

Returning to Pinehurst

The National Championship of the 2008 PGA McGladrey Team Championship will be conducted Oct. 20-22 at Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort



The famed Pinehurst No. 2 layout will again be part of the National Championship next October.

The PGA McGladrey Team Championship will mark its second year with a later fall National Championship date – Oct. 20–22, 2008 – and return to the renowned Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort. The PGA McGladrey Team Championship, The PGA of America’s first nationwide grass roots best-ball amateur championship, will also feature format changes at the Local Qualifying Event level. The 2008 Championship will increase the maximum handicap index combination for teams along with the opportunity for host sites – with 18 teams or more – to send two teams to the Section Championship. Registration to host a Local Qualifying Event is being accepted at www.PGA.com/teamchampionship.

Section Championships, hosted by The PGA of America’s network of 41 Sections, will once again team a PGA Professional with three amateur partners in the bid to earn a National Championship berth.

“The inaugural year in 2007 exceeded our expectations as one of the most successful debuts of any nationwide amateur golf tournament,” says Art Smith, chief marketing officer of RSM McGladrey. “RSM McGladrey is proud to partner with The PGA of America because we share values of teamwork and professional development, whether in business or sports. As a result of this year’s success, we expect to double the number of participants in year two.”

The 41-team, 164-player field in the National Championship will compete for a \$200,000 purse and compete on three of Pinehurst’s premier layouts, opening at Course No. 8, and concluding the final two days on Courses No. 2 and No. 4.

“Last year we presented a unique championship that connected PGA Professionals with their amateur members and received excellent reviews from all those who participated,” says PGA President Brian Whitcomb. “We are excited about next year’s Championship and look forward to having more amateur players enjoy the camaraderie of their local PGA Professional and receive the rare opportunity to compete in a National Championship.”

At a closer glance, the 2008 team handicap index changes are:

- Three-men maximum total handicap: 54.0
- Two men, one woman maximum total handicap: 70.0
- One man, two women maximum total handicap: 80.0
- Three women maximum total handicap: 90.0

Amateur players will continue to receive 50 percent of their course handicap allowance and Local Qualifying Events will again use the one best net ball of the three amateur players and each

player’s score must be used on a minimum of three holes. The Local Qualifying Events that feature 18 or more teams will advance two teams to the Section Championship. If less than 18 teams compete at the Local Qualifying Event, one team will advance to the Section Championship.

The Section Championships and National Championship will feature the host PGA Professional who will complete each winning team’s foursome, and use two best net balls of each hole, again with each amateur receiving 50 percent of their USGA index handicap. ■



2008 TaylorMade-adidas Golf PGA Winter Championships

Sponsored by TaylorMade-adidas Golf and supported by Premier Golf, the following events will be conducted at The PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The events will be reviewed in the February and March issues of *PGA Magazine*. To enter the TaylorMade-adidas Golf PGA Winter Championships, log on to www.PGALinks.com or call (800) 474-2776.

Event	Date	Course(s)
Senior Stroke Play (Ages: 50-59)	Jan. 8–10	Wanamaker/Ryder
Entry deadline: Dec. 11		
Senior Stroke Play (Ages: 60-90)	Jan. 8–10	Ryder/Wanamaker
Entry deadline: Dec. 11		
Quarter Century (Ages: Under 50-64)	Jan. 14–15	Ryder
Entry deadline: Dec. 11		
Quarter Century (Ages: 65-90)	Jan. 14–15	Wanamaker
Entry deadline: Dec. 11		
Senior-Junior Team	Jan. 22–25	Ryder/Wanamaker
Entry deadline: Dec. 11		
Women’s Stroke Play	Jan. 28–30	Ryder/Wanamaker
Entry deadline: Jan. 8		
Stroke Play Championship	Jan. 28–31	Ryder/Wanamaker
Entry deadline: Jan. 8		
Match Play	Feb. 4–12	Dye Course
Entry deadline: Jan. 15		

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