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2018 Spring Meeting Marks End of Long Off-Season

In a sure sign that the new golf season is upon us, more than 270 Philadelphia PGA Professionals gathered at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club for the Section's annual Spring Meeting on Monday, April 8. The meeting is a chance for all professionals to shake off the dust from a long off-season as well as reconnect old colleagues as they get

their 2019 season's underway.

With a full year under his belt, Section President John Rogers was ready to lead his fellow PGA Professionals through the day's agenda. As always, the Spring Meeting is a chance for the officers of the Philadelphia PGA to update the membership at large on Section operations as well as highlighting the events of the upcoming season.

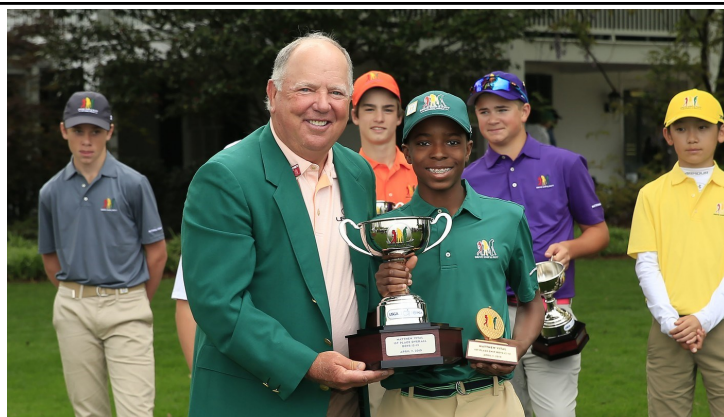
In addition to the addresses from Section officers, the meeting was also highlighted by presentations from Philadelphia PGA partners SCNS Foods, Signature Golf, SKYiGOLF, and TCM Bank who spoke about the Philadelphia PGA's new credit card program. [Full Story](#)

Philadelphia Junior Tour Member, Matthew Vital, Wins at Augusta

As he stood with competitors in the Boys 12-13 division, the thought occurred to Mark O'Meara: "I told them, I didn't even start playing golf 'til I was 13, so they're way ahead of me," said the winner of the 1998 Masters.

Yet, O'Meara – who never grows tired of the sights and sounds that are a part in the annual Masters Tournament – soaked in the excitement of the sixth annual Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals on Sunday and pronounced it yet another hit.

"I love it, I love it," said O'Meara who was joined by seven other Masters champions (Sergio Garcia, Patrick Reed, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Mike Weir) in presenting awards to the participants. "Who knows? Maybe one day one of these kids will be wearing a Green Jacket and hand out trophies." [Full Story](#) / [Champions Article](#)



[Drive, Chip, Putt Photo Gallery](#)

Tournaments

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Team Wilmington Wins at Pinehurst

The Philadelphia PGA held their third annual Pro-Am at the famed Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina. Held March 24-27 teams played four rounds, one practice and three tournament, at the resort including Championship Course, #2. When the final putt was holed it was the team from Wilmington Country Club featuring PGA Professional Bob Lennon and his partners Dan Driesbach, Thomas Beck, and Rick Allen who came out as champions. The team finished with a tournament total of 19-under-par to finish six shots ahead of the field. [Tournament Leaderboard](#) / [Photo Gallery](#)



Upcoming Tournament Deadlines

April 22 - Callaway Golf TPD Championship - Green Valley CC - [Register Now](#)

April 29 - Sponsor Day - Bluestone CC

May 6 - Spring Pro-Pro Championship - Fieldstone GC - [Register Now](#)

May 13 - Delaware Valley Open - Radley Run CC - [Register Now](#)

May 21 - Spring Pro-Lady Team Championship - Lehigh CC - [Register Now](#)

May 28 - Haverford Philadelphia PGA Classic - Sunnybrook GC - [Register Now](#)

TPD and Hole-in-One Registration Now Open

Online Registration is now open for [Tournament Players Division \(TPD\) Membership](#) and [Hole-in-One Club](#). To register for either of these programs, please click the links above.

[TPD Registration Now Open](#)

[Hole-in-One Club Registration Now Open](#)

2019 Sanctioned Event Information

A Sanctioned Event is defined as: Any competition held within the Section Boundaries in which five (5) or more Philadelphia Section Professionals are participating.(see Section 7.01 of the Tournament Rules and Regulations) [Download 2019 Sanctioned Event Form](#)

2019 Tournament Withdraw Form

To withdraw from any tournament that you have registered for, please complete the following information and fax back to the Section Office at least 7 days prior to the tournament date. All withdrawals after the 7-day withdraw deadline will forfeit the tournament entry fee. (As per the 2018 Philadelphia Section PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations) [Download Withdraw Form](#)



Employment

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Justin Alunni, PGA, is the new A-1 at Skytop Lodge GC; he was formerly with Glen Oak CC. Benjamin Austin, PGA, is the new A-14 at Topgolf – Mount Laurel; Benjamin was most recently with Deerfield CC. Brian Boyle, PGA, is the new A-1 at Paupack Hills G & CC; Brian was most recently with Skytop Lodge GC. Nicholas Confer, PGA, is transferring to the Middle Atlantic Section; Nick was most recently with Lancaster CC. Alexander Knoll, PGA, is the new A-1 at Blue Shamrock GC; Alexander was formerly with Bethlehem GC, and this is also his first position as a Head Golf Professional. Jonathan Kulas is the new B-13 at Wyoming Valley CC; Jonathan was most recently with Pinecrest Lakes G & CC. Gary Mackay, PGA, is the new A-8 at Woodcrest CC; Gary was most recently with Trump National GC-Philadelphia. Kevin McNece, PGA, is transferring into the North Florida Section; Kevin was formerly with Overlook GC. Welcome Matthew Matzik to the PGM Program as the new B-8 at West Chestser G & CC. Tony Perla, PGA, is transferring to the New Jersey Section; Tony was most recently with Ledgerock GC. Justin Riegel, PGA, is the new A-8 at Philmont CC; Justin was most recently with French Creek CC. Wade Sander is the new B-8 at Woodcrest CC; Wade was most recently with Ramblewood CC. Charles Sheppard, PGA, is transferring to the North Florida Section; Charles was most recently with Toftrees Resort. Bill Smith, PGA, is the new A-13 at Royal Manchester Golf Links; Bill was most recently with Mahoning Valley CC. Christopher Smith is the new B-8 at CC at Woodloch Springs; Bill was formerly the B-8 at Skytop Lodge GC. Jenna Soranno, PGA, is the new A-8 at Gulph Mills GC; Jenna was most recently with Chester Valley GC. Patrick Sweetra, PGA, is the new A-8 at Clinton CC; Patrick was formerly with Centerton GC. Tyler Vincent, PGA, is the new A-4 at Ramblewood CC; Tyler was most recently with the Tri-State Section. Eric Williams, PGA, is the new A-4 at Hartefeld National GC; Eric was most recently with Wilmington CC. Kyle Zayac, PGA, is the new A-4 at Riverwinds Golf & Tennis Club; Kyle was most recently with Green Valley CC. Brandon Caiola, PGA, is the new A- at Brookside CC; Brandon was formerly with the South Florida Section. Johnny DeJesus-Rivera is new to the PGM Program; Johnny is the new B-8 at Conestoga CC. Zachary Duclos, PGA, is the new A-8 at Philadelphia Cricket Club; Zachary was most recently with the Georgia Section. Lee Gardenhour, PGA is the new A-1 at Chambersburg CC; Lee was formerly with Waynesboro CC. Ryan Kempiski, PGA, is the new A-14 at Deerfield GC; Ryan was most recently with Philadelphia Cricket Club. Nicholas Lussier is the new B-1 at Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort; Nicholas was formerly with Northampton CC. Ralph Migliaccio, PGA, is the new A-8 at Great Bear GC; Ralph was most recently with the New Jersey Section. Zachary Oakley is the new B-8 at Bidermann GC; Zachary was most recently with Waynesborough CC. Mitchell Primas is the new B-1 at White Oaks CC; Mitchell was most recently with Centerton GC. Dustin Moser, PGA, is the new A-1 at Toftrees Resort GC; Dustin was most recently with the Mid-Atlantic Section. Matt Romond, PGA, is transferring back into the Philly Section; Matt was most recently with the New Jersey Section. Greyson Rossi is the new B-1 at Wild Quail G & CC; Greyson was formerly with Bayside Resort GC. Jacob Savitski is the new B-8 at Wyoming Valley CC; Jacob was most recently with The Country Club of Scranton. Anthony Sbarra is the new B-8 at Spring Hollow GC; Anthony was most recently with the New Jersey Section. Nicholas Semuta, PGA, is the new A-1 at Lewistown CC; Nicholas was also most recently with the Mid-Atlantic Section. Aaron Shotzberger is transferring to a facility in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Aaron was most recently with Huntingdon Valley CC. Edward Urban is the new B-8 at Buck Hill GC; Edward was most recently with the South Florida Section. Cole Young is the new B-8 at Woodstone CC & Lodge; Cole is also new to the PGM Program.

Education

The Philadelphia PGA Instruction and Education Committees are excited to announce the upcoming additions to the 2019 Education calendar. These programs are designed to give all Philadelphia PGA Professionals ample opportunities to continue their education and earn MSR credits. Please note this calendar will be changing constantly so be sure to check the [Education Page](#) on the Philadelphia PGA [website](#).

Upcoming Education Events

April 22 - Swing Catalyst Seminar with Scott Lynn - White Manor CC - [Register Now](#)

May 30 - GTL/Gravity Golf Seminar - Llanerch Country Club - [Register Now](#)

PGA Professional Championship Ticket Guidelines

With this year's PGA Championship scheduled to be played at the Bethpage Black we ask that you refer to the PGA Professional ticketing guideline for access to the Championship.

[Ticketing Guideline](#)



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2019 KOHLER PRO-AM

OCTOBER 6-9, 2019 | KOHLER RESORT

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This package will include:

- 3 nights lodging at the Inn on Woodlake. Located on the shore of picturesque Wood Lake, this serene 138-room hotel boasts boutique-style guest rooms. Along with WiFi and flatscreen TVs, you will enjoy the classic comfort and hospitality you would expect from an inn. Not to mention a signature KOHLER® shower experience that is nothing short of sensational.
- Golf: Blackwolf Run® and Whistling Straits challenge the pros while providing the amateur golfer a fair and unforgettable test. All four courses between the two venues were chosen for 2017/2018 America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest. Created by legendary golf course designer Pete Dye, they have hosted three PGA Championships, the Andersen Consulting World Golf Championships, a U.S. Senior Open and two U.S. Women's Opens. In 2020, The Straits at Whistling Straits will host the Ryder Cup Matches. 1 practice round and 3 tournament rounds of golf. The final tournament round will be played on the Straits Course.
- Course Rotation: Practice Round - Blackwolf Run: The Meadows Valley | Round 1 - Whistling Straits: The Irish | Round 2 - Blackwolf Run: The River | Round 3 - Whistling Straits: The Straits
- Opening night Welcome reception and final day awards lunch, along with lunch each day.
- Tee gift package for all players.
- Team: 1 Professional + 3 Amateurs (All amateurs must have a valid USGA Handicap)
 - ~Team Pro-Am format of 1 Gross Ball + 1 Net Ball of the Team
 - ~Team Prize Purse
- Amateur pricing:
 - ~\$2,750 per amateur for Double Occupancy—Inn on Woodlake
 - ~Add \$400 for Single Occupancy—Inn on Woodlake
 - ~Add \$300 for Double Occupancy—American Club
 - ~Add \$1,000 for Single Occupancy—American Club
 - ~Deposit of \$1,000 per amateur due by June 1, 2019
 - ~Full payment due by September 1, 2019

If you are interested in putting a team together please contact Brian Schulte at the Section Office (215) 481-9087 or at BSchulte@PGAHQ.com. Please click [here](#) for more information and/or to register.