



Southworth Senior PGA Professional National Championship



Presented by Mercedes-Benz

2011 Facts and Format

Date: Oct. 6-9

Site: Creighton Farms, Aldie, Va.
River Creek Club, Leesburg, Va.

Defending Champion: Robert Thompson, Huntsville, Texas

Prize Money and Prizes A purse of \$285,000 will be distributed to the field of 264 competitors. The 2011 Senior PGA Professional National Champion will receive \$20,000.

Exemptions The top 35 finishers will earn a berth into the 2012 Senior PGA Championship. The top eight finishers, including ties, will be exempted into the 2012 Senior PGA Professional National Championship. The top five finishers will be exempted into the final stage of the 2011 Champions Tour National Finals provided they have filed an entry by the deadline.

The Leo Fraser Trophy The Senior PGA Professional National Champion will have his name inscribed on the Leo Fraser Trophy, named in honor of the 16th president of the PGA of America, a member of the Philadelphia PGA Section, who served as PGA President from 1969-70. Fraser, who died in 1986 – three years before the Championship debuted – was one of the most energetic leaders in the Association. A licensed pilot, Fraser traveled nationwide to meet PGA Professionals in an effort to advance many programs to benefit his fellow members. The crystal spire trophy named in his honor measures 16 inches high and weighs five pounds. It is permanently enshrined in the PGA Museum of Golf in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Method of Play Stroke play, 18 holes daily. Following the first 36 holes of play, the field will be reduced to the 70 players having the lowest scores and those tied for 70th place. These players will then compete in the final two rounds. In the event of a tie for first place upon completion of 72 holes, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff.

Rules and Regulations The Rules of Golf, which govern play, are determined by the United States Golf Association and applied by the PGA of America PGA Rules Committee. PGA Professionals at least 50 years of age, as of the Championship, may attempt to qualify through one of the 41 PGA Sections.

Championship History

What began as an idea in early 1989 became reality in December of the same year when 144 players began the inaugural PGA Senior Club Professional Championship at PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. A championship built from the same mold as the “regular” PGA Professional National Championship, the low 35 scorers (beginning in 2000) receive an automatic invitation

to compete in the prestigious Senior PGA Championship.

The Senior PGA Professional National Championship is one of the Association’s more popular national member events. Since its debut, the participants have included several players who have gone on to outstanding Tour careers, including Jim Albus (runner-up in 1990) and Tom Wargo (runner-up in 1992). From 1993 to 2000, the Senior PGA Professional National Championship was hosted by Ibis Golf & Country Club’s Legend Course in West Palm Beach, Fla. PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., took over in 2001 as the national championship site.

In 2001, the PGA Board of Directors approved an expanded national field of 264 competitors who competed on two courses at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. In 2006, the Championship was renamed from the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship to the Senior PGA Professional National Championship.

In 2008, the Championship was contested for the first time outside of Florida, and hosted at Toscana Country Club in Indian Wells, Calif., and the Andalusia Country Club in LaQuinta, Calif.

In 2010, the Championship again visited Southern California, hosted by Toscana Country Club in Indian Wells and joined by nearby Rancho La Quinta Country Club in La Quinta.

In 2011, the Senior PGA Professional National Championship marks its first year of title sponsorship by Southworth Development, which has headquarters in Newton, Mass., and is joined by presenting sponsor Mercedes-Benz.

Creighton Farms of Aldie, Va., and River Creek Club of Leesburg, Va., will serve as co-hosts of the 23rd Southworth Senior PGA Professional National Championship presented by Mercedes-Benz, Oct. 6-9, marking the first visit by the Championship to the Middle Atlantic PGA Section.



With his victory in the 2010 Senior PGA Professional National Championship, Robert Thompson became the second player ever to win that title and a PGA Assistant Championship.

Senior PGA Professional National Champions Through the Years

	Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up(s)	Site
Inaugural	1989	Stan Thirsk#	286	Bob Reith	PGA National Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
2nd	1990	Tom Joyce	278	Jim Albus	BallenIsles Country Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
3rd	1991	Tom Joyce	281	Mike Joyce	BallenIsles Country Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
4th	1992	Roger Kennedy	278	Tom Wargo	BallenIsles Country Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
5th	1993	Bob Carson	277	Tom Joyce	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
6th	1994	Roger Kennedy	283	Bill Garrett	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
7th	1995	Bob Irving*	209	Randy Glover	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
8th	1996	John Brott	279	Tom Joyce	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
9th	1997	Ed Everett#	283	Joe Huber, Billy King	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
10th	1998	Wes Smith	284	Tommy Price	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
11th	1999	Pete Oakley	283	Bob Hauer, Ed Sabo	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
12th	2000	Ed Sabo	275	Pete Oakley	Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
13th	2001	Ed Sabo	275	John Traub, Jay Overton	PGA Golf Club (South Course) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
14th	2002	Mike San Filippo#	280	Bob Ralston	PGA Golf Club (North & South Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
15th	2003	Jeff Thomsen#	282	Jon Fiedler	PGA Golf Club (North & South Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
16th	2004	Jim White	274	Bob Ford	PGA Golf Club (North & South Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
17th	2005	Mike San Filippo***	280	Darrell Kestner	PGA Golf Club (South and Dye Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
18th	2006	Jeff Coston # **	271	Chris Starkjohann, John Mazza	PGA Golf Club (Ryder and Wanamaker Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
19th	2007	Bill Loeffler	276	David Lundstrom	PGA Golf Club (Ryder and Wanamaker Courses) Port St. Lucie, Fla.
20th	2008	Kirk Hanefeld	278	Jon Fiedler	Toscana Country Club & Andalusia Country Club Indian Wells and LaQuinta, Calif.
21st	2009	Bill Britton	270	Perry Arthur	PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker and Dye Courses)
22nd	2010	Robert Thompson	280	James Blair, Mark Faulkner	Toscana Country Club & Rancho La Quinta Country Club Indian Wells and La Quinta, Calif.

Won sudden-death playoff * Rain-shortened to 54 holes ** 72-hole record *** Won on second playoff hole

2011 Championship Host Sites Creighton Farms in Aldie, Va., and River Creek Club in Leesburg, Va.

Creighton Farms - Aldie, Va.

Creighton Farms, a par-72, 7,410-yard layout that opened in 2008, was one of two private courses in the world to achieve recognition by *Golf Digest*, *GOLF Magazine* and *Travel and Leisure Golf* in the same season. In 2009, *Golfweek* selected Creighton Farms among its "Best New Private Golf Courses." Creighton Farms reflects the Nicklaus trademark of a challenging design, focusing on course management strategy and precision rather than power.

River Creek Club - Leesburg, Va.

River Creek Club, a challenging, 7,036-yard, par-72 layout, was designed by Ault, Clark & Associates, with Tom Clark of Marshall, Va., the lead architect in the regional firm. River Creek Club made its debut in 1997 as one of three golf courses nestled on the Potomac River, and bearing challenging, large undulating greens as its signature and most prominent set of challenges



The 13th hole at Creighton Farms in Aldie, Va., one of two venues to host the 2011 Southworth Senior PGA Professional National Championship.

Senior PGA Professional National Championship Records

Lowest First-Round Score

- 64 Roy Vucinich, Moon Township, Pa., 2008
- 64 Bob Ford, Oakmont, Pa., 2007

Lowest Second-Round Score

- 65 Jim Woodward, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2007
- Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash., 2006
- Mike Lawrence, Easley, S.C., 2006
- John Mazza, Beaver Falls, Pa., 2006
- Ed Sabo, Tequesta, Fla., 2001

Lowest Third-Round Score

- 65 Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash., 2006
- Buddy Harston, Lexington, Ky., 2005

Lowest Fourth-Round Score

- 65 Tom Herzan, LaCrosse, Wis., 2007
- Rick Karbowski, Worcester, Mass., 2005

Lowest 72-Hole Score by Winner

- 270 Bill Britton, Rumson, N.J., 2009
- 271 Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash., 2006

Lowest 36 Holes

- 134 Reed Hughes, Senatobia, Miss., 2006

Lowest 54 Holes

- 201 Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash., 2006

Lowest Score by Winner

- 271 Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash., 2006

Highest Score by Winner

- 286 Stan Thirsk, Overland Park, Kan., 1989

Greatest Margin of Victory

- 10 Ed Sabo, Tequesta, Fla., 2000

Most Victories

- 2 Mike San Filippo, Hobe Sound, Fla., 2002, 2005
- Ed Sabo, Tequesta, Fla., 2000, 2001
- Roger Kennedy, Pompano Beach, Fla., 1992, 1994
- Tom Joyce, Huntington, N.Y., 1990, 1991

2010 On a windless, hot Sunday afternoon in October in the Coachella Valley, Robert Thompson discovered that good things come to those who wait.

Thompson, a PGA teaching professional at Whispering Pines Golf Club in Trinity, Texas, maintained his trademark steady pace while all around him were losing their bearings and captured the 22nd Senior PGA Professional National Championship.

The 53-year-old resident of Huntsville, Texas, rallied from a one-stroke deficit with birdies on both par-5s on the back nine of the Jack Nicklaus Signature South Course at Toscana Country Club, turning in a 1-under-par 71 for a two-stroke victory.

Thompson finished with a 72-hole total of 8-under-par 280, earning \$20,000 from a purse of \$285,000 and became the second player in PGA of America history to win a PGA Assistant Championship (1986) and a Senior PGA Professional National Championship.

"It's been a long time since that first title, but I can say the feeling is just as good," said Thompson, enjoying the fruit of his third Championship appearance. "It was great playing here and among a great field."

James Blair of Ogden, Utah, and Mark Faulkner of Marion, Ill., who each posted a 70, shared second place at 282. Third-round co-leader Mike Lawrence of Easley, S.C., who shared the lead with Thompson until the 16th hole when he failed to get out of a greenside bunker, struggled to a 75 and shared fourth with Ken Martin of Wellington, Fla., at 283.

Slowed by tendinitis in his left elbow and a sore shoulder most of the summer, Thompson said he took one cortisone shot nearly four months ago that gave him a chance to return to practice.

"I didn't overwork myself, went on to win the [Southern Texas PGA] Senior Section Championship in July and finished fourth in the Section Championship in September," he said. "I felt that I could come out to California and play well. I like the course, and I feel that I'm a good enough iron player to be able to play this course."

Toscana Country Club proved more than a worthy test for the 73 players who played the weekend, yielding a 75.15 scoring average - more than a stroke higher than the third round.

"It was tough," said Thompson. "There were a lot of tough pins out there. What got me back in it was a birdie at 10. I hit it to 12 feet and made it. That really turned it around for me."

Champion: Robert Thompson, Huntsville, Texas

Site: Toscana Country Club and
Rancho La Quinta Country Club
Indian Wells and La Quinta, Calif.

Course: Toscana Country Club Par-72: 6,946 yds.

Course: Rancho La Quinta Country Club
Par-72: 7,068 yds.

Field: 264 Cut at 144 73 players advanced



It was a long, frustrating day for Lawrence, who made his fifth Championship appearance. He saw his title chances fade when he his approach shot on the 408-yard par-16th hole plugged into a greenside bunker and he could not get his next shot out of the sand.

“We got behind, and I let it bother me,” said Lawrence. “I plugged my approach and I thought I had hit a really good shot.”

Lawrence had shared the third-round lead with playing partner Gene Fieger of Naples, Fla. They were deadlocked for the lead through 11 holes, before Fieger posted a disastrous triple bogey 6 at the par-3 12th that derailed his round. He finished with a 78 and shared 15th at 286.

Blair and Faulkner finished more than a half hour ahead of Thompson, waiting in a golf car to see if there would be any hope of a playoff.

“I’m pleased that I finished where I did,” said Blair, a PGA Life Member. “It was tough to get the ball close. There were not many birdie chances out there. Robert is a fine player and tough to beat.”

Defending Champion Bill Britton of Rumson, N.J., shot a final round 73, and led a group of six players at 284.

“I shot a 65 (in the third round) and would not have been surprised if we had a few others do that (in the final round),” said Britton. “The conditions were ideal and I knew I would have to make birdies to win and I was able to do that.”

■ Championship Summary

Place	Name	Score	Winnings	Place	Name	Score	Winnings
1	Robert Thompson, Huntsville, Texas	69-71-69-71—280	\$20,000	T35	Mark Keating, Warrenton, Ore.	70-74-74-72—290	\$1,900
T2	James Blair, Ogden, Utah	67-71-74-70—282	\$14,375	T40	Roy Vucinich, Moon Township, Pa.	73-69-75-74—291	\$1,650
T2	Mark Faulkner, Marion, Ill.	67-69-76-70—282	\$14,375	T40	Tom Dawson, Plant City, Fla.	71-73-73-74—291	\$1,650
T4	Ken Martin, Wellington, Fla.	74-69-70-70—283	\$10,050	T40	Mike Barge, Chanhassen, Minn.	69-72-73-77—291	\$1,650
T4	Mike Lawrence, Easley, S.C.	69-67-72-75—283	\$10,050	T40	Perry Holmes, Boulder, Colo.	73-68-73-77—291	\$1,650
T6	Butch Sheehan, Rancho Mirage, Calif.	69-71-72-72—284	\$6,300	T40	John Aubrey, Butler, Pa.	70-72-72-77—291	\$1,650
T6	Stu Ingraham, Harrisburg, Pa.	72-72-68-72—284	\$6,300	45	Michael Cook, Sonora, Calif.	71-71-76-74—292	\$1,500
T6	Sonny Skinner, Sylvester, Ga.	69-71-71-73—284	\$6,300	T46	James Kane, Edmond, Okla.	71-72-73-77—293	\$1,310
T6	Bill Britton, Colts Neck, N.J.	68-71-72-73—284	\$6,300	T46	Gary Trivisonno, Aurora, Ohio	77-67-72-77—293	\$1,310
T6	Ed Sabo, Tequesta, Fla.	68-70-72-74—284	\$6,300	T46	Cliff Bailey, Destin, Fla.	76-66-75-76—293	\$1,310
T6	Tim Parun, San Diego, Calif.	71-69-70-74—284	\$6,300	T46	Edward Humenik, Palm City, Fla.	69-73-75-76—293	\$1,310
T12	Chris Campbell, Vero Beach, Fla.	73-70-70-72—285	\$4,500	T46	Ken McDonald, Houston, Texas	72-69-78-74—293	\$1,310
T12	Jim Karr, Palm Beach, Fla.	69-67-74-75—285	\$4,500	T46	Jon Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz.	73-70-77-73—293	\$1,310
T12	Mike San Filippo, Hobe Sound, Fla.	70-71-69-75—285	\$4,500	T46	Jeff Coston, Blaine, Wash.	72-70-70-81—293	\$1,310
T15	Tom Herzan, Findlay, Ohio	71-70-73-72—286	\$3,875	T46	Chris Dachisen, Warren, N.J.	71-73-77-72—293	\$1,310
T15	Gene Fieger, Naples, Fla.	68-71-69-78—286	\$3,875	T54	Tom Carey, Hillsboro, Ore.	69-74-75-76—294	\$1,190
T17	Bill Dodd, Phoenix, Ariz.	71-69-73-74—287	\$3,288	T54	Ron Vlosich, Lakewood, Colo.	71-70-77-76—294	\$1,190
T17	Dan Hornig, San Jacinto, Calif.	73-70-70-74—287	\$3,288	T54	Chris Endres, Anthem, Ariz.	75-68-76-75—294	\$1,190
T17	Gary Sowinski, San Diego, Calif.	68-73-70-76—287	\$3,288	T57	Chris Mitchell, Portland, Ore.	71-71-73-80—295	\$1,130
T17	Perry Arthur, Plano, Texas	70-69-70-78—287	\$3,288	T57	Michael Zaremba, Pueblo West, Colo.	75-67-73-80—295	\$1,130
T21	Jim Sobb, Barrington, Ill.	74-68-74-72—288	\$2,704	T57	Jim Ahern, Phoenix, Ariz.	70-72-76-77—295	\$1,130
T21	George Forster, Villanova, Pa.	70-71-74-73—288	\$2,704	T57	Mark Gardner, Spokane, Wash.	74-69-77-75—295	\$1,130
T21	Jon Fiedler, Camarillo, Calif.	70-72-73-73—288	\$2,704	T57	Billy Rosinia, Indianhead Park, Ill.	67-75-79-74—295	\$1,130
T21	Tim White, Midlothian, Va.	70-69-75-74—288	\$2,704	62	Lindy Miller, Fort Worth, Texas	69-72-74-81—296	\$1,090
T21	Jim White, Lincoln, Neb.	73-68-72-75—288	\$2,704	63	Pat Delaney, Springfield, Ohio	70-72-79-76—297	\$1,080
T21	Tom Atchison, Silver Lake, Ohio	72-72-75-69—288	\$2,704	64	Gary Robison, Canton, Ohio	71-73-76-78—298	\$1,070
T21	Dan Wilkins, Laconia, N.H.	72-69-70-77—288	\$2,704	T65	Jerry Herrera, Monrovia, Calif.	71-71-78-79—299	\$1,045
T28	Jeff Roth, Farmington, N.M.	74-70-71-74—289	\$2,200	T65	Rick Bronson, Mexico, N.Y.	74-69-77-79—299	\$1,045
T28	Tom Sutter, New York, N.Y.	74-69-74-72—289	\$2,200	T65	Clem King, Lexington, S.C.	73-71-76-79—299	\$1,045
T28	Darrell Kestner, Glen Cove, N.Y.	68-74-73-74—289	\$2,200	T65	Bill Sautter, Warrington, Pa.	71-71-80-77—299	\$1,045
T28	Mitch Camp, Aurora, Ohio	75-69-73-72—289	\$2,200	69	Quinn Griffing, Fort Wayne, Ind.	73-70-74-83—300	\$1,020
T28	Mike Diffley, Pelham Manor, N.Y.	70-69-75-75—289	\$2,200	70	Scott Bess, Columbia, Mo.	70-72-82-79—303	\$1,010
T28	Brian Kelly, Lewisburg, Pa.	71-71-76-71—289	\$2,200	T71	Brent Murray, Lake Oswego, Ore.	71-73-80-80—304	\$995
T28	Dave Arbuckle, Colorado Springs, Co	71-70-71-77—289	\$2,200	T71	Eddie Mudd, Louisville, Ky.	68-74-84-78—304	\$995
T35	Jim Woodward, Oklahoma City, Okla.	70-72-74-74-290#	\$1,900	73	Bob Bilbo, Olney, Md.	71-73-80-84—308	\$980
T35	Matt Seitz, Hutchinson, Kan.	72-71-73-74—290	\$1,900	<i>Top 35 Earned Berth in the 73rd Senior PGA Championship.</i>			
T35	Jerry Tucker, Stuart, Fla.	73-71-73-73—290	\$1,900	<i># won playoff for Senior PGA Championship berth</i>			
T35	Dave Kendall, Saline, Mich.	73-68-77-72—290	\$1,900				

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