



## BURTON VICTORIOUS AT 2014 SENIOR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP



**Host Professional Jon Potter and Champion Kevin Burton**

Kevin Burton was the winner of the Rocky Mountain Section Senior PGA Professional Championship held July 22-23 at Idaho Falls Country Club. Burton will lead 4 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Professionals to compete Nov. 13-16, in the 26th Senior PGA Professional National Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Burton, director of instruction at Pierce Park Greens in Boise, Idaho, turned in a winning total of 5 -under-par 139 to capture the Rocky Mountain Section Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Mercedes-Benz. Ron Rawls, head professional at Crane Creek Country Club, also of Boise, Idaho finished 3 strokes back at 142. They are joined by John Graham, head professional at Sand Creek Golf Course in Idaho Falls, Idaho and Jeff Thomsen of Boise, Idaho. Special appreciation goes to PGA Director of Golf Jon Potter and his staff at Idaho Falls Country Club for hosting the championship.

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## HARR COMES FROM BEHIND TO TAKE NATIONAL CAR RENTAL RMSPGA ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP



**Champion Jake Harr with Mike Dayley**

Jake Harr, assistant professional at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl, Idaho, won the National Car Rental Rocky Mountain Section PGA Assistant Championship Thursday, July 31st at Blackfoot Golf Course in Blackfoot, Idaho.

By winning, Harr qualified for the 38th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, at PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker Course) in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The facility will be hosting its nineteenth consecutive PGA Assistant Championship. Harr, 26, posted a final-round 70 for a tournament total of 5-under-par 139 and a one-stroke victory over Joey Lovell, assistant professional at Black Bull in Bozeman, Mont., who also qualified to move on to the national tournament.

A sincere thanks goes out to PGA Head Professional, Mike Dayley, of Blackfoot Golf Course, and his very gracious staff for hosting this year's championship. Thank you as well to supporting sponsors, The PGA TOUR and Maui Jim.

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## TIDD & BONFILIO ARE JUNIOR RMSPGA CHAMPIONS



**Junior Champion  
Kinsley Bonfilio, with  
Haley Nist and Sierra Harr**

**Hunter Ostrom  
with Junior Champion Sam Tidd**

Sam Tidd of Meridian, Idaho, and Kinsley Bonfilio of Boise, Idaho, won the 2014 Junior Rocky Mountain Section PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks. The Championship was contested over 36-holes Monday, June 16th, and Tuesday, June 17th at Twin Falls Golf Club in Twin Falls, Idaho. A sincere thank you to PGA Head Professional Steve Meyerhoeffer and his staff for their kind hospitality.

By winning the boys' and girls' divisions respectively, Tidd and Bonfilio qualified for the 39th Junior PGA Championship, presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks being held July 29 - Aug. 1, 2014, at Miramont Country Club in Bryan/College Station, Texas. Tidd, 14, posted a final round 67 for a two-day total of 132 and a 4-stroke victory over 16-year-old Hunter Ostrom of Eagle, Idaho. Greg Law, 17, of Nampa, Idaho, and Carson Barry, 14, of Eagle, Idaho, finished tied for 3rd with two-round totals of 137. On the girl's side, Bonfilio, 17, had a final round 76 for a two-day total of 150 and needed two extra holes to defeat Haley Nist, 17, of Meridian, Idaho. Sierra Harr, 18, of Buhl, Idaho, finished alone in 3rd five shots back.

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### TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the following event:

**PEPSI Gallatin Valley Open, September 6-7, Cottonwood Hills Golf Course, Bozeman, MT.**

[Click here](#) to download/view the entry

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### DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT LOCAL QUALIFIERS

It was all about the kids and great competition at the two local Rocky Mountain Section qualifiers for the Drive Chip & Putt Championship. Ridgecrest Golf Club, Nampa, Idaho, and The Powder Horn in Sheridan, Wyoming hosted these events. The qualifiers from both events advanced to the Sub Regional Qualifier at Thanksgiving Point Golf Course, Lehi, UT. Special thanks are extended to the staffs of Ridgecrest Golf Club and The Powder Horn for the hospitality and hard work put in conducting these qualifiers.

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**PROFESSIONALS LEND A HAND AT IDAHO YOUTH RANCH  
 JUNIOR CLINICS**

Our hats are off to the following Rocky Mountain Professionals for donating their time and talents to assist with the Idaho Youth Ranch junior golf clinics held in Burley, Idaho: Tim Reinke, Earl Simpson, Bill Beck, Bobby Howell, Brenner Antone, Steve Meyerhoeffer, John Graham and clinic director David Crozier. The Idaho Youth Ranch is a residential care facility providing troubled children a bridge to a valued, responsible and productive future. The golf clinics are a summer tradition at the Idaho Youth Ranch and eagerly anticipated by the kids participating.

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### **PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE A BIG HIT**

2014 marked the first year for the PGA Junior League in the Rocky Mountain Section and it had great interest from junior players and their parents. In the Snake River Chapter, three teams were formed at BanBury Golf Club, Ridgecrest GC and Centennial GC combined for one team and River Birch GC also had a team. The Yellowstone Chapter had four teams coming from Eagle Rock GC, Hilands GC, Lake Hills GC and Briarwood Country Club.

The players compete in a team scramble, wear jerseys and follow a watered-down rulebook that allows them to take practice swings in bunkers and treat out of bounds like water hazards. The format allows for stress free golf and emphasis on the team and teamwork.

On Saturday, August 9th, teams from the Snake River and Yellowstone Chapters will meet at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls, Idaho to determine the Section Champions that will then compete in the upcoming regional championship in Utah. The season ends with a national championship on October 24-26 in Atlanta, Georgia, similar to baseball's Little League World Series.

The PGA Junior League began as a pilot program in 2011 in four markets and grew to nearly 2,000 participants in 2012, nearly 9,000 in 2013 and a projected 18,000 in 2014. The PGA Junior League is a hit!

For more information on how to form a team at your facility for 2015, go to <http://www.pgajrleaguegolf.com/>.

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### **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**



**Tim Bensley offering encouragement**



**Brett Nagel giving instruction**

2014 marked the 25th year of the Albertsons Boise Open held at Hillcrest Country Club in Boise, Idaho and for those 25 years the PGA professionals of the Rocky Mountain Section have volunteered their time to serve as starters and scorers as well as providing complimentary golf instruction for attendees. Our sincere thank you to all who helped out at this event (especially in the 100+ heat): John Weekes, Jim Brown, Ron Ptacek, Scott Nicholes, John Lewis, Dave Carollo, John Watson, Michael Kastner, Ryan Roll,

Vaughn Jenkins, Del Ericson, Roy Ahnstedt, Kyle Weeks, Roger Garner, Andy Hollister, Jeff Taylor, Al Rohweder, Roy Ivey, Blake Mason, Peter Nichenko, Jonathan Gibbs, Ryan Roberts, Brett Kleinkopf, Tim Bensley, Brett Nagel and Brad Parrish.

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### **MSR CYCLE ENDS JUNE 15, 2015**

As of June 30th only 29.9% of members in the PGA of America have met their MSR requirements.

Available now on [PGALinks.com](http://PGALinks.com) are eleven (11) online video seminars on topics including: Player Development, PerformanceTrak, CPP2.0, Connecting with Her, Staff Sales & Service Training, Knowing Your Customer and more.

Upon successful completion (70%) of the assessment at the end of the seminar session, you will be awarded one (1) MSR credit in the PGA MEETING/EDUCATION category.

Please make note of the upcoming Section/Chapter Business Meetings. Attendance at these meetings/seminars count toward the PGA MEETING/EDUCATION category.  
RMSPGA Fall Business Meeting  
Monday, October 6 Idaho Falls, ID

Yellowstone Business Meeting & Education  
Monday, November 3 Site TBD

Snake River Business Meeting & Education  
Monday, November 10 Twin Falls, ID

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### **SHORT SHOTS**

Kevin Burton, PGA, has reclassified to Director of Golf (A-14) at Pierce Park Greens, Boise, Idaho.

Welcome to Bradley Missling, PGA. Bradley is the Director of Instruction (A-14) at Stillwater Golf & Recreation Club in Columbus, MT.

Burley Golf Course, Burley, Idaho, has named Scott Draper, PGA, as their new Head Golf Professional.

Michael Dredge, PGA, Bozeman, Montana, has reclassified to (A-24) with Dredge Consulting.

Jason Marner, PGA, is the Assistant Golf Professional at The Valley Club in Sun Valley, ID.

Congratulations to Cameron Garn, PGA. Cameron recently completed the PGA PGM Program and was elected to membership in the PGA of America. Cameron is the Assistant Professional at Teton Lakes Golf Course in Rexburg, Idaho.

New apprentices in the Rocky Mountain Section:

Tyler Armstrong, B-8, Livingston Country Club, Livingston, MT.

Bradley Fox, B-8, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, Big Sky, MT.

Brian Eekhoff, B-8, Cottonwood Hills Golf Course, Bozeman, MT.

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