driving range, finished fourth with an even par 72. Miguel Biamon, Chris Anderson, who was home from the PGA Nike Tour, and amateur Jim Robertson picked up the fifth, sixth and seventh places with 73s. Seven players that had 74s played off for the last five places. Russ Davis, Jason Lamp, who was now the professional at the Blue Herron Pines Golf Club, and amateur Jim Kania got in with pars on the third hole. Blue Bell Country Club assistant professional Rich Steinmetz qualified with a par on the fifth extra hole and John Appleget won the twelfth and last place with a par on the seventh extra hole. Jim Furyk was exempt from both local and sectional qualifying off his position on the 1995 PGA Tour money list. As an exempt player on the PGA Tour Ted Tryba was exempt from local qualifying.

On the third Monday of May a favorite son of the host Lebanon Country Club, **Greg Lesher**, who was back playing the mini-tours, led the local qualifying for the U.S. Open. Lesher led by two stokes with a four under par 68. Amateur Robert Bradshaw finished second with a 70. **Dennis Toomey** was third at 72, amateur John Teel (73) was fourth and **Rob Shuey**, who was between jobs, picked up the fifth place with a 74. Amateur Greg Kleban (75) won the sixth and last place in a five-man sudden-death playoff.

Emlyn Aubrey also made it through local qualifying for the U.S. Open on the third Monday of May. **Aubrey** passed the test at the Circle C Golf Club in Austin, Texas as he earned medalist honors by two strokes with a 69. There were fives spots there and a score of 73 qualified.

The Variety Club's Tournament of Champions was played at the 6,900-yard White Manor Country Club on

the last two days of May. On Thursday it was just the 43 professionals competing with each other. On Friday each pro played a second round for the individual prizes and he was paired with four amateurs in a pro-am competition. The first day turned out cool and there were wind gusts over 25 miles an hour, which made it even more uncomfortable. No one broke par, as just three equaled the par of 72. On the second day there was just a light breeze, which made it much more conducive to low scoring. **Gene Fieger** teed off in the second group of the day and jumped on the opportunity. He holed a six-iron for a hole-in-one on the 192-yard third hole and he followed that up with six birdies for a 64. His 64 and a first day 73 gave him a seven under par 137. **Fieger** had a long wait to see how his score stood up. With 215 pros and amateurs in the pro-am it took all day as the last of the 43 five-somes finished just as darkness was closing in. When it was all over Knickerbocker Driving Range teaching professional **Adz Kozlowski** finished second eight strokes behind **Fieger** at 145 and **Jimmy Booros** was next with a 146. **Tony Perla, John DiMarco** and **Mike Moses,** who was now the professional at the Concord Country Club, tied for fourth with 147s. **Harold Perry** also had a hole-in-one during the second round, with his coming on the 12th hole. **Fieger** earned \$5,000 from the \$27,500 purse. It was the third time in the last four years that **Fieger** had won the Variety Club tournament and he had not been worse than second in the past six years.

Greg Lesher qualified for the U.S. Open on the first Tuesday of June. Qualifying was held at the Knickerbocker Country Club and Montammy Golf Club in northern New Jersey. There was a strong field competing for 18 places as the PGA Tour's Buick Classic was being played nearby in Harrison, New York that week. Scott Gump led the qualifying with a nine under par 135. **Lesher** (140) put together a pair of 70s to tie for 6th. Seven players at 142 played off for the last six places.

Also qualifying for the U.S. Open on the first Tuesday of June were Emlyn Aubrey and Ted Tryba. They qualified near Columbus, Ohio at the Lakes Golf & Country Club and the Brookside Country Club. With a number of PGA Tour players in the field there were 32 openings to shoot for. Qualifying began on Monday but due to a suspension of play for lightening three times the last competitors had to finish the next day. Mike Heinen was low with a ten under par 134. Aubrey tied for 17th with a (71-69) 140. Tryba finished at (71-70) 141 and had to go extra holes to make it. There were eleven players in a sudden-death playoff for the last ten places. When two players made bogies on the first extra hole, Tryba was in.

The Burlington Classic was held at the Burlington Country Club in the third week of June. The scores were low as **Rob Shuey** grabbed the title with a 65 on Sunday and a 68 on Monday for a five under par 135. **Gene Fieger** finished second at 135. Spring-Ford Country Club assistant professional **Craig Frank** and **David Quinn**, who was now the professional at the Indian Spring Golf Club, tied for third with 137s. The purse was \$18,500.

A long shot won the U.S. Open in mid June at the Oakland Hills Country Club, which was near Detroit, Michigan. Steve Jones, who hadn't won on the PGA Tour for seven years and was still recovering from a dirt-bike accident, had to play in a sectional qualifying tournament to even be in the Open. He went on to win as he outlasted Tom Lehman and Davis Love III by one stroke. On Sunday Jones and Lehman teed off in the final group with Lehman leading Jones by one stroke. At various times in the round each of them had the lead, but when they reached the par four 18th hole they were tied along with Davis Love, who was on the green in regulation. Love three-putted from 20-feet behind the hole and finished at 279. Lehman drove into a fairway bunker and couldn't reach the green in two while Jones put his second shot ten feet behind the hole. Lehman (279) made a bogie and Jones two-putted for a par to win the Open. Jones's rounds were 74, 66, 69 and 69 for a two under par 278. First prize was \$425,000. John Morse finished fourth at 280. **Jim Furyk** tied for fifth with a 281 total and won \$84,964.50. **Ted Tryba, Emlyn Aubrey** and **Greg Lesher** missed the cut. They each received checks for \$1,000.

Dale Douglass won the \$900,000 Bell Atlantic Senior Classic at the Chester Valley Golf Club on the fourth Sunday of June. At age 60 and 110 days Douglass was the second oldest player to win on the PGA Senior Tour. Douglass broke par in all three rounds but the win didn't come easily as he had to go three extra holes to wrap up the victory. Douglass, Tom Wargo and John Schroeder ended regulation play with four under par 206 totals. The three players then began a sudden-death playoff on the 18th hole. All three made pars on #18 and then they all made pars on #15. From there they moved to #16. Douglass put his second shot five feet from the hole with a sixiron and holed the putt for the win and a check for \$135,000. He also won the tournament in 1990 at Chester Valley. Douglass' rounds were 69, 69 and 68. Walt Morgan and the defending champion Jim Colbert tied for fourth with 208s. Jay Sigel led by one stroke after eleven holes of the last round but he slipped back to finish in a tie for

ninth at 211. **Sigel** won \$23,400. **Jack Kiefer** tied for 15th at 213 and won \$13,995. **Dick Hendrickson** posted a 215, which tied for 22nd, winning \$8,660. **Roger Stern**, who was now traveling the world playing in senior tournaments, finished at 221 and won \$2,711 for a 47th place tie. **Bob Pfister** (225) tied for 64th, which won \$1,125 and **Bob Thatcher** (226) tied for 68th to win \$846. **Sigel, Kiefer** and **Hendrickson** were in the field as exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. **Stern** got in through the Monday qualifying round at the Reading Country Club. **Pfister** received an exemption as the Philadelphia PGA senior champion and **Thatcher** had a sponsor's exemption. In the first round **Pfister** came to the par-3 tenth hole after playing the first nine in even par. He proceeded to hole out his #4-iron shot for an "ace" that qualified him for a trip to Aruba for the Aruba Aces Championship. It also earned him a bonus prize of \$2,000. The attendance for the three tournament days was 110,000. The host professional was **John Poole.**

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was held at the Downingtown Country Club. It was on the fourth Monday of June, which was the day after the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic ended at nearby Chester Valley Golf Club. The Philadelphia area usually had two places to play for, but since there were some players entered who had been playing at Chester Valley Golf Club in the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic the quantity and quality of the field had increased. Due to that there were 73 pros and amateurs competing for four places. **Roger Stern** led with a two under par 70. **Tony Perla** earned a spot in a sudden death playoff with Frank Connor, Bob Dickson and Bobby Stroble, who had all been in town for the Bell Atlantic Classic. They had all posted 71s. Stroble was the last man out. **Jay Sigel** was exempt in several ways, one being a winner in the last three years on the PGA Senior Tour.

The Philadelphia Section's qualifying for the PGA Nike Philadelphia Classic was held at the Silver Creek Country Club on the fourth Tuesday of June. Jimmy Booros led the qualifying with a four under par 68. Gene Fieger was one stroke back with a 69. Brett Upper, Rob Shuey and Schuylkill Country Club assistant professional Terry Hatch tied for third with 72s. The next spot went to the Huntsville Country Club assistant Jimmy Marston at 73. Jim Muschlitz (74), who was now the professional at the Southmoore Golf Club, earned the seventh and last place in a sudden-death playoff with five other players. Stu Ingraham, Pete Oakley and Brian Kelly received the three exemptions allotted to the Section. Mickey Sokalski was exempt as the host professional.

Chris Anderson won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship on the first Monday of July. The Whitetail Golf Club and the Southmoore Golf Club hosted the tournament. **Anderson** (138) put together a one under par 71 in the morning at Whitetail and a five under par 67 at Southmoore to win by three strokes. **Bob Kave** and Indian Valley Country Club assistant **Eric Haile** tied for second with 141s. Heritage Hills Golf Resort assistant **Rod James, Gene Fieger, Jim DeMallie** and **Pete Oakley** tied for fourth at 142. **Anderson's** name was engraved on the **George Izett** memorial trophy.

The U.S. Senior Open was played near Cleveland, Ohio at the Canterbury Country Club in the first week of July. Dave Stockton got off to a fast start with rounds of 70, 67 and 67, which gave him a seven-stroke lead entering the final round. Stockton played conservative golf as he made pars on each of the first seventeen holes. Stockton was working on what would be his first victory in a USGA event and first wins usually don't come easily. That held true as Hale Irwin, who entered the final round trailing by eight strokes, played the first sixteen holes in seven under par to get within one of Stockton. Stockton made a bogey on the last hole but Irwin made bogies on #17 and #18 to finish at 279. Stockton's 73 gave him a 277 total and a two-stroke win. Ray Floyd finished third with a 280 and Graham Marsh was next at 282. First prize was \$212,500. The course measured 6,765 yards. Jay Sigel was in contention as he finished tied for fifth at 284 and won \$42,482.50. Tony Perla tied for 54th with a 299 and won \$3,180.40. Roger Stern missed the cut and picked up a check for \$500.

Jimmy Booros won the Philadelphia Open at Stonewall on the second Wednesday of July. The par 70 course measured 6,646 yards. Forty-five pros and fifteen amateurs struggled with winds and tall fescue rough while **Booros** was completing what he called the best putting round he could remember. In the morning round he made a triple bogey and a double bogie but six birdies kept him in contention as he posted a 73. In the afternoon he shot a steady round of 69 with just one bogey to finish at 142. **Pete Oakley** missed a chance to tie when he made a double bogey six on the 36th hole. He missed the green to right with a three-iron, chipped poorly and three-putted. **Oakley** finished alone in second place with a 144. **Stu Ingraham** was next at 145. **Gene Fieger** and **Harold Perry** tied for fourth with 146s. There were several par 70 rounds but no one broke par in either round except **Booros.** First prize was \$4,000.

The British Open was played in the third week of July at the Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club in St. Annes, England. After coming close several times Tom Lehman won a major. Lehman began with 67-67 to share the lead and then he shot a 64 to take a five-stroke lead into the final round. The last round wasn't pretty but a 73 got him into the clubhouse with two shots to spare. His thirteen under par 271 earned him a check for \$310,000 and put his name on the Claret Jug. Mark McCumber and Ernie Els tied for second at 273. Nick Faldo was fourth at 274. Jim Furyk tied for 45th at 285 and won \$9,920.

Open qualifying for the PGA Nike Philadelphia Classic was at the Wyncote Golf Club on the third Monday of July. There were 88 players competing for fourteen places in the starting field at the Philmont Country Club. The wind blew so the scores weren't low. Arizona's Christian Pena led the field with a four under par 68. Former Sandy Run Country Club assistant **Tom Carter** and **Joey Bonargo** made it safely with 72s. **Carter** and **Bonargo**, who was from Doylestown, were playing the mini-tours. **Mike Moses** and Chambersburg Country Club assistant professional **Jon Stanley** made it safely with 73s. **Harold Perry** managed to win one of the last spots without a playoff at 74. **Chris Anderson** and **Greg Lesher** had received sponsor exemptions.

The \$200,000 PGA Nike Tour's Philadelphia Classic was held at the Philmont Country Club for the second straight year. The tournament was played on Philmont's North Course in the third week of July. The nines were reversed for the tournament so that the players finished on what is normally the par five ninth hole. Friday's round was interrupted twice by thunderstorms for a total of nearly five hours. Sixty-eight players had to come back on Saturday morning to finish the second round. It took a score of 142 to make the cut. On Thursday Brett Quigley shot a 64, which was the low round of the week, and never looked back. He tacked on a 67 on Friday to lead by three. Saturday was quite windy and the scores were all over the place. Quigley shot a 74 and slipped back into a tie for the lead. On Sunday Quigley burned up the front nine with a 31 to lead the field by four strokes and he finished with a 68. His seven under par 273 brought him in two strokes in front of R.W. Eaks (275) and Rocky Walcher (275) who tied for second. First prize was \$36,000. Greg Twiggs finished fourth at 276. Stu Ingraham played great for a club pro who hadn't played on that sort of stage for several years. Even with a second round 73 Ingraham finished at 278, which tied for sixth and won \$8,500. Greg Lesher (285) tied for 33rd and won \$1,080. **Rob Shuey** (295) finished 56th and won \$440. Gene Fieger (143) and Jon Stanley (143) were tied for 57th after two rounds and would have made the cut but the Nike Tour had a rule that if more than 68 players were under the cut line due to ties the group at the last number under the line would be cut. There were seventeen players tied for 57th. Normally the top 60 and ties made the cut on the Nike Tour. Jimmy Booros, Chris Anderson, Pete Oakley, Brian Kelly, Brett Upper, Terry Hatch, Mike Moses, Tom Carter, the host professional Mickey Sokalski, Jim Marston, Jim Muschlitz, Joe Bonargo, and Harold Perry missed the cut.

Qualifying for The PGA Club Professional Championship was at the Northampton Country Club on the first Monday of August. Pete Oakley was the low man with a 72 in the morning a great 66 in the afternoon for a six under par 138. George Forster, Sr. and Brian Kelly tied for second with 140s. Five players tied at 141 for the last four of the seven spots that had been allotted to the Section. Gene Fieger, Bob Kave, Ken Peyre-Ferry and John Appleget prevailed over Jimmy Booros in a sudden-death playoff. When Fieger won the Section championship in September the Section picked up another spot so Booros received that place as the first alternate. Ingraham was exempt off his fourth place tie in the club pro championship the year before. Brett Upper was exempt as a former winner of the tournament.

The senior members of the Section also qualified for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship at the Northampton Country Club on the first Monday of August. **Tony Perla** won the first of the Section's two spots with a pair of 70s for a four under par 140. Cool Creek Country Club professional **Sherm Keeney** took the next place with a 146. **Bob Pfister** was already in the tournament as the Section senior champion and **Bob Thatcher** was exempt off his tie for seventh at the tournament the year before.

The Pennsylvania Open was played at the Moselem Springs Golf Club in the second week of August. The top prize went to the western part of the state as the Montour Heights Country Club's professional John Mazza won the tournament by three strokes. On a rainy Monday Mazza took a one-stroke lead as he shot a 68 in the first round. As it turned out that was the low round of the tournament. The rain continued through Monday night so the course played its full 6,801 yards. Mazza came back on Tuesday with a second round 72 to finish at even par 140. Mazza said that the secret to his success was that he was able to keep all of his shots to the greens below the hole

for 36 holes. Four professionals from the Philadelphia Section tied for second. **Jimmy Booros, Gene Fieger, Brian Kelly** and Huntsville Country Club assistant professional **Michael Molino** all posted 143s. The purse totaled \$25,000 and first prize was \$5,000.

The PGA Championship was held in the second week of August at the PGA of America's golf course, Valhalla Golf Club, in Louisville, Kentucky. Mark Brooks kept his drives in the fairways and led the field in putting with just 104 putts for the 72 holes to win the championship. Brooks birdied the 72nd hole by holing a five-foot putt to tie Kenny Perry at 277. They returned to the 18th tee for a sudden-death playoff. Perry hit his tee-shot into the rough and took four shots to get on the green while Brooks reached the par five hole with two wood shots and two-putted for a birdie. Brooks' rounds were 68, 70, 69 and 70. The course measured 7,144 yards with a par of 72. Steve Elkington and Tommy Tolles tied for third with 278s. First prize from a purse of \$2,400,000 was \$430,000. **Emlyn Aubrey** tied for 24th at 283 and won \$21,500. **Stu Ingraham** (297) tied for 78th and won \$3,612.50. **Ted Tryba** and **Chris Anderson** missed the cut. **Ingraham** and **Anderson** were in the field for having finished in the top 25 at The 1995 PGA Club Professional Championship. **Aubrey** and **Tryba** earned there place in the field by being in the top 70 money winners on the PGA Tour between the 1995 PGA Championship and the middle of June 1996.

Gene Fieger won the two-day Mountain Laurel Classic at the Mountain Laurel Golf Club in the fourth week of August. The scores were low in general and **Fieger's** (134) scores were lower as he posted a pair of five under par 67s to finish three strokes in front of the field. Woodcrest Country Club professional **Dick Smith**, **Jr.** finished second at 137. **Jimmy Booros, Brian Kelly** and **Orist Wells**, who was now the professional at the Bethlehem Golf Club, tied for third with 139s. Twenty players returned 36-hole totals of par or better. The purse was \$12,000.

At the end of August **Stu Ingraham** was in Perthshire, Scotland for the PGA Cup Matches, which were played against a team of club professionals from Great Britain and Ireland. The matches were played at Gleneagles on the Monarch's Course on the last two days of August and the first day of September. There were ten club professionals on each team. On day one and day two there were 4 foursomes (alternate stroke) matches in the morning and 4 four-ball matches in the afternoon. The third and final day there were ten singles matches. Every round of matches ended in a tie and not one individual match ended in a tie. **Ingraham** won a foursomes match and a four-ball match. He lost a foursomes match, a four-ball match and a singles match. Only eight players from each team played in the first four matches but **Ingraham** was one of the USA players who was called on to play in all five rounds of the matches. The final tally was USA 13 and Great Britain-Ireland 13.

Tony Perla won the \$14,500 Whitford Classic at the Whitford Country Club in the second week of September. Perla shot two great rounds of 67 and 65. His twelve under par 132 finished four strokes ahead of Paul Oglesby's 136. John Appleget, Pete Oakley, Stu Ingraham, Vince Ramagli, Gene Fieger and Rob Shuey finished in a six-way tie for third with 138s.

The 75th Philadelphia Section PGA Championship was held at the Little Mill Country Club in the third week

of September. **Gene Fieger** had won everything in the Philadelphia Section except the championship of the Section and he took care of the missing title that week. **Fieger** three-putted the first green for a bogie, but he then made birdies on four of the next seven holes and never looked back. He finished the day with a five under par 67 to take a three-stroke lead. More than two inches of rain fell that night and Tuesday's round was canceled. The tournament was reduced to 36-holes and all 136 entries were repaired for the last round. Little Mill had three nine-hole courses and on Wednesday a different combination of nines was used so par was 71. **Fieger** didn't shoot the low round but he was able to offset three bogeys with three birdies. His even par 71 gave him a 138 total, which provided him a comfortable three-stroke victory. **Terry Hertzog** finished second at 141 and **Mike Moses** was next with a 143. **Brett Upper** ended up alone in fourth place at 144. Six players tied for fifth with 145s. **Fieger** picked up a check for \$6,000 from the



Gene Fieger 1996 Section Champion

\$40,000 purse. The top 55 players plus five seniors won money. The host professional was Ken Peyre-Ferry.

The PGA Club Professional Championship, which was in LaQuinta, California at the end of September, was going through some changes. This was no longer the tournament that qualified a club professional for the PGA Championship. The low 90 players at this tournament were to move on to the 1997 PGA Club Professional Championship, which was being played in July. The past winners of the Club Professional Championship and 45 players selected through a formula devised by the PGA Board of Directors would also receive exemptions for that summer tournament. That would make a starting field of 144 players and the top 25 at the tournament would be eligible for that year's PGA Championship. In the future years the club professionals would qualify in their Section championship for one of four regional tournaments, where the low 25 from each event would then qualify for the PGA Club Professional Championship. The 1996 Club Professional Championship was held at the PGA West golf facility on its three private courses. All of the 360 club professionals played one round on the Jack Nicklaus Private, Arnold Palmer Private and Tom Weiskopf Private courses before the field was cut. The Palmer course was used for the final round. Darrell Kestner began the tournament with a 73. He then switched to a cross-handed putting grip and proceeded to put together rounds of 64, 67 and 67 for a seventeen under par 271, which broke the tournament record of 272. In spite of his low scoring, he only avoided a playoff by holing a 45-foot putt on the 72nd hole. Dan Bateman finished second at 272. Jeff Roth, Brad Sherfy and Rick Lewallen tied for third with 274s. First prize was \$32,000. Brian Kelly finished tied for 8th at 276 and won \$7,600. Gene Fieger finished one stroke higher at 277 and won \$5,750 for a 13th place tie. **Bob Kave** shot a 283 to finish tied for 52nd and won \$815. That qualified Kelly, Fieger and Kave for the 1997 PGA Club Professional Championship. The total purse was \$400,000. Stu **Ingraham** missed the cut by one stroke with a two under par 214. Also missing the cut were **Ken Peyre-Ferry**, Jimmy Booros, Pete Oakley, George Forster, Sr., Brett Upper and John Appleget. Everyone who missed the cut received checks for \$400.

The Philadelphia Section PGA pros defeated the Golf Association of Philadelphia amateurs by a comfortable margin on the second Wednesday of October. The Huntingdon Valley Country Club hosted the twelve pros and twelve amateurs. There were pairings of two pros and two amateurs in each group. A four-ball match and two singles matches were being played in each pairing. The professional teams of **Rob Shuey-Greg Farrow** and **Pete Oakley-Mike Moses** each won their three points. The **John Cooper-Vince Ramagli**, and **Russ Davis-John Appleget** teams each won 2-1/2 points. The **J.R. Delish-John Allen** team won two points and the senior team of **John Carson-Pete Trenham**- won one point. **Trenham** was now the director of golf at the Reading Country Club. The final score was 14 points for the pros and 4 for the amateurs. This was the sixth annual match between the pros and amateurs and the pros now led with five wins against one loss. **Allen** was the professional at the Sunnybrook Golf Club and **Greg Farrow** was now the head professional at the Deerwood Country Club.

At the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship Tony Perla and Bob Thatcher qualified for the PGA Senior Championship by finishing in the top fifty-five. The tournament was held in the third week of October on the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course in West Palm Beach, Florida. John Brott birdied four holes late on the last nine and finished with a nine under par 279 to win by four strokes. His rounds were 66, 74, 70 and 69. Tom Joyce finished second at 283. Jim Jewell, Lloyd Monroe, Dan Wood and Bill Hall tied for third with 284s. First prize was \$14,000 from the \$185,000 purse. Perla finished 28th at 292, which won \$1,700 and Thatcher shot a 299 as he finished 54th winning \$830. That qualified Perla and Thatcher for the 1997 Senior PGA Championship. Sherm Keeney (310) also made the cut and won \$620 for a tie for 74th. Bob Pfister missed the cut.

The Philadelphia PGA defeated the New Jersey PGA in the second annual Matrix Cup Matches on the fourth Thursday of October. The matches were played at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamestown, New Jersey. There were twelve Section members, of which two were seniors, on each team. The teams played 27 holes using a different format on each nine. The first nine was a two-man scramble, the second nine was foursomes (alternate shot) and the third nine was singles matches. The teams of **Brett Upper-Jimmy Booros** and **Rob Shuey-Greg Farrow** won all three matches to garner 3 points apiece. The senior team of **Pete Trenham-John Carson** won 2 points and lost 1. The **Pete Oakley-Mike Moses** team won 1-1/2 points and the **Tony Perla-Vince Ramagli** team won 1 point. The other team was **John Appleget-David Quinn**. The final count was Philadelphia 10-1/2 points to 7-1/2 for New Jersey. Philadelphia had also been victorious the year before.

Greg Farrow won the Section's Match Play Championship at the Cape May National Golf Club in late Octo-

ber. The qualifying round plus one match was played on Monday. There were two matches on Tuesday and two on Wednesday. **Jimmy Booros** took advantage of a calm morning on Monday as he led the qualifying with a course record six under par 65. The rest of the tournament featured very windy weather. **Farrow** defeated **Mike Moses** in the finals by a count of 3 & 2. In the semifinals **Farrow** put out **Tony Perla** 3 & 2 and **Moses** eliminated **Stu Ingraham** 5 & 4. **Farrow** took home a check for \$3,000 from the \$12,000 purse.

The Section's fall meeting was at the Philadelphia Country Club on the first Monday of November. There were 240 members, apprentices and staff in attendance. For the first time since the Philadelphia Section was founded in late 1921 there was no annual election of officers. The Section's by-laws had been changed so that the officers were elected for two-year terms instead of one. The next election of officers would be in the fall of 1997. Section president **Mike Atkins** announced that the Section now had its own website. The Internet address was <u>www.philanet.com/pga/</u>. Leo DeGisi was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". In 1987 he won the Section's Junior Golf Leader Award. He was a member of the junior golf committee for eleven years and he was the chairman for three of those years. He had served as the first vice president for one year, the treasurer for two years and president for two years. With a degree in accounting from Temple University **DeGisi** brought a new dimension of expertise to the Section's board of directors. The time of his arrival on the board was fortunate for the Sec-



Leo DeGisi 'Golf Professional of the Year" 1996



Henry Poe 1996 Hall of Fame

tion as it was going through the 1990s growth spurt in members, apprentices and employees. **Gene Fieger** took the "Player of the Year" honors and he won the DeBaufre Trophy with an average of 70.05 strokes per round in the designated tournaments. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was **J.R. Delish.** The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was **Russell Davis.** This was the second time that **Davis** had won the award.

Bud Lewis and **Henry Poe** were inducted into the Philadelphia PGA Hall of Fame during the Section's annual meeting on the first Monday of November. **Lewis** began his career in golf at the age of 12 as a caddy at the

Llanerch Country Club. He had been a member of the Philadelphia Section for more than seventy years and had given more golf lessons than any other Section member, living or dead. For 30 years he gave lessons indoors during the winter after teaching all summer at the club. After retiring as a head pro he taught for another 15 years. The greatest golfers in

Philadelphia had all been to Lewis for advice. He won the Section Championship twice and the Philadelphia Open twice. Lewis qualified for four PGA Championships and three U.S. Opens. He served as a Section vice president for five years and he was the Section's junior chairman for nine years. He initiated a pro-junior tournament, which he hosted at the Manufacturers Golf & Country Club for many years. Lewis was the professional at several clubs before settling in at Manufacturers where he stayed for 37 years before retiring. Henry Poe arrived in the Philadelphia Section in 1940 as the pro at the Reading Country Club. In 1952 he was asked to run for president of the Philadelphia Section even though he hadn't even served one of the Section's committees. Poe was the Section president for four years and a vice president (director) of the PGA of America for three years after that. From 1952 to



Bud Lewis 1996 Hall of Fame

1970 he was the chairman of the annual meeting for the PGA of America. In 1959 he was the Philadelphia Section's "Professional of the Year". He left the Philadelphia Section in 1966 for a job in Alabama. **Poe** went on to be the president of the PGA of America for two years in the 1970s.

Jack Connelly was elected to the office of secretary of the PGA of America at its 80th annual meeting. The

meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in San Diego, California in the second week of November. Connelly had been running for the office against four other qualified candidates and it took three rounds of ballots for him to garner the required 50% of the votes. Each of the 41 PGA Sections had two votes along with the officers, directors and past presidents each having a vote. By having won the election for secretary it meant that he would most likely be elected president in four years. The nominating speech to place **Connelly's** name on the ballot was given by Jack MacCarty. Connelly's biggest booster was past president of the PGA Dick Smith, Sr. President Mike Atkins and Treasurer George McNamara were the official delegates representing the Philadelphia Section but the other Section officers and several other Section members where also in attendance to help **Connelly** get elected. In the other two elections Ken Lindsay moved up to president and Will Mann to vice president without opposition. A new benefit called "PGA Retirement Plus" was presented to the delegates. Various companies, which were doing business with PGA members, had agreed to put money based on purchases into a PGA member's retirement account. Even if the professional didn't own the golf shop the employer could agree to have the money go into the professional's retirement account. If the employer didn't agree to sign up for the program the money didn't go to anyone and stayed with the golf company. A resolution was passed that divided the Life Member classification into Active and Retired. In order to play



Jack Connelly Section President 1983 and 1984 National President 2001 and 2002

in the CPC championships a Life Member had to continue to fulfill the requirements of the recertification program. A second resolution was passed that gave apprentices at all PGA Recognized Facilities the opportunity to earn experience credits as long as there was a PGA member employed there. That included golf ranges, indoor golf facilities and golf schools.

Jay Sigel had played very well all year on the PGA Senior Tour as he came to the year-end Senior Tour Championship in South Carolina. Only the top 31 money winners were in the tournament, which was at the 6,815yard Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach during the second week of November. Sigel had finished second three times and eleven other times he had been in the top ten. He hadn't been able to get into the winner's circle, but he was well up on the money list. With rounds of 69 and 69 in the first two rounds Sigel teed off in the third round tied for the lead. Another 69 in the third round, which included a hole-in-one, gave him a three-stroke lead. On Sunday Sigel led by six at one point and he finished with a 72 for a nine under par 279 that won by two strokes. The first prize of \$280,000 was the largest in the history of the PGA Senior Tour. The check moved Sigel into sixth place for the year with earnings of \$1,094,630. Kermit Zarley finished second at 281. Jim Colbert and John Bland tied for third with 283s.

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Tom Lehman. He also won the Vardon Trophy with a 69.32 stroke average and led in money won with \$1,780,159. **Jim Furyk** continued his steady play on the PGA Tour as he completed the year with earnings of \$738,950 in the 28 tournaments he entered. **Emlyn Aubrey** wasn't an exempt player on the PGA Tour but he managed to get into seventeen tournaments. He won \$296,005 and finished in 74th place on the money list, which gave him a full exemption for the next year. **Ted Tryba** missed the important top 125 as he finished 131st on the money list. He played in 36 tournaments and won \$162,944. **Joe Daley** got into 27 events winning \$96,287.

Emlyn Aubrey also played in five tournaments on the PGA Nike Tour where he picked up another \$4,545 to go with his winnings on the PGA Tour. **Joe Daley** played in one Nike Tour event, were he won \$530.

For the second straight year Jim Colbert led the PGA Senior Tour as he won \$1,627,890. Jay Sigel rose to sixth as he won \$1,094,630 in 32 tournaments. Jack Kiefer also retained his exemption by finishing in the top 31. Kiefer was 17th with \$662,697 in 34 events. Dick Hendrickson ended up in 57th place as he won \$238,033 in 32 tournaments. Roger Stern played in three events and won \$4,564. Bob Thatcher got into two tournaments, winning \$2,366.

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In late March **Joe Daley** picked up his first PGA Nike Tour victory at the \$300,000 Louisiana Open. The tournament was played in Broussard, Louisiana and hosted by the 7,004-yard Le Triomphe Country Club. **Daley** began the tournament with a ten under par 62. He followed that up with a 67 and a 69 to take a three-stroke lead at 18 under par 198. When the final round was rained out **Daley** was declared the winner and the recipient of a check for \$54,000. Bobby Watkins finished second at 201 and Mark Carnevale was third at 203. Shaun Micheel, Glen Hnatiuk and Rob McKelvey tied for third with 204s.

The Section held its spring meeting at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. Section president, **Mike Atkins**, introduced William Hyndman III as the Section's third honorary member. Hyndman had been one America's leading amateurs for several decades and he sponsored the William Hyndman Open for the Section pros each year. The Section was now in the 20th year of working with the Variety Club. The Variety Club Tournament of Champions had raised more than one million dollars for mentally and physically challenged children. More than 30 Section members had teamed up with a Variety Club child to help them enjoy the game of golf. The Graham Company had agreed to sponsor the Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour for another two years.

Tiger Woods won his first of what would be many majors in the first full week of April at the Masters Tournament. At age 21 he was the youngest winner of the Masters. Woods played the first nine holes in 40 strokes and the second nine in 30 for a 70. He went on to post rounds of 66, 65 and 69 to win by 12 strokes, which was a record. His eighteen under par 270 was one stroke better than the previous tournament record. Woods' driving average for the tournament was 323.13 yards, which was 25.13 yards more than the person that finished second. First prize was \$486,000. Tom Kite (282) finished second, Tommy Tolles (283) was third and Tom Watson (284) was fourth. **Jim Furyk** tied for 28th at 293 and won \$19,575.

The PGA Senior's Championship was in the third week of April. It was played on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course for the fifteenth straight time. The PGA's Champion Course was the most difficult course on the PGA Senior Tour and Hale Irwin proved once again that he could handle that kind of golf course. He was there to defend the title he had won the year before and he did it in style. Irvin put together rounds of 69, 65, 72 and 68. His fourteen under par total of 274 was 12 strokes better than Jack Nicklaus (286) and Dale Douglass (286) who tied for second. Jack Kiefer, John Morgan and Gibby Gilbert tied for fourth with 287s and they each won \$55,000. First prize from a purse of \$1,200,000 was \$216,000. Jay Sigel tied for 40th at 298 and won \$3,200. Bob Thatcher (313) also made the cut and finished 73rd winning \$1,450. Tony Perla and Dick Hendrickson missed the cut and they each received \$800. Kiefer, Sigel and Hendrickson were there as exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. Thatcher and Perla had qualified by finishing in the top 55 at the 1996 PGA Senior Club Professional Championship.

Tony Perla won the Philadelphia Section Senior Championship at the Great Bay Country Club on the fourth Wednesday of April. **Perla** shot an even par 71 in the morning round and put together an afternoon 78 in cold windy weather. His 149 total edged out **Roger Stern** (150) and **Steve Smith** (150) who was the teaching professional at the Golf Park at Rehoboth driving range. The victory earned **Perla** an invitation to the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic tournament at Chester Valley Golf Club in May and an exemption for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in October. **Joe Data**, who was back in the golf business as the teaching professional at the Edgmont Country Club, made a hole in one on the 185-yard 14th hole with a five-iron.

Jay Sigel won the Bruno's Memorial Classic in the first week of May. The tournament was in Birmingham, Alabama at the Greystone Country Club, which was set up at 6,967 yards. With rounds of 68 and 67 **Sigel** took a three-stroke lead into the final round. On the second hole of the last round he put hit a #6-iron second shot from 190 yards out to within three-feet of the hole and made the eagle putt. He finished the round at two under par 70

and his 205 score earned him his third PGA Senior Tour victory by three strokes. First prize was \$172,500. Gil Morgan (208), Isao Aoki (210) and Bob Eastwood (211) finished second, third and fourth.

Bob Kave led the local qualifying for the U.S. Open in central Pennsylvania on the second Monday of May. **Kave** led by shooting a three under par 68 at the windswept Country Club of Harrisburg. His round included six birdies and most of the 63 competitors were amazed that anyone could make six birdies in that wind. **Brett Upper**, **Rick Osberg** and Centre Hills Country Club assistant professional **David Coates** took the next three spots with 71s. **John Kulhamer**, who was now the professional at the Green Pond Golf Club, won the fifth and last spot with a 73.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open in Philadelphia was at Stonewall on the second Tuesday of May. There were 126 pros and amateurs vying for eleven spots at that site to earn the right to move on to the sectional qualifying round. On a day with blustery winds that worsened as the day progressed John Appleget and Virginia professional Michael Muehr led with even par 70s. Chris Anderson, who was home from the mini-tours, and George Forster, Sr. tied for third with 71s. Jimmy Booros, Tony Perla, Woodloch Springs Country Club professional John Pillar, Dave Roberts, Twining Valley Golf Club professional Will Reilly and Laurel Creek Country Club assistant professional John DiMarco took the next six places with 72s. Three players that had posted 73s were in a sudden-death playoff for the last spot and John Cooper prevailed on the second extra hole. Jim Furyk was exempt from local and sectional qualifying. Ted Tryba was exempt at the local level.

Mike Thompson wanted to do something for the game of golf, which he felt had been very good to him. Thompson had been a part of the Variety Club's Buddy Program for three years as the golf instructor and buddy to 14-year-old David Jackson who had cerebral palsy. Though only required to give David three lessons a year through the buddy program, Thompson had given him a golf lesson nearly every other week. Wanting to do more for the Variety Club, **Thompson** decided to stage a 24-hour teaching marathon at Mac's Golf Center driving range. The marathon began at 5:00 PM on the fourth Friday of May and ended at 5:00 PM the next afternoon. Each lesson was for 30 minutes and the fee was \$50. David Jackson took the first lesson and he was there the next day to take the last lesson of the marathon. George McNamara, who owned the driving range, donated the many buckets of range balls that were needed and the electricity to keep the range illuminated when the range would normally be closed. With the help of donated prizes for raffles along with the lesson money Thompson was able to hand his "Buddy" a check for \$3,500, which he delivered to the Variety Club.



Mike Thompson & buddy

The PGA's Bell Atlantic Senior Classic was played at the Chester Valley Golf Club again. The tournament was held in the fourth week of May and as the case had been several other years, rain was a problem. Oualifying was held on Monday at the Reading Country Club. Sixty-two pros were competing for four places in the 72-man starting field. Fritz Gambetta fired a five under par 65 to lead the field. It took a 68 to qualify and the four qualifiers were the only ones that broke par. The first two days of the tournament were dry and windy. Bob Eastwood shot a four under par 66 the first day to hold a one-stroke lead. The second day Eastwood holed putts of over 20 feet on he last two holes for a 69 and he maintained his one-stroke lead at 135. Rain began to fall as the first group teed off on Sunday and enough kept coming down to finally halt play at 11:30. The tournament officials planned to resume play at 2:00 PM but more rain came in a downpour. At 1:46 the round was canceled and all scoring reverted to the totals after two rounds. Eastwood who was one of twelve players who didn't even get to tee off on Sunday was declared the winner. First prize was \$150,000 from a purse of \$1,000,000. In 1987, which was the first year Chester Valley hosted the PGA Senior Tour the tournament was shortened to two rounds as Friday's round was rained out. Bob E. Smith and John Bland tied for second with 136s. Dana Quigley, who had just turned 50 in April, finished fourth with a 138. He had gotten into the tournament by shooting a 69 to earn the fourth and last spot in the Monday qualifying event at the Reading Country Club. Jack Kiefer tied for ninth at 143 and won \$24,000. Jay Sigel won \$10,500 as he tied for 23rd at 144. Tony Perla won \$5,355 as he tied for 34th at 146. Dick Hendrickson (151) tied for 63rd and won \$1,400. Bob Thatcher (155) tied for 75th and won \$680. Kiefer, Sigel

and **Hendrickson** were in the field as exempt players on the PGA Senior Tour. **Perla** had an invitation for having won the Section senior championship and **Thatcher** had a sponsor's exemption. The host professional was **John Poole.**

The first annual Rittenhouse Golf Classic was held at the Sunnybrook Golf Club on the fourth Tuesday of

May. The tournament featured a \$32,000 purse for one 18-hole round. The sponsor George Connell wanted to hold a golf tournament for the Philadelphia pros with the largest first prize of the year, which was \$10,000. There were 220 entries and everyone wasn't able to complete their rounds before darkness fell. The ones who thought they might finish in the money were back early Wednesday morning to finish. At that point Jimmy Marston and John Appleget were tied for the top prize with two under par 70s, which ultimately held up for first place. A sudden-death playoff was held eight days later on the Sunnybrook's 18th hole. Both players drove in the fairway and both players were bunkered with their second shots. The playoff ended with Marston holing a 12-foot putt for a bogey to win the tournament. Mike Moses finished third at 71 and five players tied for fourth with 72s.



L to R—John Appleget, George Connell, Jim Marston, Greg Shreaves

John Pillar qualified for the U.S. Open by passing the sectional qualifying test on the first Tuesday of June. Pillar was one of 30 who earned entry into the Open by qualifying at the Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. Kent Jones bested 151 players to earn medalist honors with a 133. Pillar tied for twelfth at 139 with rounds of 71 and 68. Eleven players who had posted 141s played off for the last nine places. There were a high number of qualifying places at Woodmont as the Kemper Open was being held nearby later that week and there were a number of players from PGA Tour in the field.

Ted Tryba also qualified for the U.S. Open on the first Tuesday of June. He was in Columbus, Ohio at the Brookside Country Club and The Lakes Country Club. The PGA Tour's Memorial Tournament at nearby Dublin had ended on Sunday, which meant some players from the PGA Tour were entered there. Due to the strength of the field there were 20 openings at that qualifying site. Mike Reid led with a 137 and **Tryba** (72-68) tied for twelfth at 140. Nine players with 141 totals played off for the last seven places.

Philadelphia Section qualifying for the PGA Nike Tour's Hershey Open was at the Blue Ridge Country Club on the second Wednesday of June. **Rod James** led with a six under par 66. The next six places went to **Bret Upper**, **Terry Hatch**, Hershey Country Club assistant professional **Ken Mattiace**, Blackwood Golf Club professional **Dave Linkchorst**, Country Club of York assistant professional **Steve Wolf** and Heidelberg Country Club teaching professional **Bill Walker**, who all posted 70s. Clinton Country Club professional **Jack Brennan** (71) won the eighth and last place in a four-man playoff. **Linkchorst** didn't play in the tournament. **Stu Ingraham** (72) and **Chris Anderson** (74) got in as alternates.

Joe Data and Pete Trenham qualified for the U.S. Senior Open at the Cedarbrook Country Club on the second Friday of June. There were two long delays during the day for thunderstorms. Data was low with a two under par 70. Trenham (71) had to win a sudden-death playoff over Craig Dear (71), which he did with a par on the first hole. Jay Sigel was exempt as a regular member of the PGA Senior Tour.

The U.S. Open was played at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland during the middle of June. Thirty-three years before, the U.S. Open at Congressional had been remembered for Ken Venturi staggering

around the last 18 holes to victory. This time the problem was rain. On Thursday Colin Montgomerie took the early lead with a five under par 65. The rains arrived in the second round and 45 players had to come back early Saturday morning to finish up Friday's round. Tom Lehman took over the lead at 137 and Ernie Els was one back after a 71-67. On Saturday there was rain accompanied by lightening and 21 players were still on the course when it became too dark to play. One of those was Ernie Els who was two over par through 13 holes. On Sunday morning he holed a twelve-foot putt for a par on #14 and then birdied the next three holes. He finished the round with a 69, which left him one stroke behind Lehman's leading 205 total. Lehman was now leading the U.S. Open with one round to play for the third straight year. The last man to do that was Bobby Jones who did it twice. Lehman, Maggert, Montgomerie and Els were all tied leading the tournament with five holes to play. Els played the last five holes in even par for a 69 and a total of 275 while the others faltered. Montgomerie finished second at 276, Lehman was next at 277 and Maggert was fourth at 281. **Jim Furyk** tied for fifth at 282 and won \$79,875.40. **John Pillar** and **Ted Tryba** missed the cut. They each received \$1,000. First prize was \$465,000 and the entry fee was \$100.

The week of the U.S. Open **Jack Kiefer** was winning on the PGA Senior Tour at the \$1.1 million du Maurier Championship in Etobicoke, Ontario. In the third round **Kiefer** lost a two-stroke lead by making bogeys on the last three holes but he came back with a 68 on Sunday to win by two strokes. His four rounds on the 6,686-yard St. George's Golf and Country Club were 65, 67, 69 and 68 for a 15 under par 269. Jim Colbert finished second at 271, Graham Marsh (274) was third and John Bland (274) was fourth. **Jerry McGee** and **Walt Morgan** tied for fifth with 275s. **Kiefer's** second win on the senior tour was worth \$165,000.

The 13th annual Burlington Golf Classic was played in the third week of June. The tournament was held at the Burlington Country Club on a Sunday and Monday. On Sunday two pros and three amateurs were paired together as teams with a two-best-balls-of-five format. The pros individual scores counted as the first round of a 36-hole individual tournament. On Monday the professionals were paired together based on their Sunday scores. **Rob** Shuey and Russ Davis returned identical cards of 67 and 68 for five under par 135s. They returned to the eight-eenth hole for a sudden-death playoff. Shuey birdied the hole to win the top money from a purse of \$25,000. Jimmy Booros, Dave Linkchorst and John Cooper tied for third with 137s. Shuey was now the teaching pro at Groff's Farm Golf Club.

In the third week of June the Variety Club Tournament of Champions was played for the 20th time. For several years it was a one round tournament with two pros and two amateurs in each group. The White Manor Country Club was hosting the tournament for a fifth straight year. The amateur entry fees went to the Variety Club charity assisting mentally and physically challenged children. In 1989 the tournament became a two-day 36-hole event for the professionals. On Thursday the professionals played their first rounds on a course that was set up quite difficult. **Greg Farrow** and **Stu Ingraham** led with two under par 70s. On Friday the pros faced an easier course setup as the amateurs were involved and more than 200 players had to get their rounds in. **Gene Fieger** shot a sixunder-par 66 to go with a first round 72 and **Farrow** came back with a 68. The two pros were tied at 138 and they were called to #10 tee for a sudden-death playoff. They both reached the par four hole in two. **Farrow** made a par and then **Fieger** holed a six-foot putt for a birdie to claim the \$4,300 first place check. The total purse was \$27,500. **Rob Shuey** finished third at 140. **Ingraham** and **David Quinn** tied for fourth with 143s.

Philadelphia Section qualifying for the PGA Laurel Creek Nike Classic was at the Whitetail Golf Club on the fourth Wednesday of June. John DiMarco set a course record as he took the first of seven spots with an eight under par 64. Rob Shuey (67) and George Forster, Sr. (68) picked up the next two places. Chris Anderson and Aronimink Golf Club assistant professional Corey Phillips tied for the fourth and fifth places with 69s. The last two places went to Mike Moses (70) and Torresdale-Frankford Country Club assistant professional James Jones (70).

The new and revised PGA Club Professional Championship was played in the summer instead of the fall. It was held in North Carolina at the Pinehurst Resort & Country Club's #8 course in the last full week of June. There were 144 players in the starting field. Most of the previous Club Professional Championships had been using three courses with a field of over 300 players and a cut after the third round. The reason for the change to a summer date was to position the tournament closer to the time of the PGA Championship. The thought was that the tournament would get more publicity and the players that qualified for the PGA would be the ones most able to compete in the

PGA Championship. Before, it had been more than eight months between the PGA Club Professional Championship and the PGA Championship. With the move to summer it was decided not to have the players qualify in their PGA Sections that first year. The 1997 field was composed of: (1) The low 90 players after three rounds of the 1996 PGA Club Professional Championship; (2) Past winners of the tournament; (3) PGA Board of Directors invitees; (4) Club Pro Championship Committee invitees and (5) Club professionals who had made the cut at the 1996 PGA Championship. The Philadelphia Section members in the field were **Gene Fieger** (1), **Bob Kave** (1), **Brian Kelly** (1), **Pete Oakley** (1), **Brett Upper** (2), **Jimmy Booros** (4) and **Stu Ingraham** (5). Bruce Zabriski won the tournament with rounds of 70, 71, 65 and 75. His seven under par 281 edged out Jay Overton (282), Mike Burke, Jr. (282) and Steve Schneiter (282) by one stroke. **Oakley** put together a 292, which put him in a sevenway tie for 21st. The top 25 qualified for the PGA Championship so a playoff was needed to eliminate two players. **Oakley** survived the sudden-death playoff and also picked up a check for \$2,607. **Kave** tied for 40th at 295 and won \$1,720. **Booros** finished at 296 and won \$1,520 for a 43rd place tie. **Kelly** shot 299 and won \$1,200 for a 57th place tie. **Ingraham, Upper** and **Fieger** missed the cut. There was live TV coverage of the four tournament days by the Golf Channel.

The Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship was played on the fifth Monday of June. The tournament was held on the Seaview Country Club's Pines course. **Gene Fieger** turned in rounds of 67 and 69 for a six under par 136 to win by four strokes over **Brian Kelly** (140) and Little Mill Country Club assistant **George Frake** (140). Cape May National Golf Club assistant **Jim Branson** (143) finished fourth. The purse was \$13,000. **Fieger's** name was engraved on the **George Izett** memorial trophy.

The U.S. Senior Open was also in the last full week of June. The tournament was played near Chicago, Illinois on the Olympia Fields Country Club's 6,841-yard North Course. The par was 70 and when it was all over the course played so that the winning score was just what the USGA seemed to like, even par 280. Graham Marsh (280) put together rounds of 72, 67, 67 and 74 to win by one stroke. Marsh began the final round with a two-stroke lead and then bogeyed the first three holes. The course played too difficult for anyone to put much pressure on Marsh so when he birdied the 17th hole and John Bland (281) missed a fifteen-foot par putt on the last green he had won by one stroke. Tom Wargo and Gil Morgan tied for third with 282s. First prize was \$232,500 from a purse of \$1,300,000. Jay Sigel tied for tenth at 285 and won \$29,412.50. Joe Data and Pete Trenham missed the cut. They each received \$500. Gordon Brewer, an advisor to the Philadelphia Section PGA, who was in the field as the winner of the USGA Senior Amateur, also missed the cut. The tournament had 2,918 entries, which was a record.

The first PGA Nike Hershey Open was held on the Hershey Country Club' East Course in the first week of July. Open qualifying was held on Monday at the Royal Oaks Golf Club. There were 142 players from all over the world competing for fourteen places in the starting field. Heath Slocum led with a four under par 67. Thirteen players broke par and one of those was **Rob Shuey**, who shot a 70. Fourteen more players who had posted par rounds of 71 played off for the last spot the next morning. The tournament came down to a duel between Greg Lesher and Illinois professional Barry Cheesman. Lesher, who was in the field on a sponsor's exemption, teed off in the last round just two strokes out of the lead. When he reached the 16th tee he trailed by one stroke. Lesher bogeyed the hole when his tee shot found the water on the par-three hole. Cheesman (71-71-70-66) grabbed the win with a six under par 278 to edge out Lesher and Billy Downes who tied for second with 279s. R.W. Eaks finished fourth at 280. First prize from the \$200,000 purse was \$36,000. Lesher won \$19,600. The course measured 7,061 yards. Lesher had been playing the Asian Tour all winter and this was his first check on the Nike Tour that year. Harrisburg's Bobby Murray, who was a mini-tour player and had a sponsor's exemption, missed the cut along with Brett Upper, Gene Fieger, Joe Daley, Terry Hatch, Stu Ingraham, Jack Brennan, Steve Wolf, Chris Anderson, Ken Mattiace, Shuey, Rod James and Bill Walker. Daley was a member of the Nike Tour. Fieger was exempt as the Philadelphia Section champion, Shuey had qualified on Monday and the others had made it through the qualifying round for the Philadelphia Section members. The host professional was Eric Dietz.

In the first week of July **Jay Sigel** picked up his second tournament victory of the year on the PGA Senior Tour. It came at the \$1,000,000 Kroger Senior Classic, which was played at The Golf Center at Kings Island's Grizzly Course near Cincinnati, Ohio. **Sigel** didn't lead the first day but he blew away the field with rounds of 66, 63 and 65 for a seven-stroke victory. His eighteen under par 195 was a tournament record. First prize was \$150,000, which pushed **Sigel** past the \$3-million mark on the PGA Senior Tour. Isao Aoki finished second at 202. John Jacobs, David Ojala and Larry Gilbert tied for third with 204s.

The PGA's Nike Tour was at the Laurel Creek Country Club for the Laurel Creek Classic in the second week of July. Open qualifying for the final 14 places in the 144-man tournament field was held at the Meadowlands Country Club on Monday. Ed Osowski was the low qualifier with a 66. **Joey Bonargo** shot a 69 and tied for fifth. Five players turned in 70s and they played off for the last two spots. Matt Gogel won the tournament by putting together rounds of 66, 68, 68 and 67 for a fifteen under par 269. Dennis Paulson finished one stroke back at 270. Ron Whittaker (271) was third and Chris DiMarco (273) finished fourth. No one from the Philadelphia Section made the cut. First prize came to \$36,000 from the \$200,000 purse. **Stu Ingraham** missed the cut by one stroke with a 142. Also missing the cut were **Gene Fieger, Joe Daley**, who was now on the Nike Tour, **John DiMarco**, **Chris Kreuger**, who was playing the mini-tours out of Wilmington, **Chris Anderson**, **Greg Lesher**, **Mike Moses**, Hartefeld National Golf Club professional **Bill Jeremiah**, **Rob Shuey**, **Bonargo**, **George Forster**, **Sr.**, the host pro **John Tyrell**, **Corey Phillips**, **James Jones** and **Dick Smith**, **Jr**.

The Philadelphia Open was played at the Bent Creek Country Club, which was further west than it had ever been held. The 36-hole tournament was held on the second Wednesday of July. The field was comprised of 45 professionals and 15 amateurs who had either qualified earlier or were exempt. Michael J. Brown, an amateur from the Old York Road Country Club, led after the morning round with a three under par 68. All 18-hole locations were changed for the afternoon round in order to give the contestants a different challenge. Brown played the first five holes in the afternoon in three over par but then heavy rain and strong winds that uprooted trees arrived. Play was stopped and at 4:45 PM the second round was canceled. Brown was declared the winner. Jack Connelly and Rob Shuey tied for second with 70s and divided up the top two money prizes. The each took home checks for \$3,500 from the \$18,720 prize pool. Terry Hertzog, Stu Ingraham, Greg Farrow and Paul Oglesby, who was now the teaching professional at the Bent Creek Country Club, all posted 72s and tied for fourth. The entry fee was \$100.

The British Open was played at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Troon, Scotland during the third week of July. Jim Furyk contended as he and Darren Clarke led the first day with 67s. Furyk turned in three more solid rounds to finish in fourth place at 279. Justin Leonard (272) shot a 65 in the last round, which was the low round of the day, to win by three strokes. His first three rounds were 69, 66 and 72. The course measured 7,079 yards and par was 71. Clarke and Jesper Parnevik who had held the lead after three rounds, tied for second at 275. First prize was \$418,875 and Furyk won \$150,795. Leonard was the fifth straight American to win the Open at Troon.

Gene Fieger left 43 other Section members far behind in qualifying for the PGA Eastern Club Professional Championship. The Northampton Country Club hosted the qualifying in the first week of August. **Fieger** posted a 65 on Monday and a 66 on Tuesday to finish at thirteen under par (65-66) 131. **Michael Mack** finished second at 138. **John Appleget** was third at 139 and **Mike Moses** picked up the fourth spot with a 140. **Jimmy Booros, Pete Oakley** and **Brian Kelly** tied or the fifth, sixth and seventh places with 141s. **David Quinn, Stu Ingraham** and **John Cooper** took the next three spots with 142s. Llanerch Country Club professional **Ben Lesniak, Rick Osberg** and **John DiMarco** tied for 11th at 144. **Rob Shuey, Terry Hertzog** and **Bill Walker** won the last three of the sixteen places with 145 scores. The course measured 6,542 yards. **Brett Upper** was exempt as a former winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was held at the LuLu Country Club on the first Wednesday of August. Williamstown Golf Center driving range owner **Dick Smith, Sr.** (68-69) and **Jack Connelly** (67-70) tied for low with five under par 137s. The third and last spot went to Manufacturers Golf & Country Club professional **Bob Hibschman** with a 141 total. **Tony Perla** was exempt for having won the Section Senior Championship.

In the second week of August Gene Fieger won the three-day Pennsylvania Open for a third time. The Pennsylvania Open was now the Frank B. Fuhrer Pennsylvania Open as Frank Fuhrer of Pittsburgh was adding a substantial sum of money to the tournament in order to bring the total prize money up to \$50,000. Eighty-three pros and forty-nine amateurs were in the starting field at the 6,903-yard St. Clair Country Club in Pittsburgh. Fieger toured the 6,907-yard course in 67 on Monday. There was a cut after round one and 36 holes on Tuesday. Fieger posted a 70 in the second round to take a five stroke lead. He struggled in the afternoon round finishing with a 77 (a 4-putt double bogey on #15 and three-putts at the last green) for a two under par 214. Fieger finished two strokes in front of Jim Cichra (216). Brian Kelly ended in a three-way tie for third with the defending champion John Mazza and amateur Henry D'Alberto at 217. First prize was \$10,000.

The PGA Championship was held on Winged Foot Golf Club's West Course in the middle of August. The PGA didn't attempt to set up Winged Foot as difficult for the PGA as the USGA had for the U.S. Opens that had been held there. Davis Love III took advantage of the setup to post rounds of 66, 71, 66 and 66 for an eleven under par 269. He finished five strokes in front of Justin Leonard (274) who he was paired with the last round. As the son of golf professional Davis Love, Jr. it was a popular victory among the PGA members. Jeff Maggert tied the course record with a last round 65 and finished third at 276. Lee Janzen ended up alone in fourth place at 279. First prize from the 2.6 million dollar purse was \$470,000. Jim Furyk tied for sixth at 281 and won \$85,000. Pete Oakley, who had qualified via the PGA Club Professional Championship in June, missed the cut. The course measured 6,987 yards. Love was still playing with a persimmon driver and he was the last person to win a major championship without using a metal driver.

The two-day Aetna U.S. Healthcare Classic was played at the Blue Bell Country Club in the third week of August. Willie Wood came from behind to win with a nine under par 63, which broke the course record by four strokes. Wood's 63 added to his opening round 69 gave him a total of 132, which earned him the \$50,000 first prize by four strokes. Craig Stadler and Kirk Triplett tied for second at 136. Mike Brisky and Billy Ray Brown shared the fourth and fifth money with 138s. Gene Fieger (144) tied for 14th. Ed Dougherty (145) and Ted Tryba (145) tied for 16th. David Quinn finished 25th at 154. Everyone who finished lower than tenth won \$6,000. The purse was \$245,000.

In the fourth week of August **Pete Oakley** won the Mountain Laurel Classic at the Mountain Laurel Resort Golf Course. **Oakley** turned in a 67 on Monday and a 68 on Tuesday for a nine under par 135. **John Appleget** (137) finished second and **John Pillar** (138) was next. **Harold Perry** and **Gene Fieger** tied for fourth at 139.

The Whitford Classic ended in a two-way tie for the top money between Gene Fieger (68-69) and Rob Shuey (70-67) at seven under par 137. The tournament was held at the Whitford Country Club in the second week of September. The two leaders returned to the first hole for a sudden-death playoff, which Fieger promptly won with a par four. Stu Ingraham finished third at 138 and Terry Hatch was next at 139.

The Philadelphia Section Championship was held at the Heidelberg Country Club in the third week of September. Three-time Section champion Ed Dougherty took a two-stroke lead as he began the tournament with a four under par 66 on Monday. On Tuesday the defending champion, Gene **Fieger**, took over the tournament as he blistered the 6,532-yard Heidelberg course with a (29-33) 62. He broke the course record by three strokes and took an eight-stroke lead into the final round. On Wednesday Fieger played a conservative par 70 round and even though he three-putted the last two greens his 200 total won by nine strokes. Fieger's ten under par 200 score was a record for the Section Championship. Al Besselink shot a 198 at the Bala Golf Club in 1960 but that was only six under par. The best 54-hole winning score before 1997 was Art Wall's nine under par 201 at the Atlantic City Country Club in 1963. First prize from the \$45,300 purse was \$6,000. The entry fee was \$165. John DiMarco also broke par for the tournament as he finished second at 209. **Dougherty** ended up in third place at even par 210. Brian Kelly and Greg Farrow tied for fourth with 211s. The host professional was Dave Elliott.



Gene Fieger 1997 Section Champion

Jim Furyk was now an established member of the PGA Tour and a member of the Ryder Cup Team. The matches were played in the fourth

week of September at the Valderrama Golf Club, Sotogrande, Spain. There were twelve American born professionals on the United States team and twelve pros who were born in Europe on the European team. The first two days there were 4 four-ball matches in the morning and 4 foursomes matches in the afternoon. The third day was just singles matches with all twelve players from each team participating. **Furyk** teamed up with Tom Lehman in the morning match the first day and in the afternoon the second day he was paired with Lee Janzen, losing both matches. After day two the Americans trailed by 5-1/2 to 10-1/2. The Americans came back to eight points in the singles matches and **Furyk** was one of the winners as he defeated Nick Faldo 3 & 2. The success in the singles only served to make it close. The final score was Europe 14-1/2 and United States 13-1/2.

With the new PGA Club Professional Championship format in place the club pros were competing in four regional tournaments to qualify for the Championship. The first Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship was held at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on the first four days of October. The tournament was played on the Homestead's Cascades Course with twelve players in the field from the Philadelphia Section. Karl Kimball won by four strokes with rounds of 71, 66, 68 and 71 for a four under par 276. First prize was \$20,000. Darrell Kestner finished second at 280. Bobby Heins, Rick Morton and Paul Parajeckas tied for third with 281s. Stu Ingraham tied for sixth at 282 and won \$5,000. Gene Fieger (284) and Terry Hertzog (284) were in a tie for 11th and they each won \$2,667. **Rob Shuey** (287) tied for 23rd and won \$1,375. **Brian Kelly** (288) won \$1,158 for a 25th place tie. **Jimmy Booros** (290) won \$900 as he tied for 38th. The low 32 players qualified for the 1998 PGA Club Professional Championship and the past winners of the Club Professional Championship were exempt. As six past champions finished in the top 37 Booros ended up in a five-way tie for 32nd among those players who were not exempt. Booros proceeded to beat out the other four players in a sudden-death playoff. Michael Mack (291) missed the playoff by one stroke as he tied for 43rd and won \$810. Brett Upper (292) tied for 47th and won \$750. John Appleget (296) and Mike Moses (296) tied for 57th and they each won \$615. Bill Walker (299) won \$540 as he tied for 65^{th} . Ben Lesniak (306) finished 72^{nd} and won \$480. There were 144 starters and it took a score of 149 to make the cut. John Cooper, John DiMarco, Pete Oakley, Rick Osberg and David Quinn missed the cut.

The Philadelphia Section pros and the GAP amateurs met in a challenge match at the Chester Valley Golf Club on the second Thursday of October. The professional team won 16-1/2 points to 1-1/2 for the amateurs. It was the largest margin of victory in the seven years that the matches had been played and the pros now had six wins and one loss. The teams of **Rob Shuey-Greg Farrow**, John DiMarco-Dave Roberts, John Appleget-Russ Davis and Gene Fieger-Jimmy Booros each won three points. The team of Pete Oakley-Harold Perry won 2-1/2 points as they halved their better-ball match. The senior team of Sherm Keeney-Pete Trenham won 1-1/2 points as **Trenham**, the only one to face defeat among the professionals, lost to former Section professional **Paul** "Bucky" Erhardt. The pros and amateurs all had lunch together before teeing off and then gathered again for three hours of wining and dining. As had been the case for many years, Skee Riegel, who had been the nonplaying captain of the Philadelphia Section PGA teams for thirty years, was the hit of the evening with his after dinner remarks.

The PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was hosted by the Ibis Golf & Country Club for the third straight year. The tournament was played on its 6,824-yard Legend Course in the third week of October. The tournament ended in a tie as Georgia's Ed Everett, Arizona's Joe Huber and Virginia's Billy King finished the 72 holes with five under par 283 totals. In a sudden-death playoff Huber was eliminated on the first hole as he made a bogey five on the 10th hole. The playoff then moved to the par 4 18th hole, which was halved in pars. Back on the 10th hole King made a bogey and Everett made a birdie to win the championship and a check for 14,000. The total purse was \$185,000. Denny Lyons had a chance to make it a four-man playoff but he bogeyed the 72nd hole and finished alone in fourth place at 284. **Dick Smith, Sr.** finished in a tie for 16th at 291 and won \$2,550. **Bob Hibschman** tied for 31st at 294 and won \$1,525. **Tony Perla** won \$918 as he posted a 297 and tied for 43rd. **Jack** Connelly missed the cut. By finishing in the top 55 **Smith, Hibschman** and **Perla** qualified for the Senior PGA Championship.

On the third Tuesday of October the New Jersey PGA defeated the Philadelphia PGA in the Matrix Cup at the Commonwealth National Golf Club. There were twelve players on each team with at least two being seniors. There were six better-ball matches and twelve singles matches for a total of 18 points to compete for. The team of **Jimmy Booros-Pete Oakley** won all three points. The team of **John DiMarco-Dave Roberts** won two points. The team of **David Quinn-Ken Peyre-Ferry** won one point. The Philadelphia won a total of six points against 12 for New Jersey. The other members of the team were **John Appleget**, **Greg Farrow**, **Rob Shuey**, **Sherm Keeney**,

Pete Trenham and the host professional **David Craig.** This was the third annual Matrix Cup match and Philadelphia with two wins against one for the New Jersey PGA.

The 81st annual meeting of the PGA of America was at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on the fourth week of October. The meeting featured two days of panel discussions with golf industry representatives and the leaders of the various golf associations. The delegates approved nine new career paths for PGA members. Each new classification required a two-thirds approval vote of the delegates. The two career paths that received the most scrutiny were off course retail store employment and golf merchandise sales representatives. Eight new PGA Retirement Plus partner companies were announced. National Secretary Jack Connelly and Past President Dick Smith, Sr. were in attendance. The Section's delegates were Mike Atkins and George McNamara along with several alternate delegates.



Doug Ritter 1997 National winner Bill Strausbaugh Award

Meadia Heights Golf Club professional **Doug Ritter** was honored at the national PGA meeting in the fourth week of October as the national winner of the Bill Strausbaugh Award. The award was for having caused dramatic improvement in employment conditions in their PGA Section or the PGA of America. The Philadelphia Section had been fortunate to be a neighbor of Bill Strausbaugh and the Middle Atlantic PGA Section. In the early years of the club relations movement the Philadelphia Section committee members had sought and received guidance from Strausbaugh. Ritter followed that path by getting to know Strausbaugh in order to learn as much as possible about club relations. Ritter spearheaded the creation of a Philadelphia Section employment compensation survey and he held employment education seminars for his fellow golf professionals. Ritter always felt like he was at a disadvantage when he visited a club and began talking about compensation because it might have sounded like a personal agenda. Because of that Ritter and Strausbaugh worked with the PGA of America to establish the position of Career Services Consultant, who would be an employee of the PGA of America. The PGA's consultant and a member of the Section's club relations committee would call on the clubs that were seeking advice. The consultant was trained to give impartial advice to the clubs. Ritter and the Middle Atlantic PGA's club relation chairman worked together on a

pilot program that hired the first Career Services Consultant. At the time of **Ritter** winning the Strausbaugh Award the PGA had six career consultants covering the 41 PGA Sections.

The Section's Match Play Championship was played at the Cape May National Golf Club at the end of October. Qualifying was held on Monday to pare a field of 71 down to 32 for the match play rounds. Indian Spring Golf Club teaching professional **Vince Ramagli, Brian Kelly** and **John Cooper** all posted two under par 69s to tie for the medalist honors. The first of the five match play rounds was played on Monday afternoon. As a result of winning four matches each **Kelly** and **John DiMarco** met in the finals on Wednesday afternoon. In the finals **Kelly** had the hot hand and he topped it off by holing an 8-iron shot for an eagle two on the 11th hole. One hole later **Kelly** closed out the match to the tune of 7 & 6. To reach the finals **Kelly** beat **J.R. Delish** one-down and **DiMarco** eliminated **Ken Peyre-Ferry** by the same one-hole margin. The total purse was \$12,000 and first prize was \$3,000.

On the first Monday of November the Section held its annual meeting and election of officers at the Green Valley Country Club. George McNamara was elected president without opposition. Michael Mack moved up to vice president from secretary and Mike Cole moved from director of section affairs to secretary. Dick Smith, Jr. was elected director of tournaments and Tom Carpus moved from director of tournaments to director of section affairs. The Philadelphia Section's junior tour, which was under the director of section affairs had just completed a year of tremendous growth. Participation had jumped from just over 500 to 667 juniors who had played in at least one junior tour event. With the help of the assistants' organization, known as the PAO, and a Ryder Cup raffle the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". McQuiston had been a member of the Section for 40 years and the head professional at the Bala Golf Club for 36 years. During that time he had served the Philadelphia Section as



Henry McQuiston "Golf Professional of the Year" 1997

president and vice president along with serving on almost all of the Section's committees. In 1970 **McQuiston** and several other professionals designed, constructed and then operated the Avalon Golf Club before selling it in 1986. He finished second in the Section Championship and the Philadelphia Open after losing 18-hole playoffs in each of them. **McQuiston** was a member of eleven Challenge Cup Teams that competed against the Middle Atlantic PGA Section and he hosted the Section's senior pro-junior pro championship at Bala for many years. For the second straight year **Gene Fieger** was the "Player of the Year" in the Section and for the third year in a row he won the DeBaufre Trophy for having the lowest scoring average in certain designated tournaments. His scoring average was 69.41. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was **Sherm Keeney.** The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was **Andy Hinson.**

Bill Kittleman was inducted into the Philadelphia Section's Hall of Fame at the Section's annual meeting. The meeting was at Green Valley Country Club on the first Monday of November. **Kittleman** had been working in the Section at the Merion Golf Club for thirty-five years and he had been the head pro at Merion for twenty-eight years. During that time he had

hosted two U.S. Opens at Merion and numerous other important tournaments. He was one of the first professionals to take full advantage of the merchandising opportunity presented by a major event like the U.S. Open. An artist and an architect at heart he redesigned the Merion logo incorporating the wicker basket flagsticks. **Kittleman** had

studied architecture at Yale University and while at Merion he consulted on redesign work at more than a dozen courses in the Philadelphia Section. **Kittleman** served on the tournament committee for several years and co-authored an all-encompassing book of new tournament regulations for the Section, which was still being using many years later. He was the Section's tournament chairman from 1972 through 1974 and the held the office of vice president in 1973 & 1974. He also handled the secretary duties of the Section for most of one year. As the tournament chairman he produced a program book for the Section Championship, which raised money to enhance the purses. In 1977 he used his artistic talents to create a new logo for the Philadelphia Section PGA. As a player **Kittleman** finished second in the 1967 Section Championship, third in the 1964 Pennsylvania Open and he was a member of the first Schmidt's Challenge Cup Team.

Jim Furyk won the Argentine Open in the first week of December at the Jockey Club in Buenos Aires. His rounds were 67, 70, 68 and 70. His five under par 275 won by three strokes. First prize was \$70,000 from a purse of \$340,000. Tim Hegna, Chris DiMarco and Mathias Gronberg tied for second with 278 totals.



Bill Kittleman Section Tournament Chairman 3 Years Golf Course Design Consultant 2nd in the 1967 Section Championship

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Tiger Woods and he led the money race with \$2,066,833. Tom Lehman won the Vardon Trophy with a 69.32 stroke average. **Jim Furyk** was becoming a fixture among the leading money winners on the PGA Tour. In 1997 he was fourth with earnings of \$1,619,480 in 27 events. Even though he wasn't fully exempt **Ted Tryba** got into 36 events and put together another solid year. He won \$303.399 and finished in 80th position on the money list. **Emlyn Aubrey** played in 27 events and won \$70,383, which put him in 184th place. **Ed Dougherty** was past his prime for the PGA Tour but he won \$65,552 in 28 events and tried to stay sharp for the day he would turn 50 in 1998.

Joe Daley qualified for the PGA Tour by finishing in the top fifteen money winners on the PGA Nike Tour for 1997. **Daley** was eleventh with earnings of \$105,297 in 25 events. He averaged 71.32 strokes per round. He had been on the PGA Tour in 1996 and now he was headed back. **Greg Lesher** won \$51,666 in 15 tournaments and was 42^{nd} on the money list. **Rick Price** won \$1,603 in two events.

Hale Irwin led the PGA Senior Tour as he won \$2,342,364. Jay Sigel showed that he was becoming one of the elite players on the PGA Senior Tour. He won \$1,294,838 in 31 tournaments, which was fourth on the money list. Jack Kiefer stayed exempt with another solid year. He won \$732,735 in 34 events, which put him in 16th place. Dick Hendrickson was 60th with \$220,675 in 33 starts. Tony Perla played in four events, winning \$9,290 and Bob Thatcher won \$2,030 in two events.

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The DuPont Country Club hosted the Section's spring meeting on the first Monday of April. Section President George McNamara announced that the Section office would be sending out announcements and news via faxes instead of mailings through the U.S. Post Office. The Section had a new television show called "Inside Golf". The show was aired on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and it was rerun three times each week. The show featured golf courses in the Philadelphia Section along with tips on the golf swing and other golf related subjects. The tournament chairman Dick Smith, Jr. announced that the tournament schedule for 1998 was projected to offer \$575,000 in prize money. The Section had a new website address, which was in conjunction with the Philadelphia Inquirer at www.pillynews.com. The PGA of America's chief financial officer, Jesse Holshouser, was the guest speaker. Dick Smith, Sr. informed the attendees that he was heading up a group that had been awarded the contract to operate the golf shop at New York's Bethpage State Park through the 2002 U.S. Open, which was being held on its Black Course. The contract gave them the exclusive sales of pro shop sales and U.S. Open merchandise at Bethpage until the week of the Open. Smith still owned a driving range in south Jersey so he was now a member of Metropolitan PGA Section as well as the Philadelphia Section.



George McNamara Section President 1998 & 1999

Mark O'Meara birdied three of the last four holes to win the Masters Tournament in the first full week of April. A twenty-foot putt that O'Meara (279) holed on the last green made the difference as he finished one stroke in front of David Duval (280) and Fred Couples (280). O'Meara's four rounds were 74, 70, 68 and 67. Jim Furyk finished fourth at 281 and won \$153,600. First prize was \$576,000.

In the third week of April Hale Irwin ran away from the field as he won the Senior PGA Championship for the third straight time. The tournament was held on the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course for the six-teenth straight year. Irwin put together rounds of 68, 68, 69 and 70 for a thirteen under par 275 that was seven strokes better than Larry Nelson (282) who finished second. Gil Morgan was next at 283. Dale Douglass and Dave Stockton tied for fourth at 287. First prize was \$270,000 from a \$1.5 million purse. Jay Sigel tied for sixth at 289 and won \$43,000. Jack Kiefer shot 296 and tied for 29th winning \$8,257. Dick Hendrickson (307) tied for 60th \$3,038. Tony Perla and Bob Hibschman missed the cut. They each received checks for \$800. Dick Smith, Sr. had qualified for the tournament at the 1997 PGA Senior Club Professional Championship along with Perla and Hibschman but he didn't enter the tournament. Smith was busy at Bethpage State Park setting up a new golf shop with 2002 U.S. Open merchandise and he wasn't playing much golf.

Dennis Milne won the two-day Philadelphia Section Senior Championship at the Talamore @ Oak Terrace golf course in the first week of May. On the first day, a Wednesday, the senior professionals were each teamed up with three amateurs and **Milne** (137) toured the course in 63 strokes. The second day the pros were paired together and **Milne** shot a conservative 74 on a course that was set up quite a bit longer than the first day. **Jack Connelly** finished second at 141. **Mike Atkins, Tony Perla** and **John Carson**, who was now the teaching professional at the Burholme Park Driving Range, tied for third with even par 142s. The win qualified **Milne** for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship.

Local qualifying for the U.S. Open had now expanded to three locations in the Philadelphia Section. The first of the three was held at the 6,490-yard Riverton Country Club on the second Friday of May. There were four qualifying places and four players wrapped them up with even par 71s. The four players, all professionals, were

John DiMarco, Ken Peyre-Ferry, Ken Mattiace and Barry Dear, the assistant professional at the Indian Spring Golf Club. There were 51 entries at Riverton.

Philadelphia Section PGA qualifying for the PGA Tour's Nike Hershey Open was held at the Country Club of York on the third Friday of May. **Don DeAngelis, Kevin Edwards, Rob James, Brian Kelly, Paul Oglesby, Rob Shuey, Ben Witter** and **Wilson Zehner** qualified there. **Gene Fieger** was exempt as the Section champion.

There were 56 players at the Colonial Country Club for the local U.S. Open qualifying in central Pennsylvania. Qualifying for five spots at Colonial was held on the third Monday of May. Wyncote Golf Club professional **Mike Dynda** turned in a one under par 70 to lead the field of professionals and amateurs. **Greg Lesher**, **Wilson Zehner** and amateur Peter Toole tied for second with 71s. John Restino, a Florida professional, picked up the fifth and last spot with a 72.

The third local qualifying round for the U.S. Open was held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club on the third Tuesday of May. **Dave Roberts**, Notah Begay, who had shot a 59 in a Nike Tour event the week before, and Georgia professional Larry Tedesco tied for the first three spots with 69s. There were 111 players competing for ten places at the next level of qualifying. **Gene Fieger** and **Jason Lamp**, the professional at the Blue Heron Pines Golf Club, tied for fourth with 70s. **John Cooper**, **Jon Rusk**, who was playing the mini-tours out of Washington's Crossing, North Carolina professional Richard Son and Virginia professional Michael Muehr tied for sixth with 72s. The tenth place went to Virginia amateur Cole Kelly, Jr., who won a five-man playoff for the last place on the fourth extra hole. **Jim Furyk** was exempt in two ways from both levels of qualifying. He had been in the top 15 at the 1997 U.S. Open and in the top 30 money winners on the 1997 PGA Tour.

After being held at the Chester Valley Golf Club for twelve of the last thirteen years the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic had moved to the Hartefeld National Golf Club. The tournament, which was part of the PGA Senior Tour, was held in the fourth week of May. Qualifying for the non-exempt players was held at the Reading Country Club

on Monday. As usual there were four spots. Ray Carrasco led with a 67 and an even par 70 won the last spot. There were four Section members in the field. Ed Dougherty had just turned 50 and was playing in his second tournament on the senior tour. He had played in Kansas City the week before on a sponsor's exemption and he was playing at Hartefeld on a sponsor's exemption. He had won quite a bit of money during his career on the PGA Tour but not enough to be exempt on the PGA Senior Tour. When qualifying was being held late the year before **Dougherty** was out with a disk problem in his neck so for the time being he had to resort to Monday qualifying or sponsor's exemptions. **Bob Thatcher** was also in the field on a sponsor exemption. Dick Hendrickson and Jay Sigel were there as exempt players. Two of Philadelphia's entries proved you could play well in front of the hometown fans. In the first round Sigel posted a mediocre 74, which included a whiffed pitch shot when his club slid completely under the ball. On Friday Sigel put everything together as he shot a nine under par 27 on the front nine and a one under par 35 on the back nine for a 62. In eight holes on the front side Sigel had seven straight birdies and an eagle. On Sunday Sigel teed off with a three-stroke lead. He played the front nine in 32 and birdied number ten to open up a five-stroke lead. On the fifteenth hole Sigel drove into knee-high rough and whiffed again when his swing with a sand wedge went under the ball, leaving the ball in his divot. From there he was fortunate to make a double bogie. At about the same time Jose Marie Canizares was making three birdies to catch Sigel. Sigel birdied #16, bogeyed #17 and then made a par on #18 for a 69 to finish tied with Canizares at 205. They returned to the 18th tee for a sudden-death playoff. On the first



Jay Sigel 8 Wins on PGA Senior Tour

playoff hole **Sigel** missed a seven-foot putt for the win and on the second playoff hole **Sigel** missed an eight-foot putt for the win. On the third playoff hole, which was #18, **Sigel** holed a seven-foot putt for a birdie three and his fifth win on the senior tour. First prize from the \$1.1 million purse was \$165,000. In the last round **Ed Dougherty** birdied the last hole and seven others for a 64 that put him in a tie for third with Bob Duval and Dale Douglass at

208. The tie for third was worth \$66,000. **Dick Hendrickson** (217) tied for 32^{nd} and won \$7,095. **Bob Thatcher** (227) tied for 71^{st} and won \$809. Even though **Dougherty** had finished third he wasn't exempt for the next tournament, which was in Pittsburgh. On the PGA Tour a player was exempt for the next tournament if he finished in the top ten but on the PGA Senior Tour a non-exempt player had to win the tournament in order to qualify for the next tournament. Mary Ann Saleski, who was managing the tournament for Bell Atlantic Senior and the next tournament also, gave **Dougherty** an invitation for the next week. The host professional was **Bill Jeremiah**. Daily admission was \$20.

The second annual Rittenhouse Golf Classic was held on the fourth Tuesday of May at the Sunnybrook Golf Club. The tournament sponsor, George Connell, had promised to increase the first prize by \$2,500 each year and his word was good as the top prize was now \$12,500. Dave Stegeman had been playing various senior tours until shelved by a knee injury in early May, but he bounced back to win the top prize with a five under par 67. Rick Osberg (69) and Michael Mack (70) finished second and third. There was a four-way tie for fourth as Bob Kave, Pete Oakley, Don DeAngelis and Brian Kelly, who was now the teaching pro at the Clinton Country Club all finished with 71s.

The PGA Nike Lehigh Valley Open qualifying for the Philadelphia Section pros was at the Center Valley Club on the first Wednesday of June. There were forty players competing for seven places in the starting field. Vince Ramagli was the low man with a three under par 69. Iron Valley Golf Club professional Ben Witter was next at 70. Royal Oaks Golf Club professional Stu Hanford finished third with a 72 and Fountain Springs Country Club professional Terry Hatch was fourth at 73. Hercules Country Club professional Chris Anderson, Mahoning Valley Country Club professional Brian Patrick and John DiMarco won the last three spots with 74s. Larry Wise was exempt as the host professional.

Ken Peyre-Ferry and **Gene Fieger** qualified for the U.S. Open on the second Tuesday of June. They earned their tickets to the tournament in Summit, New Jersey on the Canoe Brook Country Club's North and South Courses. **Peyre-Ferry** posted a 76 on the North Course in the morning and a 69 on the South Course in the afternoon for a one over par 145. **Fieger** holed a fifteen-foot birdie putt on the last hole for a 146 and that got him into a seven-man playoff for the last three spots. **Fieger** then proceeded to win the 19th and last spot with a par on the third extra hole. The Westchester Open was being played nearby that week so there was a large and talented field at Canoe Brook. The medalist was North Carolina's Lee Porter with a (69-68) 137.

Once again the Variety Club's Tournament of Champions was a one round tournament for the pros' individual money as the second round was rained out. The tournament was held in the second week of June at the White Manor Country Club. Terry Hertzog and Jeffrey Osberg, who was the manager and teaching professional at the Kimberton Golf Center driving range tied for the top prize with five under par 67s. Gene Fieger finished third at 69 and Mike Dynda was next with a 70. The pro-am to raise money for the Variety Club charities, which was scheduled for the next day, was rained out also. A playoff was held a few days later at White Manor, which began on the 10th hole. Hertzog won as he made a birdie 3 against a par for Osberg.

Gene Fieger warmed up for the U.S. Open by winning the Burlington Classic in the middle of June. On Sunday he shot a 67 and on Monday he came back with a 68 for a five under par 135 on the Burlington Country Club. After his Monday round he caught a flight to San Francisco. David Quinn, Paul Oglesby, Stu Ingraham and Dave Stegeman tied for second with 137s.

The U.S. Open was played at the 6,714-yard Olympic Club in San Francisco during the third week of June. Every U.S. Open that had been held at the Olympic Club had been known for memorable last rounds and this was no exception. Payne Stewart teed off in the last round on Sunday with a four-stroke lead. Lee Janzen was five back and when he made bogies on #2 and #3 he was seven back but he birdied the fourth hole to trail by six. On the next hole he drove into the trees and his ball stayed up in a tree. As he was returning to the tee his ball fell to the ground. Janzen proceeded to chip out to the fairway, then hit his next shot over the green and chip in for a par. He went on to shoot a 68 and finish at even par 280. While this was happening Stewart was making bogeys and to make things more difficult he was given a slow play warning on the 12th hole. Stewart finished with a 74 and a total of 281 to give Janzen his second U.S. Open victory. Janzen's rounds were 73, 66, 73 and 68. First prize was \$535,000. Bob Tway (284) finished third and Nick Price (285) finished fourth. **Jim Furyk** (289) tied for 14th and

won \$52,214. Gene Fieger (148) missed the cut, as exactly 60 players shot 147 or better. Ken Peyre-Ferry also missed the cut. Everyone that missed the cut won \$1,000.

Open qualifying for the PGA Nike Lehigh Valley Open was held at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Club on the third Monday of June. Charlie Wi was the low qualifier with a five under par 66. There were fourteen spots in the Lehigh Valley Open available to the qualifiers. It took par to qualify and the host professional, Orist Wells, was one of five players to finish with 71s. The five players at 71 teed off in a sudden-death playoff for the last four spots. The playoff began on the 10th hole. Wells and three other players made pars on the first hole while the fifth player three-putted for a bogie five and the playoff was over. Jimmy Booros and Joey Bonargo had sponsor's exemptions.

The first PGA Nike Lehigh Valley Open was played at the Center Valley Club in the third week of June. The scoring was torrid. Eric Booker holed a 35-foot birdie putt on the last hole of the tournament for a 65 to catch Notah Begay. Booker had trailed by six strokes after Begay had shot a 64 in the third round. Booker and Begay finished tied at seventeen under par 271 and went into a sudden-death playoff. The playoff was in its ninth hole when Booker finally won with an eight-foot par putt. First prize was \$40,500 from a purse of \$225,000. Robin Freeman finished third at 272 and Joe Ogilvie was fourth at 273. Emlyn Aubrey, who was back on the Nike Tour, came in at 276 and tied for seventh winning \$6,281. Greg Lesher finished 23rd with a 279 and won \$2,025. Orist Wells (290) also made the cut and won \$483.75 as he tied for 56th. Joe Daley, Jimmy Booros, Joey Bonargo, John DiMarco, Chris Anderson, Ben Witter, Vince Ramagli, Stu Hanford, Terry Hatch, Brian Patrick, and the host professional Larry Wise missed the cut. Aubrey and Lesher were in the tournament off their status on the Nike Tour. Daley was exempt for the PGA Tour and the PGA Nike Tour.

The PGA Club Professional Championship was held at the Pinehurst Country Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina during the fourth week of June. The tournament was played on Pinehurst's Number 8 Course, which was also called the Centennial Course. **Gene Fieger** played another solid tournament as he tied for seventh with a one under par 287. That qualified him for the PGA Championship and the PGA Cup Team along with picking up a check for \$10,500. Mike Burke, Jr. won the tournament with rounds of 69, 67, 75 and 70 for a seven under par 281. First prize was a record \$40,000 from a \$300,000 purse. Bob Gaus finished second at 284. Jay Overton and Ron McDougal tied for third with 285s. **Stu Ingraham** tied for 41st with a 294 and won \$\$1,620. **Brian Kelly** finished at 296 to tie for 52nd and won \$1,340. **Brett Upper** also made the cut with a 299 as he tied for 65th and won \$1,090. **Jimmy Booros, Terry Hertzog** and **Rob Shuey**, who was now the professional at the Golf Club @ Felicita, missed the cut. **Upper** was in the tournament as a past champion and the other six were in the field by having finished in the top 32 at the 1997 Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship.

The Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship was on the fifth Monday of June. The Southmoore Golf Club and the Whitetail Golf Club hosted the tournament. Lloyd Weston (137), who was back at the Sunnybrook Golf Club as the teaching pro, put together a five under par 67 at Southmoore and a two under par 70 at Whitetail to finish two strokes in front of Dave Roberts (139). Corey Phillips, George Frake and Wilmington Country Club assistant Dave Seeman tied for third at 141. Weston's name was engraved on the George Izett memorial trophy.

Qualifying for the Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship was held at the Penn Oaks Country Club on the last day of June (Tuesday) and the first day of July (Wednesday). Under the revised format, the Section members that qualified locally had to first play in one of four regional tournaments, which was the Eastern for Philadelphia, before being able to advance to the PGA Club Professional Championship. Based on the number of entries the Philadelphia Section had been allotted thirteen spots. **George Frake** led the two-day qualifying event with rounds of 74 and 69 for a one over par 143 total. **Pete Oakley, Rick Osberg** and **John Appleget**, who was now the professional at the Greate Bay Country Club, grabbed the next three places with 144s. Spots five through eight went to **George Forster, Sr., Paul Oglesby, Mike Dynda** and **Chris Anderson** who all posted 146s. There was another four-way tie for the next four places at 147 between **Michael Mack, Brian Kelly, Gary Hardin** and **Terry Hatch**. The last spot went to **Mike Moses** at 148. **Gene Fieger** was exempt off his seventh place finish at the PGA Club Professional Championship. When **Jason Lamp** won the Section championship he qualified also. The course measured 6,547 yards.
The second annual PGA Nike Hershey Open was held on the Hershey Country Club's East Course in the first week of July. Open qualifying for 14 spots in the starting field was held on Monday at the Royal Oaks Golf Club. Amateur Pat Hines of Manheim led with a 64. Joey Bonargo made it with a 67 as it took a 68 to make it. Michael Clark led from start to finish with rounds of 66, 68, 66 and 73 for an eleven under par 273. Bob Burns finished second at 275. Mike Sposa (276) was third and Chris Zambri (278) was fourth. First prize from a purse of \$225,000 was \$40,500. Paul Oglesby, Rob Shuey, Greg Lesher, Brian Kelly, Emlyn Aubrey, Ben Witter, Gene Fieger, Don DeAngelis, Bonargo, Wilson Zehner, Rob James, and Southmoore Golf Club assistant professional Kevin Edwards missed the cut. There were 156 in the starting field and the low 60 and ties made the cut. Lesher and Aubrey had status on the Nike Tour. Fieger was exempt as the 1997 Section champion. Stu Ingraham had an exemption for the tournament but he didn't enter. The host professional was Eric Dietz. As the host professional he was exempt by the PGA Tour but he gave his place in the tournament to one of his assistants, Ken Mattiace, who also missed the cut.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was held at the Links Golf Club on the first Tuesday of July. The qualifier attracted 39 professionals and 25 amateurs with a sizable number of the players coming from northern New Jersey, but the Philadelphia site was allotted the usual two places. Fox Hollow Golf Club owner Jack Eckenrode and north Jersey's Bob Wenz, Jr. won the two places with two under par 68s. The course measured 6,202 yards. Jay Sigel and Ed Dougherty were among the 57 players who were exempt. Sigel was exempt as one of the top 31 money winners on the PGA Senior Tour. Dougherty was exempt off having won a tournament on the PGA Tour during the past five years.

Dave Stegeman qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in Maryland at the Woodmont Country Club on the first Monday of July. There were 96 players at Woodmont vying for five places in the Senior Open. **Stegeman** won the last one with a one under par 71. Billy King was the medalist with a 67.

On the third Wednesday of July Jason Lamp bogeyed three of his first five holes after teeing off on the back nine in the first round of the Philadelphia Open. After that he made nine birdies on the Aronimink Golf Club's course, which proved to be quite difficult for the rest of the field. Lamp finished the morning round with an even par 70 and came back in the afternoon with a 66. The course was set up at its full 6,955 yards with greens that were firm and lightening fast. His 136 score was four better than the rest of the field. It was the first win for Lamp after six years in the Section. Gene Fieger finished second with a 140. Brian Kelly was third at 141 and Stu Ingraham was fourth at 142. First prize was \$4,500 from a purse of \$23,755.

The British Open was played in the third week of July at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England. Mark O'Meara won a major championship for the second time in 1998 by putting together rounds of 72, 68, 72 and 68 for an even par 280. O'Meara then had to win a four-hole playoff over Brian Watts, which he did by two strokes. Tiger Woods made a late run with three birdies on the last four holes but he came up one stroke short of the playoff at 281. Jim Furyk tied for fourth with Jesper Parnevik, Raymond Russell and amateur Justin Rose at 282. Furyk won \$134,167 and the winner collected \$520,000. When they teed off in the last round Furyk was tied with O'Meara two strokes behind Watts but he couldn't match O'Meara's 68.

The U.S. Senior Open was held near Los Angeles at the Riviera Country Club in the fourth week of July. Hale Irwin opened up with a disappointing 77 and then tacked on rounds of 68 and 71 to trail Ray Floyd by three strokes as they teed off in the final pairing on Sunday. Irwin caught Floyd on the front nine but Vincente Fernandez had now moved into the lead. Trailing Fernandez (286) by one stroke with three holes to play Irwin birdied #16 to move into a tie for the lead and he birdied #18 to add the U.S. Senior Open title to his three U.S. Open victories. His last round 69 gave him a one over par total of 285. Floyd finished third at 287. Isao Aoki and Brian Barnes tied for fourth with 288s. Barnes incurred a two-stroke penalty in the last round for putting from a wrong place on the 11th green and he had 18 birdies in the tournament, which was seven more than Irwin's. First prize was \$267,500. Ed Dougherty won \$39,122 as he tied for seventh at 290. Jay Sigel tied for 28th with a 298 and won \$10,758. Jack Eckenrode and Dave Stegeman missed the cut.

Stu Ingraham won the Pennsylvania Open at the Philadelphia Cricket Club's Flourtown Course in the second week of August. In the previous four years **Ingraham's** assistant **Gene Fieger** had won the Pennsylvania Open twice and finished second twice, but he wasn't entered. **Fieger** was in the state of Washington for the PGA Championship. The scores were quite low for a golf course that had been difficult in the past. The four top checks were won by Philadelphia Section professionals. **Ingraham** put together rounds of 69, 68 and 65 for an eleven under par 202 to win by three strokes. **Terry Hertzog** finished second at 205, **Dave Roberts** (208) was third and **Jim Masserio** (210) was fourth. First prize from the \$50,000 purse was \$10,000.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was at the Berwick Golf Club on the second Wednesday of August. The Section had been allotted two spots. **Bob Hibschman** was the medalist with a two-under-par 69. **Joe Data** picked up the other spot with a 70. **Dennis Milne** was exempt as the Section's senior champion.

The PGA Championship was played at the Shalee Country Club in Richmond, Washington. The tournament began the day after the Pennsylvania Open ended in the middle of August. Vijay Singh had won everywhere and everything but a major championship had eluded him. At Shalee he took care of that missing detail by shooting a nine under par 271 that won by two strokes. In the last round Singh got some help on the par five 11th hole when he was able to birdie the hole after his second shot had glanced off a tree and come to rest on the green. His rounds were 70, 66, 67 and 68. The money payout was another record for the PGA Championship with a purse of \$3 million and a first prize of \$540,000. Steve Stricker finished second at 273 and Steve Elkington was third at 274. Frank Lickliter, Rick Price and Mark O'Meara tied for fourth with 276s. Ted Tryba (290) tied for 56th and won \$6,175. Jim Furyk and Gene Fieger missed the cut.

Pete Oakley won the Shawnee Open at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort in the third week of August. **Oakley** shot a 65 on Monday to take a two-stroke lead and he came back on Tuesday with a steady 69 to win by one stroke. His ten under par 134 nipped **Gene Fieger** (135) by one stroke. First prize was \$2,100. **Greg Farrow** shot the tournament's low round on the second day with a 64 to finish third at 137. **Tommy Kelly**, who was back in the Section as the teaching professional at the Blue Bell Country Club, finished fourth with a 138. There were eighty entries. The course measured 6,665 yards.

The Philadelphia Section Championship was back at the Heidelberg Country Club for the second straight year

and Gene Fieger was attempting to win the tournament for a third straight year. There were 149 Section members entered in the tournament, which began on the last day of August. Fieger's first two rounds were 68 and 67, but Jason Lamp was right there with him after rounds of 67 and 68. In the final round Fieger and Lamp were paired together and things were tight all the way to the finish. After eight pars Lamp birdied the ninth hole to take a one-stroke lead and he birdied number 12 to go up by two strokes. Fieger birdied the 14th hole to get to within one stroke of Lamp. They both made birdie threes on the long 16th hole and when they both made pars on the last two holes Lamp was the Section champion. In Lamp's last round of 67 he didn't make a bogie and he reached seventeen greens in regulation. Lamp finished at eight under par 202 and Fieger's total was 203. Lamp had now won both the Philadelphia Open and the Philadelphia Section Championship in the same year and it was his first attempt at the Section title. Lamp took home a check for \$6,000 from the \$47,500 purse and he earned the Section champion's spot in the Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship. Terry Hertzog began the last round one-stroke back and held the lead early in the last round but a bogie on the last hole left him in third place at



Jason Lamp Won 1998 Philadelphia Open Won 1998 Section Championship

204. **Brian Kelly** finished fourth at 205. The last round began two hours late due to overnight rains. The host professional was **Dave Elliott**.

Gene Fieger was at Colorado Springs, Colorado for the PGA Cup matches in the second week of September. The matches against Great Britain were played on The Broadmoor's West Course. The U.S. team won handily with a final score of 17 to 9. The U.S. team was unbeaten on home soil. The U.S. team now led the series with twelve wins, four ties and three losses. Each of the first two days the teams played 4 foursomes matches in the morning and 4 four-ball matches in the afternoon. The third and final day all ten members of the team played singles matches. There were 26 total matches with one point riding on each match. **Fieger** took part in all five rounds

of matches while most of the U.S. players were held out of at least one match. Fieger was on the winning end of his first three matches and he lost the last two with his singles match ending in a one-down verdict.

The \$21,500 Whitford Classic was played in the second week of September at the Whitford Country Club. Michael Mack put together rounds of 68 and 67 for a seven under par 135 to best a field of 86 professionals by two strokes. Former Philadelphia Section professional Mike Versuk, who was now in Maryland, finished second at 137. Stu Ingraham and Russ Davis tied for third with 138s. Five pros tied for fifth with 139s.

The two-day Legg Mason Classic was at the Blue Bell Country Club in the middle of September. The tournament now in its eleventh year was formerly known as the Tylenol Kids Classic. Due to sponsorship problems the tournament hadn't been held since 1993 in this format, with a field of twenty-plus players from the PGA Tour competing over 36-holes and two days. Duffy Waldorf shot a seven under par 65 on Monday and a 67 on Tuesday to win the tournament. His 132 total was two better than Russ Cochran (134) who finished second. Mike Springer (136) and Sandy Lyle (136) tied for third. **Gene Fieger**, the Philadelphia Section's representative in the 26-man field, shot a 66 on Monday to trail the leaders by one stroke. On Tuesday he made the turn in one under par. On the tenth hole he tried to drive the green but his ball trickled out-of-bounds and he made a double bogey. He then three putted the next two holes for bogeys and he finished the round with a 74. **Fieger** (140) tied for tenth and won \$6,167. The total purse was \$300,000 and first prize was \$55,000.

The Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship was played at the Country Club of Petersburg near Petersburg, Virginia in the fourth week of September. Bill Van Orman won the tournament by one stroke with rounds of 70, 69, 68 and 72 for a nine under par 279. Michael Gilmore (280) finished second and Frank Esposito (281) was third. David Thore, Bruce Zabriski and Bob Boyd tied for fourth with 282s. Gene Fieger tied for 12th at 285 and won \$2,750. John Appleget won \$1,378 as he tied for 19th at 288. Pete Oakley tied for 29th at 289 and won \$1,113. By finishing in the top 34 Fieger, Appleget and Oakley qualified for the PGA Club Professional Championship, which was the club professional's avenue to the PGA Championship. Rick Osberg (291) tied for 38th and won \$870. Osberg later got in as an alternate. Michael Mack (292) tied for 46th and won \$750. Brian Kelly (294) and Paul Oglesby (294) tied for 55th and they each won \$635. Terry Hatch (295) tied for 59th and won \$590. Mike Moses (299) and George Frake (299) tied for 73rd and they each won \$470. Chris Anderson, Mike Dynda, George Forster, Sr., Gary Hardin and Jason Lamp missed the cut.

The 10th annual PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was played on the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course during the first week of October. Wes Smith birdied the 72nd hole to win the \$185,000 tournament by one stroke. His rounds were 72, 72, 72 and 68 for a four under par 284. First prize was \$14,000. Tommy Price finished second at 285. Dick McClean and Michael Zinni tied for third with 286s. **Joe Data** shot a 299 and tied for 43rd, winning \$924. By finishing in the top 55 **Data** qualified for the 1999 Senior PGA Championship. **Dennis**

Milne (307) tied for 69th and won \$670. Bob Hibschman missed the cut.

The Philadelphia Section professionals defeated the Golf Association amateurs at the Tavistock Country Club on the second Thursday of October. There were twelve players on each team of which two were seniors. The participants paired in fours were playing a fourball match and two singles matches. The 24 players were competing for 18 points. The Stu Ingraham-Brian Kelly, Terry Hertzog-George Frake, George Forster, Sr.-John Appleget teams and the senior team of Joe **Data-Sherm Keeney** won their better-ball matches. The Michael Mack-Don DeAngelis team halved their match. Russ Davis, Ingraham, Kelly, Hertzog, Forster, Data, Keenev and **DeAngelis** won their singles matches.



Philadelphia Section Team vs. GAP Back Row: Michael Mack, George Forster, Sr., Sherm Keeney, George Frake, Stu Ingraham, Terry Hertzog Front Row: John Appleget, Don DeAngelis, Skee Riegel (Non Playing Captain), Joe Data, Brian Kelly Not Pictured—Russ Davis, Rick Hughart

The other member of the team was **Rick Hughart**, who was the assistant professional at the host club. That made the final score 12-1/2 for the pros and 5-1/2 for the amateurs. The series now stood at seven wins for the professionals and one win for the amateurs.

In the middle of October **Jim Furyk** won the five-round Las Vegas Invitational for the second time. For the first three days the pros were paired with a new team of amateurs each day and in the last round on Sunday it was just the pros battling it out for the individual prizes. With so many amateurs involved the courses weren't set up very difficult and it was mostly a putting contest. **Furyk** put together rounds of 68, 69, 63, 68 and 67 for a 335. In the last round he led by six strokes with nine holes to go but Mark Calcavecchia played the last four holes in three under par to make it interesting. On the last hole **Furyk** escaped from a back bunker and holed an eight-foot par putt to edge out Calcavecchia (336) who had put his second shot three feet from the hole. Scott Verplank finished third at 338 and Bob Tway was fourth at 339. First prize from the \$2 million purse was the usual eighteen percent (\$360,000). It was **Furyk's** third official win on the PGA Tour.

The Philadelphia PGA professionals and the New Jersey PGA professionals faced off in the Matrix Cup matches. The Commonwealth National Golf Club hosted the matches on the third Tuesday of October. Twelve singles and six better-ball matches were played in one 18-hole round as the players were paired in fours. New Jersey won two better-ball matches and halved one. New Jersey won seven of the twelve singles matches and halved one to win by a score of 10 to 8. The Philadelphia teams of Pete Oakley-George Forster, Sr., Bob Kave-Dave Craig and seniors Tony-Perla-Joe Data won their better-ball matches. The Greg Farrow-Michael Mack team halved their match. The winners of the singles matches for Philadelphia were Oakley, Mack, Craig and Perla. Brian Kelly halved his match. John Appleget, Jimmy Booros and Terry Hertzog were also on the Philadelphia team.

The Philadelphia Section Match Play Championship was played at the Cape May National Golf Club in the fourth week of October. Qualifying was held on Monday morning for 32 spots on the match play ladder. **Brian** Kelly was low with a two under par 69. Host professional Russell Davis captured the title by defeating Lancaster Country Club assistant Graham Dendler in the final by the count of 3&2. In the semifinal round Davis put out Vince Ramagli by a 2-down margin and Dendler eliminated Woodbury Country Club professional John Borrell 4&3. Davis picked up a check for \$2,500 and Dendler won \$1,500. The purse totaled \$10,500.

Jay Sigel won the Kaanapali Senior Classic in the fourth week of October. The tournament was played at the 6,590-yard Kaanapali North Golf Club on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Sigel began the tournament with a (29-32) ten under par 61 and went wire to wire for the win. He led by three strokes after round one but he brought quite a few players back into contention when he posted a 72 in the second round. He continued to make it interesting in the third round when he double-bogeyed the next to last hole but he finished with a 68 for a total of 201 that won by two strokes. Larry Laoretti and Hugh Baiocchi tied for second at 203. Terry Dill finished fourth at 204. Sigel's 61 was the second lowest 18-hole score in the 19-year history of the PGA Senior Tour. His victory, which was number six for him on the Senior Tour, was worth \$150,000.

The PGA of America's national meeting was in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the first week of November. It was an election year and there were five candidates for secretary. Will Mann and Jack Connelly moved up to president and vice president without opposition. Northern Florida's M.G. Orender was elected secretary in a very close vote. It took three ballots to determine a winner and then the vote was 58 for Orender and 55 for Roger Warren. The PGA announced that it was looking for a new site for the Senior PGA Championship but it would not be moved before 2001. The delegates were informed that four more schools had been approved to offer the PGA-endorsed Professional Golf Management (PGM) program. The four schools were Campbell University, Florida State University, Methodist College and Coastal Carolina University. There were now seven schools approved to teach the PGM Program. Delegates George McNamara, Michael Mack and the alternate delegates along with past national president Dick Smith, Sr. represented the Philadelphia Section.

The Section's annual meeting was held at the Brandywine Country Club on the second Monday of November. There was no election as the officers had been elected to two-year terms at the 1997 fall meeting. Section President **George McNamara** announced that the assistants' organization, which was called the PAO, had raised \$60,000 that year for various charities. More than forty assistants had participated in the fund raising, which benefited the Variety Club, Fox Chase Cancer Center and the LPGA Youth Golf Foundation. The Section had a new Internet address. It was now sites.phillynews.com/pga. Also the Section had a TV Show called "Inside Golf". The show was a part of Comcast Sports Net and would be on the air from various Section facilities at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, beginning in early January. The "Golf Professional of the Year" was Mike Cole. In 1994 he was asked to serve as the second vice president. He held that position for four years and he was now the secretary. Cole was a professional who was always ready and willing to serve the Section on any committee and for any cause. Gene Fieger was the "Player of the Year" for the third straight year and he won the DeBaufre Trophy for the fourth straight year with a scoring average of 69.61 strokes per round. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was Joe Data. The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was Robert Kramer. He operated Kramer's Golf Practice Center, which had a full-shot practice field and practice greens.



Mike Cole "Golf Professional of the Year" 1998

A special Philadelphia PGA Hall of Fame and Section Awards cere-



Sam Penecale 1998 Hall of Fame

mony was held at the Philadelphia Country Club. It took place in the

evening on the first Thursday of December with more than 300 in attendance. All of the Section's members, apprentices, spouses, employees and sales reps were invited. Two new members of the Section's Hall of Fame were inducted and the Section's special awards for the year were presented. Former Section and PGA of America President Dick Smith, Sr. was the master of ceremonies. The guest speaker was Dave Brannon, the president of Slazenger Golf, USA. The two Hall of Fame inductees, Sam Penecale and Ted Bickel, Jr. were inducted posthumously. Penecale qualified for the U.S. Open eight straight times and the PGA Championship five times. In 1957 he tied for 26th at the U.S. Open. While competing in the Philadelphia Open, Pennsylvania Open and the Section Championship he was second eight times. He was the head professional at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club for twenty-seven years and during that time he hosted the PGA Tour's Whitemarsh Valley Open eighteen times. His passion was junior golf and he ran an outstanding junior program at Whitemarsh Valley each year, free of charge to all. Bickel did his apprenticeship at the Cobbs Creek Golf Club and he was the head professional at the Beverly Hills Country Club for ten years and The Springhaven Club for twenty-one years. In 1941 he became a Section officer for the first time. He

served five years as a vice president and three years as president. He also served the final two years of Marty Lyons' term as national vice president for District II. For twenty years he was a member of the Section's board of control, which was later called the board of directors. All of the Section's award winners were introduced and feted that night.

In mid December Greg Shreaves resigned as the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Section PGA. A search committee was formed and chaired by John Poole to interview and hire a new E.D.

The PGA "Player of the Year" was Mark O'Meara. David Duval captured the Vardon Trophy with a 69.13 stroke average and he led in money won with \$2,591,031. By finishing third on the money list Jim Furyk showed that he was now definitely among the elite on the PGA Tour. He took home \$2,054,334 in the 28 tournaments he entered. Ted Tryba was in the midst of things again as he finished 67th with \$421,786 in 32 events. Joe Daley played in 27 tournaments and won just \$42,092. He also won \$5,590 in four tournaments on the PGA Nike Tour.



Ted Bickel. Jr. 1998 Hall of Fame

Emlyn Aubrey qualified for the PGA Tour again by earning enough on the PGA Nike Tour to finish among the top 15, in 13th place. **Aubrey** won \$129.967 in 27 tournaments on the Nike Tour. **Greg Lesher** won \$79,523 in 27 events, which put him in 30th place. **Gene Fieger** won \$1,863 in five tournaments and **Joey Bonargo** won \$788 in three tournaments. **Rick Price** got into one event and won \$360.

For a second straight year Hale Irwin led the PGA Senior Tour as he won \$2,861,945. Jay Sigel earned \$1,403,912 on the in 32 tournaments and was fourth on the money list. Ed Dougherty had a good year also. He won \$412,679 in just 19 tournaments and ended up in 44th place on the money list. Jack Kiefer played in twelve events and won \$108,774 before having to leave the tour with a serious illness. Dick Hendrickson won \$79,206 in seventeen events. Tony Perla got into two events and won \$2,210.

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The Section's spring meeting was at the DuPont Country Club on the first Monday of April. The main topic was the resignation of **Greg Shreaves** and the hiring of a new executive director, Jack P. Lutz. Another piece of news was that the Section's best tournament player, **Gene Fieger**, had left the Section for a head pro position in Florida. A tournament schedule of 75 tournaments was presented to those in attendance. Once again there were two PGA Nike Tour tournaments on the Section schedule.

Jose Maria Olazabal won the Masters Tournament for a second time in the first full week of April at the Augusta National Golf Club. He put together rounds of 70, 66, 70 and 71. It took two late birdies on Sunday at #13 and #16 to seal the deal as his eight under par 280 won by two strokes. First prize was \$720,000. Davis Love III finished second at 282 and Greg Norman (283) was third. Bob Estes and Steve Pate tied for fourth with 284s. Jim Furyk tied for 14th at 288 and won \$70,000.

The Senior PGA Championship was held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida at the PGA National Golf Club's Champion Course in the third week of April. Allen Doyle came from behind with a brilliant and improbable last round to win. Doyle began with rounds of 71, 71 and 68, which trailed the leaders by four strokes. He shot a 64, which was made possible by taking only 22 putts, in spite of a double-bogey on the fourth hole. His 274 score won by two strokes over Vicente Fernandez's 276 total. Jose Canizares and Bruce Fleisher tied for third at 279. Ed **Dougherty** tied for 11th at 283 and won \$36,500. Jay Sigel shot 287 and tied for 22nd, winning \$17,500. Joe Data missed the cut and received \$900 along with everyone else that missed the cut. **Dougherty** and Sigel were exempt off their positions on the PGA Senior Tour money list. Data had qualified at the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship in October. First prize was \$315,000.

One of the local qualifying sites for the U.S. Open was at the Radnor Valley Country Club on the third Tuesday of May. Amateur Chris Lange and Virginia professional Adam Corson tied for low with two under par 68s. Torresdale-Frankford Country Club assistant Kevin Melrath, Mike Dynda, who was now the teaching professional at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club, John Pillar and South Carolina professional Michael Christie took the other four places with 71s. There were 83 pros and amateurs competing for the six spots at the sectional qualifying.

After a 24-year wait Tom Jenkins won a second PGA Tour event in 1999. Jenkins had won the IVB Golf Classic in 1975 and now he had won the Bell Atlantic Senior Classic for seniors at the Hartefeld National Golf Club in the third week of May. He shot a 70 and a 67 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round. On Sunday he shot a 69 but a missed putt for a par on the last hole allowed Jim Thorpe, who had shot a 65, to finish in a tie with him at 206. They returned to the 18th tee for a sudden-death playoff. This time Jenkins hit a #6 iron second shot 20 -feet from the flagstick and holed the putt to win. First prize was \$165,000, which was \$135,000 more than his first place check from 1975. Rocky Thompson and Gil Morgan tied for third with 207s. Ed Dougherty made four straight birdies in the last round to finish in tie for eighth at 210, which earned him a \$30,250 check. Jay Sigel won \$20,900 for a 13th place tie at 212. Bob Thatcher (228) tied for 63rd, which won \$1,540 and Roger Stern (230) won \$1,078 for a 67th place tie. Sigel was a fully exempt member of the PGA Senior Tour and Dougherty was partially exempt, which got him into the tournament. Stern had qualified for one of the four open spots on Monday at the Reading Country Club with a 67, which was low for the day. Thatcher had a sponsor's exemption. The host professional was Bill Jeremiah.

Local qualifying for the U.S Open in central Pennsylvania was held at Carlisle Country Club on the fourth Monday of May. Florida State University senior G. Ryan Felty, the son of Susquehanna Valley Country club professional **Greg Felty**, made five birdies and no bogies to post a 66 that led the field by four strokes. Amateurs William Smith (70) and Randy Walk (70) along with Hershey Country Club teaching professional **John Francisco** (70) tied for second, which took all of the remaining three open spots for the right to move on to sectional qualifying.

A local qualifying round for the U.S. Open was held in south Jersey at the Woodcrest Country Club. It was scheduled for the fourth Monday of May but after only seventeen of the players had teed off play was halted by heavy rain and not resumed until the next day. When it was finally completed Maryland's Chris Dzergoski led with a one over par 72. Amateur Matthew Dickelman and north Jersey's Derek McDonald tied for second with 73s. John DiMarco (74) took the fourth and last place in a sudden-death playoff by making a par on Woodcrest's first hole.

Jim Masserio won the Philadelphia PGA Senior Championship in the fourth week of May. There were 38 professionals entered in the two-day event, which was hosted by the Talamore @ Oak Terrace club. **Masserio** posted a three under par 69 on Thursday, which led by three strokes, and a 72 on Friday for a 141. **Tony Perla** finished second at 143 and **Ken Peyre-Ferry** was third at 144. **Roger Stern** finished fourth with a 145. The victory qualified **Masserio** for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship.

The third annual Rittenhouse Golf Classic was played at the 6,823-yard Sunnybrook Golf Club on the first Tuesday of June. The first prize, which was being increased by \$2,500 each year, was now \$15,000. The battle for the big check came down to a sudden-death playoff between **Paul Oglesby** and **Rob Shuey** after they had posted five under par 67s. The top prize ended up with **Oglesby** when he holed a fifteen-foot putt for a birdie on the first extra hole. Llanerch Country Club professional **Ben Lesniak** finished third with a 69 and **Rick Osberg** was fourth with a 70. There were 146 pros in the starting field.

Ted Tryba made it through sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open in Columbus, Ohio on the first Monday of June. The PGA Tour's Memorial Tournament had just been completed the day before in nearby Dublin. That made for a large and talented field, which was competing for 27 places at the Lakes Golf & Country Club. **Tryba** put together a 71 in the morning and he came back in the afternoon with a 64, which was the low round of the day. His nine under par 135 tied for second with three other players. Chris Smith was low with a 134. Ten players who had finished at 140 played off for the last six places. **Jim Furyk** was fully exempt for the U.S. Open.

John DiMarco passed the sectional qualifying test for the U.S. Open on the second Tuesday of June. He was in northern New Jersey competing with 80 pros and amateurs on the Canoe Brook Country Club's North and South courses. In a day that saw the temperature reach 95 degrees there was a welcome breeze. DiMarco shot a 73 on the North course in the morning and he came back with a 68 in the afternoon for a three under par 141 to finish fourth. Len Mattiace led with at 138 as amateur Tom McKnight (143) won the seventh and last spot in a playoff.

On the second Tuesday of June the Philadelphia Section pros qualified for three places in the PGA Nike Lehigh Valley Open. Terry Hatch, Jimmy Booros and Chris Anderson, who was now the teaching professional at the Fieldstone Golf Club, won the spots as they each shot an even par 72 at the Center Valley Club, which is where the tournament was being played.

The Variety Club Tournament of Champions was played at the White Manor Country Club in the second week of June. On Thursday it was just the pros competing and the next day the pros were each paired with three amateurs. Brian Kelly (139), who was now the teaching professional at the Clinton Country Club, led the first day with a 68 and he hung on with a 71 the second day to win the \$5,000 first prize by one stroke. Stu Ingraham and Rick Osberg tied for second with 140s. Dave Roberts and Russ Davis, who was now the teaching professional at the Greate Bay Country Club, finished tied for fourth at 141. The purse was \$35,000.

After successfully qualifying for the U.S. Open in Ohio on Monday **Ted Tryba** went to Tennessee next and won the St. Jude Classic in Memphis. In the last round **Tryba** eagled the par five sixteenth-hole and finished with a nineteen under par 265, which beat out Tim Herron (267) and Tom Lehman (267) by two strokes. Jose Maria

Olazabal and Kevin Wentworth tied for fourth at 268. **Tryba's** first place prize was \$450,000. Sunday's round was rained out and the tournament finished on Monday, which meant that quite a few players had one less day of practice for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst. **Tryba's** rounds over the TPC at Southwind course were 64, 67, 66 and 68.

The 14th annual Burlington Classic was played at the Burlington Country Club in the second week of June. David Quinn (136) shot a 66 on Sunday and a 70 on Monday to edge out three others by one stroke. Pete Oakley, Dave Linkchorst and Quinn's assistant Vince Ramagli tied for second with 137s. The course measured 6,212 yards.

The U.S. Open was held in North Carolina at the Pinehurst Resort & Country Club's #2 course in the third week of June. Eight years after Payne Stewart had won his first U.S. Open he won again. With opening rounds of 68, 69 and 72 Stewart held a one-stroke lead when he teed off in the final round on Sunday. Things were tight all the way in the final round but a great putting round of only 24 putts pulled Stewart through. On #16 he holed a 25-foot putt for a par to get into a tie for the lead with Phil Mickelson. On #17 he made a 3-foot for a birdie to take the lead. On #18 Stewart drove into thick rough and had to play short of the green from where he hit a sandwedge to within 15-feet of the hole. Mickelson (280) had a 25-foot putt for a birdie that he failed to make and Stewart holed his putt to win by one stroke. In the long history of the U.S. Open it was the longest putt made on the last hole of regulation play to win by one stroke. Stewart finished with a 70 for 279, which was one under par for the USGA's revised setup of the #2 Course. The course measured 7,175 yards. Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh tied for third with 281s. First prize was \$625,000. **Jim Furyk** tied for 17th at 291 and won \$46,756.17. **Ted Tryba** (308) made the cut right on the number and ended up in a tie for 66th, winning \$7,754.50. **John DiMarco** missed the cut and received a check along with everyone else that missed the cut for \$1,000.

Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open was held at the Reading Country Club on the third Friday of June. The Philadelphia region was allotted two places. **Pete Oakley** was the low qualifier with a two under par 68. Two amateurs Chick Kozloff and Charles McClasky along with professionals **Pete Trenham** and **Craig Dear** tied for the second spot with 70s. **Trenham** came to the 18th green one under par and three-putted from 15-feet above the hole to fall into the playoff. Kozloff prevailed on the second hole of the sudden-death playoff after making two pars.

The PGA Tour's Nike Hershey Open qualifying event for the Philadelphia Section was held at the Hershey Country Club on the fourth Wednesday of June. There were now just three spots in the starting field to shoot for and the Section champion was no longer exempt. **Rob Shuey, Brian Patrick** and Blue Ridge Country Club assistant professional **Jeff Daniels** won the spots by posting one over par 71s. Qualifying was held on the East Course, which was being used for the Hershey Open, so it gave them a chance to see what they would be up against.

The 36th PGA Club Professional Championship was at Kohler, Wisconsin in the fourth week of June. It was played at the one-year old Whistling Straights Golf Course. **Brett Upper** had a chance to win the CPC for a second time but a bit of misfortune happened along the way. Going into the final round **Upper**, who was now the professional at a club in Arizona, trailed the leader Jeff Freeman by one stroke. Before the leading players could tee off on Sunday a heavy fog descended on the course and play was halted for six hours. By the time **Upper** reached the fourth-hole daylight was fading. He drove into the rough and after searching for the ball an official ruled that his five minutes had expired. At the same time a volunteer found the ball but **Upper** wasn't close enough to identify it as his, so it was a lost ball. Play was then stopped for darkness. The tournament concluded on Monday with Freeman posting a one under par (70, 70, 72, 75) 287. **Upper**, Milan Swilor and Christopher Toulson finished in at tie for second at 289. First prize was \$40,000 and **Upper** won \$20,333.33. **Gene Fieger** tied for the PGA Championship by having finished in the top 25. **Upper** had been exempt for the CPC as a former winner. **Oakley** and **Appleget** had qualified at the Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship in September. **Osberg** got in as an alternate.

The second annual PGA Nike Lehigh Valley Open was played at the Center Valley Club in the fourth week of June. Tasmania's Matt Goggin won with rounds of 67, 65, 66 and 72. His 18 under par 270 beat out Matt Gogel (272) by two strokes. Mark Hensby finished third at 273. Fran Quinn, Dennis Zinkon, Marco Dawson and Jerry Smith tied for fourth with 274s. First prize was \$40,500. Rick Price, who was playing the Nike Tour out of Reading, had gotten into the tournament on a sponsor's exemption. He finished tied for 34th at 282 and won \$1,170. Joe

Daley finished at 283 and won \$990 for a 39th place tie. **Terry Hatch, Chris Anderson, Jimmy Booros, Greg Lesher, Orist Wells,** who was now the professional at the Pitman Golf Club, **Jim Muschlitz** and **John Kulhamer**, missed the cut. **Daley** and **Lesher** were on the Nike Tour. The others had either qualified or received sponsor's exemptions.

For the second straight year Lloyd Weston, who was now the teaching pro at the Gulph Mills Golf Club, won the Philadelphia Section Assistant Pro Championship. The Radley Run Country Club and the Hershey's Mill Country Club hosted the tournament on the fourth Monday of June. In the morning round Weston turned in a one over par 73 and he came back with a two under par 70 at Radley Run in the afternoon. His 143 nipped Brian Kelly (144) by one stroke. Overbrook Golf Club assistant Andy Watters finished third at 146. Russell Davis and Bob Kave tied for fourth at 147. Weston was the first to have his name engraved on the George Izett memorial trophy for a second time.

The PGA's Nike Tour was in the Philadelphia Section two straight weeks. The second stop was the Nike Hershey Open, which was played on the Hershey Country Club's East Course on the first four days of July. The course measured 7,108 yards. Qualifying was held on the Monday of tournament week for the non-exempt players. John Francisco won one of the fourteen spots with a 67 at the Royal Oaks Golf Club. Paul Gow led the qualifying with a seven under par 64 and a score of 69 picked up the last spot. Edward Fryatt had won tournaments all over the world and now he won in the United States as he captured the Hershey Open with rounds of 69, 67, 69 and 70. His five under par 275 won the \$40,500 first prize by three strokes. Brett Wayment finished second at 278 and John Rollins was next at 279. Michael Clark, Marco Dawson, John Wilson and Dennis Zinkon tied for fourth with 280s. Greg Lesher tied for 21st with a 286 and won \$2,306. Joe Daley posted a 287 and won \$1,654 as he tied for 25th. Rick Price tied for 59th at 295 and won \$394. Francisco, Rob Shuey, Jeff Daniels, Brian Patrick and Lancaster Country Club assistant professional Rick Gibson missed the cut. Lesher, Daley and Price were on the Nike Tour, Shuey, Daniels and Patrick had qualified in the Philadelphia Section qualifying event. Gibson had a sponsor's exemptions. The host professional was Eric Dietz.

The USGA took the U.S. Senior Open to the heartland of America by scheduling it at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club in the second week of July. The Iowa golf fans turned out in large numbers setting attendance records for the tournament. Ed Dougherty (284) had a great chance to win a major senior championship when he led after 54-holes at 212, but on Sunday he shot a 72 and Dave Eichelberger (71-69-73) shot a 68 to finish at 281, which left him alone in second place. Dougherty's downfall was a three putt double bogey on the par three 14th hole. First prize was \$315,000 and Dougherty won \$185,000. Joe Inman, Hale Irwin and Gil Morgan tied for third with 286s. Pete Oakley tied for 32nd at 297 and won \$11,035. Jay Sigel missed the cut and picked up a check for \$500. Oakley had qualified in the Philadelphia area. Dougherty and Sigel were exempt off their standing on the 1998 PGA Senior Tour money list.

Rick Osberg accomplished a rare feat by winning a tournament at the course where he was the head professional. **Osberg** won the Philadelphia **Open** at the Waynesborough Country Club on the second Wednesday of July. He played steady golf all day. In the morning round he made five birdies as he posted a 68 to lead by two strokes. He came back in the afternoon with one birdie and seventeen pars for a 70. His 138 total captured the title by four strokes. **Stu Ingraham**, who had worked at Waynesborough as an assistant pro nine years before, shot a 68 in the afternoon to finish second at 142. **Osberg** and **Ingraham** had the only rounds under 70. Jim Sullivan, Jr., the Philadelphia amateur champion, finished third at 143. **Jimmy Booros** (144) ended up fourth and **Paul Oglesby** (146) was fifth. The course measured 6,900 yards.

The British Open was played in Carnoustie, Scotland during the third week of July. The Open was at the Carnoustie Golf Links, which was known to be one of the most difficult courses in tournament golf. A little known Frenchman named Jean Van de Velde began with a 75 on a very windy day and followed it up with a 68 to lead by one at the halfway point. The next day



Rick Osberg Section champion 3 times Won 1999 Philadelphia Open

he shot a 67 and moved ahead of the field by five strokes. Paul Lawrie teed off in the last round ten strokes out of the lead and proceeded to shoot a four under par 67, which put him in the clubhouse at 290. Van de Velde reached the 18th tee holding a three-stroke lead. A double-bogey six would win the Claret Jug. Instead of teeing off with a fairway wood or a long iron he used his driver. His drive strayed well off line to the right. From there he hit a #2 iron that also flew to the right into a grandstand, ricocheting to a lie in the rough. His third shot out of high grass found the burn near the green. He took a penalty drop and played his next shot into a greenside bunker. He blasted out to seven feet from the cup and managed to hole the putt for a seven and a 290 total. Not long before that Justin Leonard had finished at 290 also. It was the British Open and a four-hole playoff was used to settle first place ties. The three professionals returned to the 15th hole to begin the playoff. Lawrie went bogey-par-birdie-birdie, to win by three strokes over both players. Van de Velde could have been known forever as the Open champion but he will never be forgotten. Lawrie's first three rounds were 73, 74 and 76. First prize was \$546,805. Angel Cabrera and Craig Parry tied for fourth with 291s. **Jim Furyk** tied for tenth at 295, winning \$54,368. **Ted Tryba** missed the cut. **Furyk** was in the tournament off his position on the 1998 PGA Tour money list and his place in the world rankings. **Tryba** was exempt for being in the top 50 in the world rankings.

In the third week of July the Philadelphia Section held its PGA Club Professional Championship, which was the qualifying event for the PGA Eastern Club Professional Championship. Based on the number of entries the Section had been allotted eleven spots. Little Mill Country Club hosted the two-day event on a Tuesday and Wednesday. The course measured 6,821 yards and par was 71. Jason Lamp (140) put together a 69 and a 71 to edge out Terry Hatch (141) and Rick Osberg (141) by one stroke. John DiMarco, Stu Ingraham, Rob Shuey and Northampton Country Club assistant professional Darren Mills all finished with 144 totals to take the next four spots. John Appleget, David Quinn, Vince Ramagli and Paul Oglesby shot 145s to take the last four places without the need of a playoff. George Forster, Sr. was exempt as the Section champion.

Terry Hatch won the Pennsylvania Open at the Butler Country Club in the second week of August. **Hatch** went wire to wire to win the three-day tournament. He shot a three under par 67 on Monday to take a share of the lead, another 67 on Tuesday for a two-stroke lead and 71 on Wednesday. His 205 score won by one-stroke over John Mazza (206). Joe Klinchock and Kent Staffuer tied for third with 209s. **Terry Hertzog**, Roy Vucinich and Donny Totten tied for fifth at 211. For the third straight year the purse was \$50,000 and **Hatch** took home a check for \$10,000.

The 81st PGA Championship was held near Chicago at the Medinah Country Club in the middle of August. Tiger Woods won another major championship as he captured his first PGA Championship. He (70-67-68-72) played steady golf all week and except for a few problems on the last nine holes he was in control most of the way. He frittered away most of a five stroke lead on the last nine holes but he managed to finish one stroke ahead of Sergio Garcia (278) with an eleven under par 277. Stewart Cink and Jay Haas tied for third at 280. First prize was now \$630,000. Jim Furyk made another solid showing in a major as he tied for eighth at 284 and won \$96,500. Ted Tryba tied for 31st with a 290 that won \$20,000. Brett Upper missed the cut. Furyk and Tryba were exempt off their standing on the PGA Tour. Upper had qualified at the PGA Club Professional Championship.

After round one of the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort's Shawnee Open Pete Oakley moved from five strokes back and fifteenth place to the winner's circle. He did it by first shooting a 71 on Monday and then putting together a 64 on Tuesday for a nine under par 135. It was his second straight victory in the Shawnee Open that had been revived as a 36-hole tournament. George Frake and Terry Hertzog tied for second with 137s. Eagle Lodge Country Club assistant professional John Spina finished fourth at 139. The tournament was played in the third week of August.

Qualifying for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship was at the Reading Country Club on the fourth Tuesday of August. Twenty-two senior members of the Philadelphia Section were qualifying for three spots in the national championship. Jim Masserio was exempt as the Section's senior champion. The first spot went to Ken Peyre-Ferry (69-70) with a one under par 139. Pete Oakley won the second spot with a 140 and the third place went too Jack Eckenrode at 144.

George Forster, Sr. picked a good time to win his first Section points-event by winning the Philadelphia

PGA Championship. The tournament, which was at the Heidelberg Country Club for the third straight year, was played on the last two days of August and the 1st of September. Forster won the tournament on Monday when he shot a seven under par 63 and the other two days were devoted to managing his game so as not to lose it. Forster's first round 63 put him in the lead by five-strokes as only four players were under 70. On Tuesday he shot a 69 to lead Greg Farrow by three strokes, but the next player was seven-strokes back. His last round was without birdies and he made a bogey on the last hole but his 73 got him safely home. Forster's five under par 205 finished two strokes in front of Terry Hatch (207) who shot a 67 on Wednesday. Farrow and John DiMarco tied for third with 209 totals. Forster took home a check for \$7,500 from the \$57,000 purse. The host professional was Dave Elliott.

After forty years the Whitford Pro-Am tournament was off the schedule for a year. Whitford Country Club closed right after Labor Day for a renovation of the fairways and some of the greens. The course didn't reopen until Memorial Day of the next year.



George Forster, Sr. 1999 Section Champion

Jim Furyk was a Ryder Cup member again in 1999. The matches were played during the fourth week of September at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. There were twelve American born professionals on the United States team and twelve pros who were born in Europe on the European team. The first two days there were 4 four-ball matches in the morning and 4 foursomes matches in the afternoon. The third day was just singles matches with all twelve players from each team participating. **Furyk** teamed up with Phil Mickelson the first afternoon and he was paired with Mark O'Meara in the afternoon the second day, losing both matches. The Americans trailed 6 points to 10 after the second day. In the singles matches **Furyk** defeated Sergio Garcia 4 & 3 and the Americans came back to win 8 ½ points, which was just enough to win. The final was United States 14-1/2 points against 13-1/2 for Europe.

The Eastern PGA Club Professional Championship was held at the beginning of October in Saratoga Springs, New York. The tournament, which was the next step in the qualifying process for the PGA Championship, was played on the 6,991-yard Saratoga State Park Golf Course. The course played longer than its yardage due to rain before the tournament and rain the morning of the first round. There was a four-hour rain delay the first day and the cut wasn't determined until the middle of the third day. The third round was completed just before noon on the fourth day. Mark Brown won the tournament and the \$20,000 first place check with a thirteen under par (70-67-69 -69) 275. Bob Boyd finished second at 278 and Ron Philo was third at 280. Karl Kimball and Heath Wassem tied for tied for fourth with 281s. **Rick Osberg** and **Stu Ingraham** tied for 6th with a 282s and they each won \$4,750. **Terry Hatch** finished at 284 and won \$2,375 for a 14th place tie. **Jason Lamp** tied for 24th at 287 and won \$1,255. **Osberg, Ingraham, Hatch** and **Lamp**, along with the other players that were in the top 38, qualified for the PGA Club Professional Championship. **Paul Oglesby** (291) tied for 43rd and won \$780. **David Quinn** (294) won \$600 for a 59th place tie. **Rob Shuey** (295) and **Vince Ramagli** (295) tied for 62nd and they each won \$545. **George Forster, Sr.** (300) tied for 78th and won \$410. **John Appleget, John DiMarco** and **Darren Mills** missed the cut. The total purse was \$150,000.

The Philadelphia Section pros defeated the Golf Association of Philadelphia amateurs on the second Friday of October at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club. Each team had twelve members of which two were seniors. The players were paired in fours with two singles and a four-ball match being contested in each pairing. Each match was worth one point for a total of eighteen. The team of Terry Hatch-Rick Osberg won all three points and the senior team of Tony Perla-Joe Data won 2-1/2 points. The Vince Ramagli-Jim Jones and Mike Moses-Jim Muething teams each won two points. The George Forster, Sr.-Lloyd Weston team won 1-1/2 points and the Dave Linkchorst-Ben Lesniak team won 1/2 point. The final tally was Philadelphia pros 11-1/2 points and the GAP amateurs 6-1/2 points. The series now stood eight wins for the professionals and one win for the amateurs. Muething was now the professional at Merion Golf Club.

In the middle of October Jim Furyk won the five-day Las Vegas Invitational for the third time in five years.

It was his fourth win on the PGA Tour. The first three days were played with four-man amateur teams, which changed each day. The last day the pros were paired together to determine the individual competition. **Furyk's** (331) rounds of 67, 64, 63, 71 and 66 gave him a one-stroke victory over Jonathon Kaye (332). Due to high winds the 71 on Saturday was a great score, as the low round for the day was a 70. For the first three days the scoring had been torrid. It took a record eleven under par score to make the 54-hole cut. **Furyk** began the last round with a three-stroke lead but he needed every bit of his 66, which included three late birdies, to eke out the one-stroke win. Dudley Hart (338) finished third and Chris Perry (339) finished fourth. First prize was now \$450,000 and the purse was \$2.5 million.

Pete Oakley made a double-bogey on the first hole at the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship and went on to win the title by three strokes. For a seventh straight year the tournament was played at the Ibis Golf & Country Club's Legend Course in West Palm Beach, Florida. That year it was played in the third week of October. The Philadelphia Section pros made a very good showing. Oakley bounced back from that bad first hole to shoot a 69. He went on to rounds of 74, 70 and 70. Oakley trailed former Philadelphia Section member Ed Sabo by three strokes with one round to go but his five under par 283 won with strokes to spare. It was Oakley's first year of eligibility for the tournament. First prize was \$14,000. Sabo and Bob Hauer tied for second with 286s. Jim Masserio finished fourth at 287 and won \$7,500. Ken Peyre-Ferry shot a 298 and tied for 29th, winning \$1,575. Jack Eckenrode tied for 48th at 302 and won \$855. The top 55 qualified for the 2000 Championship, and that meant that all four of the Philadelphia Section's entries had made it. The 302 totals made it right on the number.



Pete Oakley Won 1999 PGA Senior Club Pro Won 2004 Senior British Open

The Section's Match Play Championship was held at the Cape May National Golf Club for the fifth straight year. Sixty-four players were competing in the three-day, five-round tournament during the fourth week of October. One round was played on Monday, two on Tuesday and two on Wednesday. Terry Hertzog and John Di-Marco met in the finals on Wednesday afternoon. Hertzog holed a greenside bunker shot on the 8th hole to take a one-up lead and later went 2-up with a par. DiMarco eagled the par five 14th hole to be one down. Hertzog won



Michael Mack "Golf Professional of the Year" 1999

the next hole with a par and he birdied the 16th hole to win the match 3 & 2. To reach the finals **Hertzog** put away **Terry Hatch** 4 & 3 and **DiMarco** nipped **Bob Kave** one-down.

The Section's fall meeting was at the Brandywine Country Club on the first Monday of November and it was an election year. Michael Mack was elected president after having held other Section offices for seven years. Mike Cole, who was now a pro golf salesman, moved up from secretary to vice president and Tom Carpus, who was now the professional at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club, was elected secretary. Dick Smith, Jr. was reelected director of tournaments and Silver Creek Country Club professional Jay Gallo was elected director of section affairs. Michael Mack was honored as the Philadelphia Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". Mack had been the professional at the Burlington Country Club for eighteen years and a Section Board member for ten years. Since becoming the professional at Burlington he had devoted his time to the promotion of junior golf. After growing junior golf at his club he promoted team matches for juniors among the golf clubs in southwestern New Jersey. He introduced golf to the Special Olympics in his region while serving as the golf instructor and he was honored for his work with the inter-city youth of Camden. Mack was one of the leading tournament players in the Section who was nearly always in contention at the Section tournaments. Pete Oakley was the "Player of the Year" for the third time and he won the DeBaufre Trophy with a scoring

average of 71.29 strokes pre round. The "Skee Riegel Senior Player of the Year" was **Tony Perla**. The Section's "Teacher of the Year" was **Ted Sheftic**. It was the third time that **Sheftic** had won the award. **Sheftic** had given up his position as the head professional at the Hanover Country Club and he was teaching there and at other locations full time.

The national meeting of the PGA of America was held in Anaheim, California at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel in the third week of November. Harry Hammond was honored at the meeting as the PGA of America's "Junior Golf Leader". He was honored for his many years of work with junior golfers. Hammond and his staff at Whit-ford Country Club were the "Clubs for Kids" program. Over a period of years they shortened and regriped golf clubs for more than 1,200 young golfers. As the father of a young gil golfer he was especially interested in providing programs for girls as well as boys. He pushed for a Philadelphia Junior Golf Association that tied all of the junior programs together, including the "First Tee". Hammond was instrumental in bringing golf to the youth of the intercity. There was the usual number of resolutions to act on and only a few received the necessary two-thirds of the votes to pass. The ones that passed were not of major consequence. Michael Mack and Michael Cole represented the Philadelphia Section as its delegates. Also in attendance were national past president Dick Smith, and national vice president Jack Connelly along with the Section's alternate delegates.

On the first Thursday of December the Philadelphia Section held its second annual President's Awards Gala at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. Spouses, Section staff and the pro-golf salesmen were invited with many

attending. It was an opportunity to induct the newest member of the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame and honor all of the Section's award winners for 1999. Section President Michael Mack made the opening remarks and Dick Smith, Sr. was the master of ceremonies. All of the various award winners and playing leaders were introduced and presented with the appropriate plaques. The most important event of the evening was the induction of the new member of the Section's Hall of Fame, Robert A. "Bob" Ross. Arriving in the Section in 1957, Ross had worked in the Section as the head professional at Susquehanna Valley CC, Valley CC, North Hills CC and the Philadelphia Cricket Club for a total of seventeen years. In 1966 he began to show signs of becoming one of the Section's elite players when he tied for fourth in the Mexican Open. The next year Ross won the Section Championship and the Pennsylvania Open. In his Pennsylvania Open victory Ross edged out Arnold Palmer by one stroke on Palmer's home course, the Laurel Valley Country Club. That year he won the DeBaufre Trophy for the low scoring average, led the Schmidt Points competition and he either won or finished near the top in all of the Section's big money tournaments. While he was in the Section he qualified for three PGA Championships and two U.S. Opens. Ross was elected secretary of the Section in 1969 and he was the Section's 19th president in 1971 and 1972. In 1972 he was the Section's "Professional of the Year". After leaving the Section in 1973 he was the professional at Sawgrass Country Club in Florida where he hosted one of the first TPC



Bob Ross Section President 1971 & 1972 Won 1977 Section Championship Won 1977 Pennsylvania Open 1999 Hall of Fame

Championships in 1977. He then moved to the Baltusrol Golf Club where he served as the professional for twenty years. At Baltusrol he qualified for the 1980 U.S. Open, which was being played at his club, and he was the host pro of the Open again in 1993 along with a U.S. Women's Open in 1985. **Ross** was the sixteenth member of the Section's Hall of Fame.

Tiger Woods led the PGA Tour for the three most important honors. He led in money won with \$6,616,585 in 21 events, won the Vardon Trophy with a stroke average of 68.43 and he was voted the PGA "Player of the Year". Jim Furyk slipped a bit but he was still among the elite on the PGA Tour with \$1,827,593 in 25 events. That put him in 12th place on the money list. Ted Tryba had his best year on the PGA Tour. He won a tournament and earned \$1,533,636 in 32 tournaments, which enabled him to finish in 20th place on the money list. Emlyn Aubrey got into 18 tournaments and won \$290,806, but he finished outside the magic 125, in 136th place.

Greg Lesher played in 26 tournaments on the PGA Nike Tour and won \$48,609 to finish 54th on the money

list. Joe Daley won \$46,720 in 27 starts and ended up in 59th place. Rick Price got into 20 events and won \$5,508.

Bruce Fleisher led the PGA Senior Tour money list as he won \$2,515,705. Ed Dougherty stayed fully exempt by finishing 16th on the money list with \$951,072. He played in 25 events. Jay Sigel won \$549,061 in 31 tournaments to finish 35th. Dick Hendrickson won \$9,684 in the eleven tournaments that he was able to enter.

The 1990s saw a decided boom in the golf business. Due to the success of Tiger Woods more people were interested in golf and watched the tournaments on TV. The business world was booming as well and for several years more than one new golf course was opened each day. There were more jobs for golf professionals and there were more PGA members. There were now seven four-year schools with PGA-endorsed Professional Golf Management (PGM) programs turning out graduates that wanted to make a career of the golf business. As for golf professionals it was the day of specialization with some pros only in administration, some pros in merchandising and some spent all of their time giving golf lessons. Even though there were many more golf courses there were even more golf professionals so it was a buyers market when it came to hiring golf pros.
