



DENNIS COLLIGAN CAPTURES THE CENTRAL NEW YORK PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP; COLLIGAN EARNS BERTH IN 50th PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jamesville, NY August 23rd 2016 – Dennis Colligan of Cazenovia Golf Club, winner of the Central New York PGA Professional Championship, August 22nd & 23rd at Seven Oaks GC will lead four Section PGA Professionals to compete in the 50th PGA Professional Championship, June 25-28, 2017, at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon.

Colligan turned in a winning total of +3 (147) to capture the Central New York PGA Professional Champion title. Mark Tucker of Cazenovia Golf Club and Michelle Murphy of Oswego Country Club finished runner-up, at +4 (148). They are joined by Michael Deuel of En-Joie Golf Club.

Deuel was tied with Jeff Reader, Cavalry Club at the completion of play however Deuel prevailed in a sudden death playoff on the 18th hole to capture the fourth and final spot.

Conditions could not have been any better on day 2. The wind from the day prior had subsided and the golf course was in pristine condition. Colligan, who birdied the final hole to win by one is now a two time champion of the Section's most prestigious tournament previously winning in 2010.

The PGA Professional Championship will mark its fourth visit to Sunriver Resort and first since 2013. The Championship brings together a field of 312 contestants representing the PGA of America's 41 nationwide Sections.

In 2017, the Championship field will compete at Sunriver Resort, home to two of the country's premier public/resort courses. The Championship will be contested on the Crosswater Club and Meadows Golf Course.

Sunriver's 605-acre resort is positioned between the Big Deschutes and Little Deschutes Rivers. Inspired by the Scottish highlands, Crosswater Club opened for play in 1995 as a heathland-style course offers a perfect blend of strategy and aesthetics. The course features a wide range of fairway lengths and the constant interplay of wetlands, ponds, and rivers.

Designed by Bob Cupp, the par-72 Crosswater Golf Club played to 7,530 yards in the 2013 Championship, which made it the second longest layout in event history. The Meadows Golf Course, a collaborative effort between Fred Federspiel and John Fought, also is a par-71 layout that was played at 6,969 yards in the Championship. The Meadows winds its way along the great meadow and through groves of Ponderosa Pines.

The PGA Professional Championship, carrying a \$550,000 total purse this year, is broadcast (all four rounds) by Golf Channel. Following 36 holes of play, the field will be trimmed to the low 90 scorers and ties, and following 54 holes of play, the field will be trimmed to the low 70 scorers and ties.

The low 20 scorers in 2017 will earn berths into the 99th PGA Championship, Aug. 10-13, 2017, at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In addition to the Walter Hagen Cup, the PGA Professional Championship winner also receives an exemption into the next 10 PGA Professional Championships and exemptions into six PGA TOUR events over a 12-month period.

Established in 1968, the PGA Professional Championship roster of Champions includes the following premier TOUR professionals: Sam Snead, Bob Rosburg, Don Massengale, Ed Dougherty, Larry Gilbert, and Bruce Fleisher.

The PGA Professional Championship is presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz USA and OMEGA. Supporting sponsors are Titleist/FootJoy, Nike Golf, TaylorMade Golf Companies, and the PGA TOUR. Golf Channel is the official media partner. The 41 Section Championships and the National Championship offer a combined purse of \$1.5 million.

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