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RON RAWLS IS THE 2016 SENIOR SECTION CHAMPION

Ron Rawls, Head PGA Golf Professional at Crane Creek Country Club in Boise, Idaho, winner of the Rocky Mountain Section Senior PGA Professional Championship held July 19-20 at Snake River Sporting Club, in Jackson, Wyoming will lead four of his fellow Rocky Mountain Section PGA Professionals to compete in the 28th Senior PGA Professional Championship.

Rawls turned in a brilliant final round 68 for a winning total of 1-under-par 143 to capture the Rocky Mountain Section Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Mercedes-Benz. Jeff Thomsen (automatic berth to the Championship) of Boise, Idaho, finished 5 strokes behind at 148. They are joined by Tom Anderson of Laurel, Montana, and John Graham of Ida-

ho Falls, Idaho, who both shot two round totals of 150. Jim Empey, Boise, Idaho, fills out the contingent going to the Senior PGA Professional Championship having shot 151.

The Rocky Mountain Section

thanks host PGA Professional Kali Quick, her staff and the members of Snake River Sporting Club for their outstanding hospitality.

The Section also thanks supporting sponsors Mercedes-Benz, The PGA TOUR and OMEGA.



Ron Rawls, PGA Senior Section Champion



RIEBER & MARTENS ARE 2016 PRO-PRO SHOOTOUT CHAMPIONS

PGA Professionals from The Club at SpurWing in Meridian, ID, Adam Martens and his partner, Lance Rieber won the 2016 TaylorMade-adidas, Ashworth Golf and Adams Golf Rocky Mountain Section PGA Pro-Pro Shootout, supported by The PGA TOUR, OMEGA and Bushnell Golf. Their 20-under-par, 54-hole total of 190 was good for a five shot victory over the teams of Jim Empey, PGA, of Boise, ID, and Mike Hamblin, PGA, of Twin Falls, ID, and Travis Hofland, PGA, of Twin Falls, ID, with his partner Brett Kleinkopf, PGA, of Boise, ID. Martens and Rieber held a commanding 5-shot lead after the first two rounds held Monday, May 23rd, over Banbury Golf Course PGA Professionals Jonathan Gibbs and Ben Bryson and the aforementioned Kleinkopf/Hofland team. *Cont'd*

John Johnson, Adam Martens, Lance Rieber and Jeff Smith



SECTION NEWS

Martens and Rieber followed their brilliant second round 10-under-par, 60, to cruise the final day firing a final round 66 to take the title by 5 shots.

In the Senior Division, Tom Anderson, PGA Head Professional at Laurel Golf Club in Laurel MT, with his partner, PGA Director of Golf Bob Eames from Yellowstone Country Club in Billings, MT, shot a final round 68 to outlast the team of Rob Ellis, PGA, of Gooding, ID, and his partner John Graham, PGA, of Idaho Falls, ID. Alone in third place were the morning leaders Kevin Burton, PGA, of Boise, ID, and his partner Buster Whitney, PGA, from Caldwell, ID. Anderson and Eames played steady golf all three rounds to propel them to their single-shot victory finishing 64-67-68=199.

Pinecrest Golf Club in Idaho Falls, Idaho, served as the host site for the event. The Rocky Mountain PGA would like to thank John Johnson, Territory Sales Manager of TaylorMade and Adams Golf and Jeff Smith of adidas and Ashworth Golf for the Title sponsorship. Appreciation is also extended to Bushnell Golf representative Charley Carlson, The PGA TOUR and OMEGA for supporting this event. The Rocky Mountain PGA also thanks Tim Reinke, PGA Head Professional at Pinecrest Golf Club and his hospitable staff for hosting the championship.

RON RAWLS SELECTED AS NEW PGA DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR



Ron Rawls, PGA

After the Rocky Mountain Section PGA Annual Meeting was held in Idaho Falls, Idaho on May 22nd, the Board of Directors selected Ron Rawls, PGA Head Professional at Crane Creek Country Club in Boise, Idaho to serve as the next PGA District 9 Director.

District 9 includes the Rocky Mountain, Colorado and Utah sections. Having served in several capacities within the Section, especially as President, Ron is very knowledgeable about section affairs and will serve our Section together with Colorado and Utah well. Ron will replace current District 9 Director Kyle Heyen at the end of his term in November of 2017 and will serve for three years.

RMSPGA PLEDGES SUPPORT TO RUSS LIBBY FOR PGA

The Rocky Mountain Section has pledged its support to Russ Libby, PGA General Manager at Hidden Hills Country Club in Jacksonville, Florida, for the office of Secretary of the PGA of America. Russ is the owner operator of Hidden Hills and has previously served as an officer in the North Florida Section and has also served a term as a member of the PGA Board of Control. The election of the next Secretary of the PGA of America will occur as part of the Centennial Annual Meeting in New York, New York. The dates for the meeting are November 8-10, 2016. For further information about the 2016 PGA Annual Meeting please refer to PGA.org

PGA HOPE

Earlier this summer, the Rocky Mountain Section introduced the PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program to a group of local disabled military veterans. Several Rocky Mountain Section PGA Professionals attended the training session at Quail Hollow Golf Club in Boise, Idaho. Instructional techniques were shared on how to instruct veterans with potential challenges with their golf game.

A special thank you is extended to Quail Hollow's PGA Director of Instruction Jim Empey for organizing this very worthwhile program.

MIZUNO EXPANDS SPONSORSHIP

Mizuno is expanding on their sponsorship of the RMSPGA Fall Pro-Pro. The company is increasing their support of the event and also will contribute to the reception held after the first round. West Region Sales Manager Jeremy Galbreth and Territory Sales Manager Cody Faught will present a one-half hour fitting program after the first round and then the reception will begin. Mizuno is contributing to the reception so please plan on attending for some post-play education and the opportunity to enjoy the fraternal side of our business.



OGIO TO SPONSOR THE FALL PRO-PRO

The Section is thankful to announce the addition of OGIO as a supporting sponsor of the Rocky Mountain Section PGA Fall Pro-Pro. Many thanks to National Sales Manager Rich Whittet and Sales Representative Lori Putnam for adding the support of OGIO to the event. We also acknowledge and thank Dustin Ames for his efforts in assisting with the procuring of this sponsorship. We again thank OGIO for their support and look forward to the Pro-Pro on October 3rd and 4th at Idaho Falls Country Club.



GALLATIN VALLEY OPEN

Registration is now open for the 2016 Pepsi Gallatin Valley Open, presented by Sun Mountain Sports and Culligan. This year's event is September 10-11th at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Bozeman, MT. Entries close on Tuesday, September 6th.

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COUSINS CAPTURE RMS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES



It was a family affair at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Junior PGA Championship where cousins Payton Fehringer of American Falls, Idaho and Andrew Cortez, also from American Falls, took home the top honors.

Champions Payton Fehringer and Andrew Cortez



By winning the boys' and girls' divisions respectively, Cortez and Fehringer qualified for the 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks, at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, Rhode Island.

Fehringer, 16, had a final-round 75 for a two-day total of 3-under-par 141 and a 22-stroke victory over Bailey Henley of Jerome, Idaho. Cortez, 17, posted a final-round 66 for a two-day total of 8-under-par 136 and a 1-stroke victory over Colten Cordingley of Rexburg, Idaho.

The Championship was presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks at Huntsman Springs in Driggs, Idaho. The Section appreciates the hospitality extended by Huntsman Springs Head Professional Paul-David Milton, PGA, and his staff.

DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT QUALIFIERS

Turnout was great at both of the Rocky Mountain PGA local qualifiers for the 2017 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. Ridgecrest Golf Club in Nampa, ID, hosted the first qualifier with 150 excited juniors competing for a spot in the sub-regional to be held at Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro, OR. Over 50 kids competed at the qualifier held at The Powder Horn Golf Club in Sheridan, WY hoping for a chance to advance to the sub-regional to be held at Park Meadows Country Club in Park City, UT.

Special thanks go to Scott Nicholes, PGA Head Professional at Ridgecrest Golf Club and Todd Bleidner, PGA Head Professional at The Powder Horn for hosting these qualifiers, and good luck to all those who advanced.

2016 RMSPGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation has named fourteen students as Scholarship Award winners for 2016. The 2016 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation Scholarship Award winners are: Jackson Bindner, Eagle, Idaho; Kyrrie Christensen, Grace, Idaho; Kasey Crossland, Buhl, Idaho; Lynzee Dexter, Townsend, Montana; Brooke Elquist, Elko, Nevada; Shaely Howell, Pocatello, Idaho; Meg Kirkbride, Preston, Idaho; Gabriel Krizic, Elko, Nevada; Yedin Lui, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Marissa Mason, Meridian, Idaho; Wyatt Plumlee, Elko, Nevada; Zachery Rawls, Boise, Idaho; Thomas Sarbacker, Elko, Nevada; and Edward Stoddard, Elko, Nevada. Each Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation Scholarship Award winner will receive \$1,000 to assist with expenses related to his or her

college education for the 2016-2017 academic year.

“We wish this year’s scholarship recipients the very best in school and life”

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation’s Scholarship Award is awarded annually to college-bound high school seniors based on academic achievement, community and extracurricular activity, leadership, financial need and involvement and contribution to the game of golf. Participants in the Snake River Chapter Larry Malone Scholarship Pro-Am and the Laurel (Montana) Golf Club and Yellowstone Country Club (Billings, Montana) Pro-Ams contributed to the

scholarship fund of the Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Montana State Golf Association and individual contributors and donors. National Car Rental was a sponsor of the Larry Malone and Laurel events. The Scholarship Program has awarded over \$290,000 to deserving youth over the past 40 years.

“The sincere appreciation of all involved with the Rocky Mountain Section PGA Foundation goes to each individual and entity that has donated to or otherwise assisted with the scholarship program this year,” states Vaughn Jenkins, PGA, executive director, Rocky Mountain Section PGA. “We wish this year’s scholarship recipients the very best in school and life” adds Jenkins.

NATIONAL PGA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2016 recipients of the National PGA Scholarships have been announced and three students from the Rocky Mountain Section have been recognized: Calvin Burton (Kevin Burton, PGA), Christopher McGeachin (Scott McGeachin, PGA) and Kinsley Bonfilio (Eugene Bonfilio, PGA). Calvin and Kinsley received National PGA Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each while Christopher received the John Cox Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.

Our congratulations go out to Calvin, Christopher and Kinsley.



SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER PRO-AM RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

The procedure for entering a second team into a pro-am is as follows: Second teams may be added at the discretion of the host professional the day after the apprentice sign-up date. In order to enter a second team, call the host professional directly as ForeTees will not allow a professional to enter twice. There has been some confusion so this policy has been put into place to make the matter clear. Remember that second teams may be denied entry by the host professional as the word discretion was used.



SRC Carter Cup team (Tommy Sanderson not pictured)

THE 45TH CARTER CUP MATCHES GO TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

Every other year the Idaho Golf Association and the Snake River Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Section PGA pit their 10 best players against one another in a Ryder Cup style match for the privilege of hoisting the Carter Cup. The Carter Cup is named after Idaho amateur golf legend Newt Carter who died in 1984 after an amazing amateur golf career. This year marks the 45th playing of the Carter Cup with the professionals holding the lead 31 to 13. The amateurs won the 2014 Carter Cup by a score of 32 to 28.

The 2016 matches were contested at Sun Valley (Idaho) Resort on the

Trail Creek Course August 3rd and 4th and the RMSPGA and IGA wish to thank PGA host professional Jeff Petersen and his staff for their most accommodating hospitality.

The 2016 IGA team members were Kade Crossland, David Elliott, Andrew Hess, Connor Johnstone, Gilbert Livas, Justin McAfee, Hunter Ostrom, Dan Pickens, Tanner Priest and Scott Vermeer. The SRCPGA team members were Zach Abels, Tyson Bowen, Ben Bryson, Jim Empey, Nathan Ferrell, Jonathan Gibbs, Jake Harr, Travis Hofland, Tommy Sanderson and Luke Sestero. The match play Four-ball con-

tests on Day 1 of the 2016 Carter Cup produced a single point lead for the RMSPGA Team, 8-7. The Day 2 Foursome matches were taken by the IGA 8-7 to square up the overall match at 15 points each. The Singles matches to close the competition came down to the last match with the SRCPGA edging the IGA 16-14 to retake the Cup by a final score of 31-29.

AMATEURS RALLY TO TAKE MONTANA CUP

The State of Montana's finest amateur players came from behind after the first day of competition to retain the Montana Cup title with a final score of 37.5 to 34.5. The 2016 Montana Cup, featuring the top twelve amateurs and top twelve PGA Professionals from Montana, was played August 2nd and 3rd at Butte Country Club, Butte, Montana.

Seven of the twelve PGA Professionals came from the Pacific Northwest Section while the Yellowstone Chapter was represented by Jeff Allen, Eddie Kavran, Brian Eekhoff, Renzi Lee and Woody Spainhower.

2016 IDAHO OPEN

The entry for the 2016 Idaho Open, presented by Teton Springs Resort & Club and supported by Club Car and adidas and Ashworth Golf, is now open. The entry deadline is Wednesday, September 14th at 4:30 p.m.

The Open is a 36-hole event and will be contested Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st and 22nd. The entry remains just as last year, \$500 per team.

The pro-am team format has been retained and there will continue to be regular and senior divisions for professionals. Any amateur who would like to compete for the individual honor of Idaho Open Champion may do so, but must play the same tees as the regular division professionals. In addition, the low amateur and senior amateur will be recognized.



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SHORT SHOTS

Congratulations to Jason Jacobsen, PGA Head Professional at Idaho Falls Country Club. Jason recently became certified in Golf Operations through The PGA Certified Professional Program.

Steve Meyerhoeffer, PGA General Manager at Twin Falls Golf Club, Twin Falls, ID, and Jeff Taylor, PGA Life Member Active, Eagle, ID have both been named as members of the Quarter Century Club of the PGA of America having served the Association faithfully for 25 years.

Dave Crozier, PGA, Pocatello, ID, has reclassified to Life Member Active.

Whitetail Club in McCall, ID, has announced Clay Madden, PGA, is their new Assistant Professional.

Bill Beck, PGA, Pocatello, ID, has reclassified to Life Member Active.

Cameron Garn, PGA, has reclassified to Teaching Professional (A-6) at Teton Lakes GC in Rexburg, ID.

Congratulations to the following professionals who recently completed the PGA Professional Management Program and were elected to membership in The Professional Golfers' Association of America:

Peter Miller, PGA, Assistant Professional at Idaho Falls Country Club, Idaho Falls, ID.

Robert Holmes, PGA, Assistant Professional at The Club at SpurWing, Meridian, ID.

Dylan Bass, PGA, Head Professional at Terrace Lakes Resort, Garden Valley, ID.

Nicholas Berasi, PGA, Assistant Professional, The Reserve at Moonlight Basin, Big Sky, MT.

Jacob Hanson, PGA, Assistant Professional, The Valley Club, Hailey, ID.

Al Rohweder, PGA, Jerome, ID, has reclassified to Life Member Retired.

Ryan Roberts, PGA, is the assistant professional (A-8) at Lakeview Golf Club in Meridian, ID.

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