



THOMSEN CAPTURES 2014 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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Black Bull Assistant Joey Lovell with Champion Jeff Thomsen

Jeff Thomsen of Boise, Idaho, winner of the Rocky Mountain PGA Professional Championship, held August 18-19 at Black Bull in Bozeman, Mont., will lead four Section PGA Professionals to compete in the 48th PGA Professional National Championship, June 28-July 1, 2015 at The Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Thomsen turned in a winning total of 11-under-par 133 to capture the Rocky Mountain Section PGA Professional Championship trophy, the eighth time he has earned this title. Zach Abels of Twin Falls, Idaho, Brad Martin of Elko, Nev. and Paul-David Milton of Driggs, Idaho, all tied for second place finishing at 139.

Our appreciation goes out to host PGA Professionals, P. David Baucom, Mike Duquette and Woody Spainhower in addition to the staff at Black Bull for hosting this championship.

The members and staff of the Section thank presenting sponsors Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and Omega and supporting sponsors Titleist/FootJoy, Nike Golf, TaylorMade-adidas and Ashworth Golf, and The PGA TOUR for their important contributions to the Championship.

NIELSON OUTLASTS FIELD TO TAKE IDAHO OPEN TITLE



**Matt Stireman of Teton Springs
congratulating Ryan Nielson**

Senior Champion Jeff Thomsen

Ryan Nielson, assistant professional from Falcon Crest Golf Course in Boise, Idaho, shot a closing round 2-over-par 74 to earn the title of 2014 Idaho Open Champion. Nielson's 36-hole total of 1-under-par 143 was good enough for a 1-stroke victory over professionals Tyson McFarland of Rexburg, Idaho, Travis Hofland of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Derek Fox of Draper, Utah, who all shot even-par two-day totals of 144.

The 2014 Idaho Open was presented by Teton Springs Resort & Club and supported by Club Car and adidas and Ashworth Golf. The 2014 Idaho Open is a 36-hole stroke-play event featuring an amateur paired with a professional for a better-ball of partners team event in conjunction with the individual professional championship. This year's championship was held September 17th – 18th at the 7373 yard Teton Springs Resort & Club in Victor, Idaho.

In the senior division, PGA Professional Jeff Thomsen from Boise, Idaho, shot a closing round of 3-under-par 69 to finish 6 shots ahead of PGA Head Professional John Graham from Sand Creek Golf Course in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Thomsen's winning 36-hole total was 8-under-par 136.

On the team side, Woody Spainhower, PGA, with his amateur partner Tom White persevered through three weather delays to take the Idaho Open Team Title by a single shot shooting a two-day total of 15-under-par 129. Professional Derek Fox and his amateur partner Chris Wheat finished in second alone 1 shot back and PGA Professional Dominick Conti and his amateur partner Scott Hailes finished solo 3rd two shots off the pace.

The low Amateurs were recognized this year and Jed Rammell from Utah, went two extra holes in the dark to defeat Wyoming's Steve White. Both Rammell and White finished the tournament in fifth place, 1-over-par, and just two shots behind the champion. The low senior amateur was Tom White from Bozeman, Mont., who finished in a tie for third place with PGA Professional Mike Hamblin, both at 1-under-par 143.

The Rocky Mountain Section wishes to thank PGA Professionals Sean Cracraft and Matt Stireman for their fantastic hospitality at Teton Springs Resort & Club. Thanks also to the supporting sponsors; Mike Daly of Stan's Golf Cars, Ray & Randy Homer of Intermountain Golf Cars, Erwin Huffer of Club Car and Jeff Smith of adidas and Ashworth Golf.

BUREN REPEATS AS GVO CHAMPION



Thomas Buren with Bob Quick of Cottonwood Hills GC

Thomas Buren, from Victor, Idaho, successfully defended his 2013 GVO title. Buren fired rounds of 67-69 for an 8-under-par total of 136 to capture the 20th annual Pepsi Gallatin Valley Open presented by Culligan and Sun Mountain Sports held September 6-7 at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Bozeman, Mont.

Buren chased down first round leader and past champion Mike Grob of Billings, Mont. to capture the title by 3 shots. Grob shot rounds of 66-73 to take second place alone at 139, three shots shy of the champion. Corey Prugh from Spokane, Wash. and Steve Schreiber from Sandy, Utah, finished tied for 3rd place with final totals of 4-under-par, 140.

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA wishes to thank host PGA Professional Bill Larson and the Quick family for their kind hospitality during tournament week at Cottonwood Hills in addition to sponsors Pepsi, Culligan, and Sun Mountain Sports.

LOVELL EARNS 2014 YELLOWSTONE CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP



Bob Eames, PGA and Champion Joey Lovell

Joey Lovell, assistant professional at Black Bull in Bozeman, Mont., defined what it means to "grind out" a victory. Lovell shot hard fought rounds of 74 and 73 to capture the 2014 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Yellowstone Chapter Championship by a single shot over defending champion Kelbi Lee, PGA Head Professional at Briarwood Country Club in Billings, Mont. and 8-time champion Tom Anderson, PGA Head Professional at Laurel Golf Club in Laurel, Mont.

The Yellowstone Chapter Championship was contested September 22-23 at the 7133 yard, par 72, Yellowstone Country Club in Billings, Mont. The two-day, 36-hole championship featured five past champions from the 24-man professional field.

This year's tournament was presented by Bridgestone Golf and supported by Antigua, Maui Jim and The PGA TOUR. The Rocky Mountain Section would like to pass along sincere thanks to Gary Spinelli and Matt Seare from Bridgestone Golf and Charley Carlson from Antigua for their continued support of the event. The Chapter appreciates Bob Eames, host PGA Director of Golf, and his Yellowstone Country Club staff for the great care and support provided to everyone.

MARTENS & RIEBER CAPTURE FALL PRO-PRO



Champions Lance Rieber and Adam Martens with Jason Jacobsen

Adam Martens, PGA Director of Golf at The Club at SpurWing in Meridian, Idaho, and his partner Lance Rieber, PGA Head Professional at The Club at SpurWing, shot an alternate shot format final round of 69 for a two-round total of 11-under-par, 133, and a 1-stroke victory in the 2014 RMSPGA Fall Pro-Pro, supported by JC Golf Accessories, Ouray Sportswear, Sun Mountain Sports, Page & Tuttle, adidas and Ashworth Golf, Maui Jim and The PGA TOUR. Assistant professional Travis Hofland from Twin Falls Golf Club in Twin Falls, Idaho, with his partner Tyson McFarland, teaching professional at Teton Lakes Golf Course in Rexburg, Idaho, came up just short also firing a final round of 3-under-par 69 to finish alone in second place one shot behind. PGA Head Professional Woody Spainhower and his assistant Joey Lovell from Black Bull in Bozeman, Mont., finished solo third with a 9-under-par total of 135.

In the senior division, the team of Mike Hamblin, PGA Head Professional at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls, Idaho, with his partner Tommy Sanderson, PGA Teaching Professional at The Valley Club in Sun Valley, Idaho, shot a fine final round of 70 for a two-day total of 135 and a 1-shot victory over host PGA Director of Golf Jon Potter from Idaho Falls Country Club and his partner PGA Director of Instruction Bob Campbell from Shadow Valley Golf Course in Boise, Idaho.

The two-round team tournament was contested at the par 72, 6720 yard Idaho Falls Country Club in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The Rocky Mountain PGA would like to thank Jon Potter, PGA Director of Golf, Jason Jacobsen, PGA Head Professional and their staff at Idaho Falls Country Club for hosting the event and for the hospitality shown to the competitors. The Rocky Mountain PGA also extends its sincerest appreciation to Greg Jenkins of JC Golf Accessories, Scott Larsen, PGA, of Ouray Sportswear, Mike Worden of Sun Mountain Sports, Jeff Smith of adidas & Ashworth Golf, Andy Hollister, PGA, of Page & Tuttle, Maui Jim and The PGA TOUR for their generous support of the 2014 RMSPGA Fall Pro-Pro.

CHAPTER MEETINGS COMING UP

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Chapter meetings and education seminars. Both chapter education chairs are currently working on the agenda and when completed the information will be emailed to all.

Yellowstone Chapter:

Monday, November 3 Yellowstone Country Club, Billings, MT

Snake River Chapter:

Monday, November 10 Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls, ID

2015 PRO AM REQUEST FORMS

The Pro Am/ProLady request form for both chapters has been emailed several times to the highest ranking professional at each facility that is eligible to host an event. The deadline for these requests to be returned to the section office is October 22nd. If you did not receive this form, please contact Michael at the section office. Please fill out the form completely as this information is needed for the Directory and the Section website.

COMPLIMENTARY ONLINE VIDEOS FOR MSR CREDIT EXPANDED

The complimentary videos that are currently online at PGALinks.com were from the January 2013 Business Center Theatre sessions at the PGA Merchandise Show. Each of the eleven videos, after successful completion, are worth 2 MSR credits in the required PGA Education/Meeting category. Completion of all eleven would be worth 22 MSR credits. **These 2013 videos will be removed from PGALinks.com at the end of October and will no longer be available.**

Ten new videos from the 2014 Business Center Theatre will be posted at PGALinks.com the first part of November with each video having a value of either one or 2 MSR credits after successful completion of the assessment.

Completion of both the 2013 videos and the 2014 videos would result in a total of 43 MSR credits in the PGA Education/Meeting category. For those Rocky Mountain Section PGA members still needing credits this is a great opportunity to fulfill these requirements at no cost.

Please contact the Section Office if you have any questions regarding your MSR status.

SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER MATCH PLAY REGISTRATION OPEN

Entry is open for the Snake River Chapter PGA Match Play Championship presented by Bridgestone Golf and supported by Maui Jim and The PGA TOUR. The entry deadline is Tuesday, October 21st at 4:30 pm MDT.

The Championship is being contested at Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls, ID, October 27-29. The format will be single elimination match play, with one (1) consolation bracket in each division (regular and senior).

Registration may be accomplished through your Blue Golf Player's Club account at www.rockymountainpga.com; via printing, completing and faxing the entry form back to the office or via phone. The entry is also available on the website page for the event within Blue Golf.

[Click here](#) to view/print the entry form.

SHORT SHOTS

Congratulations to Lenny Stroup, PGA head professional at Fairview Golf Course in Caldwell, Idaho. Lenny was recently elected to membership in the Half Century Club of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, an elite group of members having served The PGA with honor and pride for 50 years.

Burley Golf Course has a new name – Rivers Edge Golf Club at Burley. Mailing address and telephone number remain the same.

Roy Ahnstedt, PGA, is now the Teaching Professional (A-6) at Shadow Valley Golf Course, Boise, ID.

Welcome to Johann Emanuel, PGA, who recently moved to Boise, ID, from the Aloha Section PGA.

Apprentice Information:

Mark Baer, B-8, Assistant Professional, Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls, ID

John Bideganeta, B-13, General Manager, Riverbend Golf Course, Wilder, ID.

Shawn Rowe, B-8, Assistant Professional, Highlands Golf Course, Pocatello, ID

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Lester Streeper of Hardin, MT. Mr. Streeper passed away on September 8th at the age of 83. Mr. Streeper was a Life Member in the PGA of America and also a member of the Quarter Century Club of the PGA having served the PGA for over 40 years.

UNIVERSAL GIFT CERTIFICATE DEADLINE

Please be aware of the following information regarding the Universal Gift Certificate program:

- Universal Gift Certificates may be redeemed at any participating golf facility prior to November 30, 2014
- Universal Gift Certificates not redeemed prior to November 30, 2014 will expire and be transferred to the event host site. Any certificate transferred to the event host site will be subjected to that facility's policies and may not be eligible for redemption.
- **Participating facilities shall not accept Universal Gift Certificates, for any reason, after November 30, 2014.**
- Participating facilities must submit all Universal Gift Certificates for payment to the Section office on or before Friday, December 5, 2014. The Section Office, under no circumstances, will make payment for Universal Gift Certificates received after December 5, 2014. Universal Gift Certificates should be mailed to 1303 South Five Mile, Road, Boise, ID 83709 for payment. The RMSPGA will not be responsible for non-delivery or untimely delivery of any Universal Gift Certificates submitted for payment.
- National will forward payment for the expired Universal Gift Certificates to event host during the week of December 15. The Section will forward a listing of the individuals and certificate amounts of those expired Universal Gift Certificates.

It shall be the decision of each facility to award credit, or not, to those individuals for whom they receive payment for expired Universal Gift Certificates.

Any questions regarding the policy or procedures of the Universal Gift Certificate Program should be directed to the Section Office.



Dear PGA Member visiting Florida for the PGA Merchandise Show:

We are extremely pleased to announce today that the North Florida Section of the PGA of America has reached an agreement with our neighbor, WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort through our friends at ESPN Wide World of Sports, to provide our visiting PGA Members and their immediate families an excellent Member Benefit which must be used from January 14, 2015 through February 1, 2015 in connection with the 2015 PGA Merchandise Show. This new arrangement will allow PGA Members and their immediate family (e.g., spouse/domestic partner and minor children) to enjoy the four theme parks of WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort (*Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park* - - and more, water parks, etc.)* at pricing specially created for PGA of America . The savings are great and the memories you will create with your family will be timeless. We hope that you will enjoy this new Limited Time PGA Member Benefit, and we shall see you at the parks!!!!

Yours in Golf,

Rich Smith
Executive Director/CEO
North Florida PGA

For information on the WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort, click [HERE](#).

For information on PGA Member Benefit, click [HERE](#).

For information How To Purchase Tickets click [HERE](#).

*****Please note that the window to order tickets if you wish is October 15-December 15. No orders will be taken or filled after December 15.**

** Offer is non-transferrable. Tickets are valid only on the specific dates of the event and for a limited period of time before and/or after the event. Each day this Ticket is used at any Theme Park constitutes one full day of use. Some activities/events may be separately priced. Advance purchase is required. Ticket types, entitlements and prices subject to change without notice. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable.*

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