A Chronicle of the Philadelphia Section PGA and its Members by Peter C. Trenham the Leaders and the Legends 2000 to 2009

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Tomas J. "Tom" Carpus

Tom Carpus was born in Buffalo, New York in 1961 and grew up in Upper Darby. At the age of ten he ventured out to Cobb's Creek Golf Club where he fished golf balls out of the creeks and sold them to the professional, Andy Pettineo, Sr. Soon he was caddying and playing golf there. That led to his working for Andy, Sr. and Jr. cleaning the golf carts and shagging balls for the golf lessons. From there he went on to Drexel University where he graduated with a business degree and played on the golf team. He lettered four years and won the East Coast Conference individual championship in his senior year. He was inducted into the Drexel University athletic hall of fame in 2007. In 1985 he turned pro and went to work as an assistant to Harry Heagy at the Rolling Green Golf Club. After six years as an assistant at Rolling Green he signed on with the Philadelphia Section PGA as the tournament director. As the supervisor for more than 100 Section competitions he found himself needing to become an expert on the rules of golf. He began attending rules seminars and found his calling in the game of golf. He stayed two years with the Section and then became the professional at the Greate Bay Country Club for five years where he hosted the LPGA ShopRite Classic. In 1998 he returned to Pennsylvania as the professional at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club. In late 1994 Carpus was elected to Section office for the first time. He was director of tournaments for two years and then director of section affairs for two years. Moving through the Section chairs he was secretary two years, vice presi-



Tom Carpus Section's 35th president Vice Chairman PGAA rules committee

dent two years and then was the Section's 35th president two years, 2004-2005. He served on the Section board for 15 years and four times he was a delegate to the PGA's national meeting. In 2007 the Variety Club opened a three hole golf course for handicapped children that was the brain-child of Carpus. In 2002 he was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". Having become immersed in the rules of golf Carpus began teaching the rules seminars. In 1995 he was made a member of the PGA of America rules committee, which meant serving on the rules committee at major championships. Carpus has officiated at 15 PGA Championships, the Masters Tournament, and the Ryder Cup along with numerous other tournaments for the PGA and other major organizations. He earned PGA Master Professional status in 2004. In 2007 Carpus won the PGA of America's Horton Smith Award at the national level. The Horton Smith Award was for his time spent educating his fellow golf professionals and the golfing public on the rules of golf. He had won it twice at the Section level. Carpus participated in more than 100 segments on TV shows where he illustrated the rules of golf. In 2011 Carpus was appointed vice-chairman of the PGA of America rules committee and in 2016 he was named chairman of the committee. In 2017 he resigned from his head professional position at Kennett Square to work for the PGA Tour as a rules official on its Champions Tour for senior professionals. In 2018 Carpus was inducted into the Philadelphia Section Hall of Fame.

Michael N. "Mike" Cole

Mike Cole was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1953 and began playing play golf at the age of 12. His first rounds of golf were played at what was then the Green Hill Golf Club. John Long and Bill Hackett, two Delaware golf professionals, helped him with his game. Later he played at the Penn Oaks Country Club where he found a

mentor in the golf professional, Ted Carlson. Cole attended three colleges and graduated from Davis & Elkins College. He played on the golf team at all three colleges. At age 23 he turned pro and went to work for Carlson as an assistant. After six years as the assistant Cole moved into the head professional position at Penn Oaks when Carlson took a head pro position in Florida. Cole's passion in golf was teaching the game to golfers of every degree of ability at Penn Oaks. Cole had been the head pro at Penn Oaks for 17 years when he and his wife decided to move to Doylestown. He then spent one year as the teaching professional at the Family Golf Center and three years as the professional at the Center Square Golf Club. In 1991 Cole was elected to the Section board as a district director and three years later he became an officer, moving through the Section's chairs. He was director of section affairs for four years, secretary for two years and vice president for two years. In 1998 he was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year". At the Section's 2001 annual meeting he was elected president and served for two years as the Section's 34th president. Cole served the Section as an officer for ten years, which was only exceeded by two others. In 2003 Cole made a career change becoming a pro-golf salesman for the Srixon Golf Company



Mike Cole Section's 34th President

and later Cleveland Golf. As a pro-golf salesman Cole maintained his PGA membership and continued to serve on Section committees.

Michael T. "Mike" Mack

Mike Mack was born in Pottstown in 1956 and at age 16 he played golf for the first time. He learned to play at what is now called Hickory Valley Golf Club. Pete Dever, who was the pro at the Brookside Country Club in Pottstown, gave him a couple of lessons. Mack turned pro in 1977 and went to work for John Poole at the West



Mike Mack Section's 33rd president

Chester Golf & Country Club. One month later Poole moved to the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club and Mack went with him as his assistant. Two years later Mack returned to Brookside as Dever's assistant. In 1982 he became the head professional at the Burlington Country Club and was still there 30 years later. In 1989 Mack went on the Section board of directors as a director from South Jersey. Five years later he was elected first vice president and began a progression through the Section's chairs. He served two years as secretary and two years as vice president, which due to a change in the Section's by-laws had been called treasurer before that. In 2000 he was elected president and became the Section's 33rd president. Since becoming the professional at Burlington he 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. In an effort to improve his golf game and learn more about the golf swing he traveled numerous miles to take golf lessons from the country's most famous instructors. Mack finished second in the Section championship in 1994 and third in 2000. He qualified for the PGA Professional National Championship twice along with qualifying for the Senior PGA Professional National Championship once and he played on six Section challenge cup teams. In 1986 Mack began hosting the Burlington Classic which quickly

became one of the most important tournaments on the Section's calendar. The tournament was still being played more than 25 years later. He hosted the Section championship twice at Burlington County. In 1999 Mack was the Section's "PGA Golf Professional of the Year".

Ronald L. "Ron" Rolfe

Ron Rolfe was born in 1942 in New London, Connecticut. He was introduced to golf at the age of 12 as a caddy at the New London Country Club. At New London High School he lettered in baseball, basketball, track

and golf. After high school he attended Mitchell College on a basketball scholarship. Rolfe turned pro in 1964 and began his professional career as the assistant at the New London Country Club. He arrived in the Philadelphia Section in 1965 as the assistant to Bob Ross at the North Hills Country Club. The next year Ross left North Hills for the head professional position at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Even though Rolfe was just 23-years old and not a PGA member yet the North Hills C.C. officers hired him to follow Ross as their professional. It was a match made in heaven as Rolfe went on to serve North Hills in that position for 42 years. Since the tireless Marty Lyons no one gave more of their time and effort to assist the Philadelphia PGA than Rolfe. He was a member of the tournament committee for more than thirty years and in 1981 he was the co-chairman along with Tom Smith. That year he was the non-playing captain of the Schmidt Challenge Cup Team. Rolfe served the Section for 12 years on the Board as a District Director. He was a member of the PGA committee that provided the first junior golf clinics that were open to the public. He coached a high school girls' golf team and created a league of teams in which they could compete. He then helped them procure golf courses for their practice and matches. Rolfe and North Hills hosted more events for the Section than any other club and those were the ones that were the least lucrative for the host. They



Ron Rolfe Section Hall of Fame Class of 2008

hosted the Section championship three times, qualifying for the PGA Club Professional Championship five times, Section Senior Championship twice, U.S. Open qualifying twice and the Schmidt Festival twice. Along with that he hosted one-day Section tournament and seminars. Rolfe was always also able to find a way to make his course available to the assistants and senior organizations. In the community he was always there to help people in need and many times he provided financial assistance to veteran caddies who were destitute. For twenty-five years he was one of the Section's steady players who usually finished in the money at the weekly events and as a senior he continued to cash checks. In his younger years as a PGA member he played on the Caribbean Tour and competed on the PGA Tour during the winter events on the west coast. As a senior he was twice a member of the Ping Challenge Cup team that defeated the GAP team. When Dick Smith, Sr. and Jack Connelly ran for national office Rolfe was one of the first that volunteered to attend the national meetings and assist with their campaigns. He was quietly one of the Section's most respected golf instructors. On a number of occasions pros sent Rolfe young players who were trying to take their games to another level. In 2008 Rolfe was elected to the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame.

James J. "Jim" Smith, Jr.

Jim Smith Jr. was born in Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania in 1967. He was introduced to golf by his father. Smith began his college career at Villanova University before transferring to Temple University. While in college he started a successful painting business which allowed him to pursue his love of golf while earning money for



Jim Smith, Jr. Section's 37th president

school. After graduating from Temple with a degree in Finance & Economics in 1990 he took a job in sales. Six months later he decided to pursue a career in golf. In the spring of 1991 he landed a job as an assistant to Fred Philipps at the Riverton Country Club. After one year at Riverton he became the head professional at The Abington Club where he stayed five years. He was then the Director of Golf & General Manager at Talamore @ Oak Terrace for ten years. At Talamore Smith hired several well qualified teaching pros and founded the Talamore Golf Academy as golf instruction became the focal point of the club. During his ten years at Talamore Smith hosted numerous tournaments, seminars and meetings for the Section. While at Talamore he won awards for his creative merchandising, which led to his ideas being written up in PGA Magazine. In the fall of 2001 Smith became a member of the Section's board as a director and at the fall meeting in 2003 he was elected director of section affairs. He held that office for two years and he was the Section vice president for two years. He was then elected Section president at the annual meeting in 2007 and served as the Section's 37th president for two years. During his presidency the Section started the Club Association and Junior PGA Team Match programs, among others. He was a delegate to the national PGA meeting four times. In 2006 Smith moved to the Philadelphia Cricket Club as its head professional where he oversaw 45 holes of golf along with a large staff of teaching pros and assistants. Among the awards Smith has been honored with are the 2005 "Golf Professional of the Year" award; the 2002 Merchandiser of the Year (Private) award; and the 2006 Bill Strausbaugh award. Smith is also a member of the Jenkintown High School Hall of Fame.

Richard N. "Rich" Smith, Jr.

Rich Smith was born in Stratford, New Jersey in 1968. He was born into a golf family. His father, Dick Smith, Sr., was a legendary member of the Philadelphia Section PGA and he had two uncles who were golf professionals. His uncle, Tom Smith, was the Philadelphia Section "Golf Professional of the Year" in 1986. He played his first golf

at the Wedgwood Country Club, which his father and Dick Hendrickson were leasing in the late 1970s. In 1981 Smith, Sr. became the pro at Woodcrest Country Club and Rich began working for him and playing golf there. He attended Camden Community College for two years before turning pro in 1988 when he went to work for his father as an assistant pro at Woodcrest. In 1993 Rich became the head professional at Woodcrest when his father left for another opportunity in golf. He was elected to the Section board in 1995 as a district director from South Jersey. At the Section's annual meeting in 1997 he was elected to the office of director of tournaments and served in that capacity for four years. After that he was secretary for two years and vice president for two years. In 2006 and 2007 Rich Smith served as the Section's 36th president. He was a Section officer for ten years, which had only been exceeded by two people. He was a delegate to the national meeting two years. He served on numerous Section committees and was always ready to volunteer for any request. He chaired the committee to host the 2002 national PGA meeting, which was held in Philadelphia and he chaired the committee to host the 2003 PGA Senior Championship, which was played at the Aronimink Golf Club. Rich Smith was always prepared to host Section events and most years he hosted at least two tournaments. As a player



Dick Smith, Jr. Section's 36th president

he won several Section tournaments and was usually in the money. He qualified for the PGA Professional National Championship twice. In 2003 he was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year."

Charles Edward "Mike" Swisher

Mike Swisher was born in 1945 at Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He was introduced to golf as a caddy at the Fairview Golf & Country Club. At Fairview he worked as a club cleaner for the golf professionals; Harlan Will and Glen Ziegler, who both had an influence on his career and his golf game. Swisher turned pro in 1963 and attained



Mike Swisher Section Hall of Fame 2014

PGA membership in 1966. He began his professional career as an assistant at Fairview working for Ziegler. A year later Ziegler moved to the Coatesville Country Club and Swisher went with him. He moved back to Lebanon in 1965 as the assistant at the Lebanon Country Club for three years. He then worked for Philadelphia Section Hall of Fame member Jay Weitzel at the Hershey Country Club for one year. At Hershey he ran the Hershey Park Course, which was open to the public. A year later the Lebanon C.C. was looking for a head professional and Swisher was hired. When he was hired he told the board of directors that their club would have the best ladies and junior golf programs in the state of Pennsylvania. Swisher spent the next 42 years doing just that. Always a solid player he held the Lebanon C.C. course record with a 63 but he was more interested in developing young golfers. Four of his most successful protégés who won numerous tournaments were Stu Ingraham, Greg Lesher, Blaine Peffley and Jennifer Johnson. He produced so many solid players there was a waiting list of applicants to work for him, even as bag room employees. Swisher founded the Lebanon County Junior Golf Program which grew to the point where there were 250 children receiving golf instruction each year. There was a small charge but the juniors were able

to play all of the golf courses in Lebanon County. A "Mike Swisher Scholarship" was established which gave financial aid for college to a young Lebanon County golfer. For more that forty years he was a force behind the Central Counties Chapter of the Philadelphia PGA. Swisher was president from 1982 to 1984 and won its championship in 1973. At Lebanon Country Club he hosted many tournaments for the PGA and was always ready to assist various charities with fund raising. He received many honors. Twice he was the Harrisburg Golf Association "Man of the Year" and he was inducted into the Central Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. He was the Philadelphia Section's "Junior Golf Leader" in 1999. In 1990 he was the Central Counties PGA "Golf Professional of the Year" and he was the 1985 Philadelphia PGA "Golf Professional of the Year". In 2014 Swisher was inducted into the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame.



Tom Carter 3 Wins on 2003 Nationwide Tour

Legends

Tom Charles Carter

Tom Carter was born in Abington, Pennsylvania in 1968 and when he was eight years old his family moved to Lehigh County. Carter began playing golf on visits to his grandfather who was a member at Sandy Run Country Club. Before long he was spending most of his summer vacations with his grandfather so that he could play and practice at Sandy Run. He went to Temple University where he graduated with a degree in business administration. While at Temple he played on the golf team and achieved All-American status. In 1990 he won the GAP's Philadelphia Amateur Championship. Carter's main instructor was an earlier Temple grad, Gary Hardin. In 1991 he turned pro and worked at Sandy Run as an assistant under Fred Purdy for two years. He began playing the mini-tours in 1993 with a plan to play on the PGA Tour. For eight years Carter won numerous times on the mini-tours only to fail at the at the PGA Tour qualifying schools. Finally in late 2000 he finished high enough at Q-School to earn status on the PGA's second tour. In

2001 he finished 22nd on the money list and led the tour in driving distance. His 312 yard average was an all-time record for all three of the PGA Tours. The next year he was 43rd on the money list. In 2003 he put it all together when he won three times in nine weeks. The three wins in one year earned him an immediate promotion to the PGA Tour in August. That year he won \$360,990 on the second tour and \$105,143 on the PGA Tour. He was the "iron man" of the second tour, playing in 73 consecutive tournaments over a three-year period without a break. In 2004 Carter qualified for the U.S. Open and made the cut. Having finally made it to the PGA Tour he finished 158th on the money list with earnings of \$395,780. He had lost his exempt status on the PGA Tour and he failed to regain it at Q-School. That meant back to the PGA's second tour where he was exempt for all its tournaments. For the next five years he played the second tour with limited success.

Joseph J. "Joe" Daley

Joe Daley was born in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania in 1960 and grew up in Whitemarsh Township. He learned to play golf as a caddy at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. While in high school he ran the driving range at the Cricket Club for the professional Bruce MacDonald. He graduated from Old Dominion University where he played on the golf team. Daley didn't turn pro until he was 31 years old when he began testing his game on the mini-tours. In late 1995 he qualified for the PGA Tour by finishing 26th at the qualifying school. He lost his exemption that year and earned it back the next year by finishing 11th on the PGA's Nike Tour. Again he failed to earn enough on the PGA Tour to keep his exemption. For the next eleven years he competed on the PGA's second tour. In 2000 during the fourth round of the final stage of Q-school he holed a five-foot putt only to have it hit the liner of a cup that had not been set to the correct depth. The ball popped back out of the cup and he missed qualifying by one stroke. He won twice on the PGA's second tour. Daley played in two U.S. Opens and 57 other events on the PGA Tour. When he turned 50 in 2010 he began playing some events on the Senior PGA Tour. He failed to qualify for the



Joe Daley Won PGA SR Players Championship 2012 Won twice on Nationwide Tour Senior Tour but in 2012 he began to have some success as he finished tied for fourth at the Senior PGA Championship. That got him into Senior Players Championship which he won and was a major title on the Senior PGA Tour. He finished the year with enough money winnings to be exempt for 2013.

Edward Matthew "Ed" "Doc" Dougherty

Ed Dougherty was born in Chester, Pennsylvania in 1947. As a schoolboy he was a pitcher on various baseball teams. He played his first round of golf at age 19 while working in the post office. Not long after that he delivered his own draft notice to himself and wound up in Vietnam serving in the infantry and shooting mortars for 12 months. While fighting the war in Vietnam Dougherty received the Purple Heart and earned two Bronze Stars for valor. He was sent back to the states for duty at Ft. Lewis, Washington where he trained soldiers in the firing of

mortars. Dougherty wanted to play on the baseball team but he was told that he would be too busy for that but the army base had a golf course. He called his father and asked him to send out a set of golf clubs. In February 1969 Dougherty took up golf in earnest. After completing his army duty he returned to his home in Linwood. A friend took him to Edgmont Country Club where the professional and part owner, Tiny Pedone, watched him hit some golf balls and offered him a job. He worked at Edgmont in the summers and landed a job in the U.S. Virgin Islands for the winters. This allowed him to work on his game 12 months a year. Pedone showed him how to grip the club and told him not to change much else. In the Virgin Islands he worked under Mike Reynolds, a pro with Philadelphia connections who had grown up playing at The Springhaven Club. Reynolds taught him some of the finer points of the game. One of the most important ones was how to eliminate the left side of the golf course by not hitting hooks. Dougherty's co-assistant at Edgmont and the Virgin Islands, Al Balukas, would sit in a golf cart and critique his practice. It wasn't long before Dougherty began winning tournaments in the Philadelphia Section. He won the Section's assistants' championship in 1972. He became a PGA member in the summer of 1974 and began playing the PGA Tour as a Monday qualifier. Because he had just begun to play the PGA Tour he was still eligible for the PGA Club Professional Championship that year. He finished 12th and earned a place in the 1975 PGA Championship where he was third with one round to go and finished 22nd. Later that year he took a break from the PGA Tour to return



Ed Dougherty 18 years on the PGA Tour

home and won the Section Championship. For eight years Dougherty played the PGA Tour with some success. At the end of 1982 the PGA Tour instituted the "all-exempt tour". Now everyone that had finished in the top 125 on the money list was fully exempt for the next year and others had to go to the PGA Tour's qualifying school if they wanted to remain on the tour. There were still four spots to qualify for each Monday but that was a real crap-shoot. Dougherty was 128th and didn't regain his exemption at the qualifying school. For the next few years he only played in a limited number of PGA Tour events but he was winning tournaments in other places. During the early 1980s he won the Section Championship two more times, a Philadelphia Open and the 1985 PGA Club Professional Championship. In 1985 he was the "PGA Club Professional Player of the Year". Dougherty also won the PGA's winter program's match play in 1984 and the stroke play in 1986, which made him the only one to win those two tournaments and the Club Professional Championship. Late in 1986 Dougherty won the Wilson Club Professional Classic which included all of the Section champions and the PGA Cup Team members. In 1983 the PGA Tour had devised a "profit sharing plan", which was based on the total number of cuts (top 70 and ties after 36 holes) that a player had made. Realizing that he wasn't far from having made enough cuts to become vested Dougherty decided to try the PGA Tour again. In the fall of 1986 he regained his PGA Tour card at the Q-School. For the next eleven years, except for one, he stayed exempt on the PGA Tour. Twice he finished tied for first in a tour event only to lose out in a sudden-death playoff. In 1995 he had lost his exemption but he got into the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic on his past performance and won the tournament. That kept him exempt until he was old enough to play on the PGA Senior Tour. On a number of occasions during his career he was sidelined by arm and shoulder injuries, which continued into his eleven years on the PGA Senior Tour where he won twice. Dougherty played in seven PGA Championships, five U.S. Opens and one Masters Tournament. His best showing in a major came in 1999 when he finished second in the U.S. Senior Open. In 2012 Dougherty was inducted into the Philadelphia PGA Hall of Fame.

James B. "Jim" Masserio

Jim Masserio was born in Pittsburgh in 1948. He took up golf at the age of 13 and learned to play golf on the public golf courses around Pittsburgh. While still in high school he won the Pennsylvania Public Links Champion-



Jim Masserio Won Section Championship twice Won Philadelphia Open twice Won Pennsylvania Open

ship in consecutive years and at the age of 16 he won the 1965 USGA Junior Amateur Championship. Masserio attended Memphis State University where he majored in business administration and then finished up his college degree at Point Park College. While in college he became a member at the Duquesne Country Club. In 1970 he won the Pennsylvania Open as an amateur when he defeated Duquesne's head professional in a playoff. After college Masserio turned pro and in his third attempt he qualified for the PGA Tour in late 1973. Masserio played the tour for five years with some success. His best showing was a tie for third in the 1976 Tournament Players Championship. He gave up playing the tour full-time to be an assistant at the Canterbury Country Club. In 1981 Masserio arrived in the Philadelphia Section as the professional at the Toftrees Resort and Golf Club. As the pro at Toftrees he won the Philadelphia Open twice and a Philadelphia Section Championship. His most significant playing achievement may have taken place in 1985 when he won the Erie Classic in a playoff over Lee Trevino. In 1990 he left State College to become the head professional at the Aronimink Golf Club. As the professional at Aronimink Masserio won the Section Championship again in 1993 and he won the Philadelphia Section Senior Championship two times. He qualified for the PGA Professional

National Championship seven times. Three times he finished in the top five at the Senior PGA Professional National Championship and he qualified for the tournament eight times. He qualified for the Senior PGA Championship five times, finishing tied for 17th once, and he played in two U.S. Senior Opens. Masserio played in six U.S. Opens and three PGA Championships. At the age of 58 Masserio finished second in the 2007 Philadelphia Section Championship. In 2008 he became the teaching professional at the Applebrook Golf Club.

Peter H. "Pete" Oakley

Pete Oakley was born in Florida in 1949 and after his family moved to Virginia he learned to play golf at a nine-hole golf course in Fairfax. He followed his brother David to the University of Florida and played on the golf team for three years. Oakley turned pro in 1974, working for Charlie Staples at the club where he had learned the game. He moved to the Philadelphia Section with his boss when Staples became the head professional at the

Aronimink Golf. After two years at Aronimink Oakley was the teaching professional at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club for four years and then the head pro at the Shawnee Country Club in Delaware for eleven years. While at Shawnee Oakley and the club's green superintendent decided to build their own golf course. For the next seven years Oakley taught at various facilities while working to make his dream of owning a golf course come true. He and his partner raised money by selling shares in their golf project. In 1999 their golf course, The Rookery, opened for play. From the time that Oakley arrived in Philadelphia he was one of the Section's leading players. In spite of spending most of his years working in southern Delaware he rarely missed an important event in the Section. He won the Philadelphia Open twice, the Delaware Open six times and the Section Match Play Championship once. He was the Section's Player of the Year three times. Senior Player of the Year twice and he won the DeBaufre Trophy for the lowest scoring average in the Section four times. Oakley qualified for the U.S. Open three times and the PGA Championship six times. Over the years he played the minitours and some second level PGA Tour events. In 1999 Oakley turned 50



Pete Oakley Won 2004 British Senior Open

and won the Senior Club Professional Championship. He decided it time to test his game against the world's best senior professionals. Four times he was unsuccessful at the PGA Senior Tour's qualifying school. In 2003 he entered the qualifying school for the European Senior Tour, where his older brother David was winning tournaments. Oakley qualified, finishing in the fourth position, as eight players earned places on the 2004 European Senior Tour. In July 2004 he won the British Senior Open, which is a major for senior golf professionals. The victory

earned Oakley a one-year exemption on the PGA Senior Tour, a five-year exemption on the European Senior Tour and an exemption into the 2005 British Open.



Jay Sigel Won six Philadelphia Opens Won 4 Pennsylvania Opens Won 6 PGA Senior Tour events

Robert Jay Sigel

Jay Sigel was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania in 1943 and learned to play golf as a junior golfer at the Bala Golf Club. As the assistant pro at Bala, Sam Penecale was responsible for teaching a young Jay Sigel the fundamentals of the game. While still a junior golfer his parents joined Aronimink Golf Club. Sigel compiled an outstanding junior resume. He won the PIAA championship twice, Pennsylvania JCEE junior championship twice and the PAGA junior championship. To cap it off at age 17 he won the national JCEE junior championship and was runner-up in the USGA Junior Amateur Championship. He began his college career at the University of Houston but after one semester he transferred to Wake Forest University. At Wake Forest he was the first recipient of the Arnold Palmer scholarship and a two-time All-American. Late in his senior year he put his left hand through a glass door, cutting tendons and nerves. He couldn't play golf for ten months. He had planned to turn pro but now he wasn't sure if he would ever be able to tournament golf on a weekly basis. He went into the insurance business and began piling up amateur titles. Sigel won the Pennsylvania Amateur eleven times and the GAP championship twice. Sigel won six Philadelphia Opens and four Pennsylvania Opens. At the same time he won the United States Amateur Championship twice and a British Amateur. He was a member of nine straight

Walker Cup teams. In 1993, at the age of 50, America's greatest amateur since Bobby Jones turned pro to play the PGA Senior Tour. At the qualifying school he finished high enough to gain conditional status. Soon after that he won a PGA Senior Tour event and became fully exempt. He went on to win five more times on the PGA Senior Tour and stayed exempt for more than fifteen years.

Ted Nickolas Tryba

Ted Tryba (pronounced Tree-ba) was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania in 1967. His father, a member at the Wyoming Valley Country Club, cut down a club for him at age 6 and took him to the course to learn the basics of the game. Many days his mother would leave him at Wyoming Valley at 8 a.m. and pick him up at 9 p.m. At the age of 17 he shot a 61 at Wyoming Valley. Tryba won the Pennsylvania high school championship before attending Ohio State University where he majored in marketing, graduating in 1989. While at Ohio State he was All-Big Ten for four years and NCAA All-American three times. Tryba finished second two times in the Pennsylvania Amateur Championship. In what was his first attempt he qualified he qualified for the 1990 PGA Tour by finishing in a tie for 50th at the PGA Tour qualifying school. That year he won less than \$11,000 as he only won money in five events. One reason for his struggles was that he was at the bottom of the qualifying list having tied for the last spot at the qualifying school. That made it difficult to get into the tournaments until the season was nearly half over. When he couldn't get into the PGA Tour events he played on the PGA's second tour, the Ben Hogan Tour, where he won a tournament. At the end of the year he failed to qualify at the PGA Tour School so he was relegated to the Hogan Tour. In 1991 he won a tournament on the Hogan Tour but failed to get back to the PGA Tour. In 1992 Tryba won twice on the Hogan Tour and finished fourth on the money list. That qualified him for 1993 PGA Tour as the top five earned playing privileges. In 1993 he finished third in the last tournament of the



Ted Tryba 2 wins on the PGA Tour

year, which moved him up the money list enough to keep his exemption for the next year. During the next eight years he won two PGA Tour events and managed to earn enough money to either keep his playing privileges or be

partially exempt. From 2002 through 2007 he was able to get into a few tournaments on the PGA Tour each year and he played on the PGA Tour's second tour. During his career Tryba won more than four million dollars. In 2008 Tryba went to work for the Golf Channel as an analyst.

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