



PGA Winter Championships



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History

The PGA Winter Championships began in 1954 at the former PGA National Golf Club in Dunedin, Fla., to provide additional playing opportunities for PGA Professionals. That first year's schedule featured the Stroke Play Championship and Quarter Century Championship. The Senior-Junior Championship was added in 1959, and the Match Play Championship in 1964. With the founding of the Senior PGA (now Champions Tour), the Senior PGA Championship was separated from the PGA Winter Championships and a new senior age division competition was developed for PGA members. In 1985, this event was named the Senior Stroke Play Championship. In February 2000, the Women's Stroke Play Championship became the sixth leg of the popular program.

Eligibility All PGA of America members, except those in the A-3 (Tour Player) classification, are eligible to compete in the PGA Winter Championships under the following guidelines:

- The Quarter Century Championship is for those who have been members of The PGA of America for at least 25 years. This is a 36-hole tournament.
- The Senior Stroke Play Championship (54 holes) is for PGA Professionals who are at least 50 years of age.

- In the Senior-Junior Championship, two-man teams are formed by players selecting their own partners. The senior member must be at least 50 years of age, and the junior member 49 years or younger. This is a 72-hole better-ball tournament.
- The Stroke Play Championship is a 72-hole tournament.
- The Match Play Championship is limited to 288 players, who qualify for match play through a stroke-play event for 63 spots. The defending champion is exempt from qualifying, and receives the No. 1 seed.
- The Women's Stroke Play Championship is a 54-hole tournament.

The PGA Winter Championships were played at PGA National Golf Club in Dunedin through 1962; Port St. Lucie (Fla.) Country Club in 1963; PGA National Golf Club (now BallenIsles Country Club), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., from 1964-1973; and at Port St. Lucie Country Club again in 1974. The program was contested from 1975-1981 at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and held in conjunction with the PGA Merchandise Show during this period. The program was conducted from 1982-1999 at the "new" PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens. PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie became the new tournament headquarters in January 2000.

2011 The PGA Winter Championships are presented by Premier Golf and United Rentals. Six national Championships are conducted at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Champions Through the Years

PGA Stroke Play Champions (1954-2011)

1954 Ock Willoweit	1969 Herb Hooper	1984 Mike Bright	1999 Carl Alexander
1955 Gunnard Johnson	1970 Gene Borek	1985 Joe Hager	2000 Rick Hartmann
1956 Al Huske	1971 Dick Hart	1986 Ed Dougherty	2001 Terry Hatch
1957 Matt Bartosek	1972 Denny Lyons	1987 Lonnie Nielsen	2002 Chip Johnson
1958 Henry Castillo	1973 Gene Borek	1988 Bob Ford	2003 Tom Sipula
1959 Skip Alexander	1974 Chick Evans	1989 Darrell Kestner	2004 Brian Gaffney
1960 Toby Lyons	1975 Ron Letellier	1990 Larry Rentz	2005 Bob Sowards
1961 Sam Bernardi	1976 George Shortridge	1991 Tom Wargo	2006 Bob Sowards
1962 Jim Stamps	1977 Doug Dalziel	1992 Mike San Filippo	2007 Rodney Perry
1963 John Barnum	1978 John Gentile	1993 Bob Ford	2008 Mark Brown
1964 John Barnum	1979 James Dolan III	1994 Dana Quigley	2009 Rick Schuller
1965 Sam Harvey	1980 Jim Dent	1995 Bruce Zabriski	2010 Frank Esposito
1966 Walker Inman Jr.	1981 Lynn Janson	1996 Kevin Healy	2011 Frank Bensel
1967 Claude King	1982 Jim King	1997 Frank Dobbs	
1968 John Barnum	1983 Jim Albus	1998 Ron McDougal	

PGA Match Play Champions (1964-2011)

1964 Bob Frainey	1976 Bob Brue	1988 Lonnie Nielsen	2000 Frank Dobbs
1965 Chuck Malchaski	1977 Bob Bruno	1989 Joe Sciortino	2001 Terry Hatch
1966 Jerry Cooper	1978 Bryan Abbott	1990 Rick Vershure	2002 Bruce Zabriski
1967 Stan Brion	1979 Stan Thirsk	1991 Chris Anderson	2003 Rick Vershure
1968 Steve Bull	1980 Jim Dent	1992 Bob Leaver	2004 Frank Bensel
1969 Herb Hooper	1981 Gene Borek	1993 Rick Vershure	2005 Bob Sowards
1970 Dick Hart	1982 Dennis Bradley	1994 Tom Cleaver	2006 Rick Schuller
1971 Chick Evans	1983 Dana Quigley	1995 Gene Fieger	2007 Tom Sipula
1972 John Cook	1984 Ed Dougherty	1996 Gene George	2008 Jeff Martin
1973 Bill Collins	1985 Don Reese	1997 Gene George	2009 Rick Schuller
1974 Joe Data	1986 Bob Menne	1998 Michael Laudien	2010 Sonny Skinner
1975 Bob Brue	1987 Lonnie Nielsen	1999 Jerry Tucker	2011 Rick Schuller

PGA Quarter Century Club Champions (1954-2011)

1954 Jules Blanton	1975 Sam Snead	1992 Dick Hart (under-70)	2002 Gary Wintz (under-65)
1955 Harry Cooper	1976 Sam Snead	Bob Duden (70-and-over)	Al Chandler (65-and-older)
1956 Louis Chiapetta	1977 Babe Lichardus	1993 Bob Pfister (under-65)	2003 Jerry Impellittere (under-65)
1957 Al Watrous	1978 Jack Fleck	Bob Duden (65-and-over)	George Bellino (65-and-older)
1958 Al Watrous	1979 Babe Lichardus	1994 Steve Bull (under-65)	2004 Lynn Janson (under-65)
1959 Leland (Duke) Gibson	Art Doering	Bob Duden (65-and-over)	Al Kelley (65-and-older)
1960 Charley Sheppard	Ralph Hutchinson	1995 Dave Philo (under-65)	2005 Mike Zinni (under-65)
1961 Leland (Duke) Gibson	1980 Billy Capps	Walker Inman Jr. (65-and-over)	Jerry Coats (65-and-older)
1962 Herman Barron	1981 Babe Lichardus	1996 Roland Stafford (under-65)	2006 Jerry Tucker (under-60)
1963 George Schneider	1982 Milon Marusic	Ray Montgomery (65-and-over)	Bob Zimmerman (65-and-older)
1964 (No tournament)	1983 Hampton Auld	1997 Denny Lyons (under-65)	2007 Mike Hamilton (under-60)
1965 Jack Isaacs	Jim Riggins	Roland Stafford (65-and-over)	Jim Logue (65-and-older)
1966 Jack Isaacs	1984 Ange Alberico	1998 Gene Borek (under-65)	2008 Mike San Filippo (under-60)
1967 Byron Nelson	1985 Mal McMullen	Ray Montgomery (65-and-older)	Jim Logue (65-and-older)
1968 Lou Barbaro	1986 Gene Borek	1999 Bob Leaver (under-65)	2009 Roy Vucinich (under-60)
1969 Sam Snead	1987 Paul Thomas	Walker Inman Jr. (65-and-older)	Jim Logue (65-and-older)
1970 Herman Scharlau	1988 Gene Borek	2000 Roger Kennedy (under-65)	2010 Steve Benson (under-60)
1971 Pete Cooper	1989 Larry Mancour	Steve Bull (65-and-older)	Bill Leaver (65-and-older)
1972 Ernie Catropa	1990 Dennis Bradley	2001 Ed Sabo (under-65)	2011 Jerry Tucker (60-and-under)
1973 Sam Snead	1991 Dennis Bradley	Ray Montgomery (65-and-older)	Jim Logue (65-and-older)
1974 Chandler Harper			

PGA Senior-Junior Champions (1959-2011)

1959 Ivan Gantz and Joe Curtin	1977 Ed Furgol and Jay Dolan	1994 Lloyd Monroe and Gary Harding
1960 Billy Burke and Sam Drake	1978 Bud Timbrook and George Shortridge	1995 Bill Kennedy and Terence Hughes
1961 Walter Hall and Bob Nodus	1979 Billy Gilbert and Jim Albus;	1996 Denny Lyons and Dana Quigley
1962 Henry Bontempo and Sam Bernardi	Tommy Thomas and Paul O'Leary	1997 Benny Passons and Peter Serafimoff
1963 Leland Gibson and Steve Isakov	1980 Bob Erickson and Paul Barkhouse	1998 Mike Joyce and Craig Thomas
1964 Walter Romans and Todd Hauck	1981 Charles Sifford and Bob Issler	1999 Gene Peterson and Tom Tarsia
1965 Lorin Shook and Bob Gajda	1982 Al Fuchs and Lynn Janson	2000 Jay Horton and John Reeves
1966 Phil Greenwald and Frank Harned	1983 Joe Jimenez and John Gentile	2001 Ken Peyre-Ferry and Garrett Murphy
1967 Bill Black and Ron Howell	1984 Bill Kozak and Bob Ackerman	2002 Jerry Impellittere and Steve Madsen
1968 Herb Vogt and Pat Schwab	1985 Jim Cochran and Jack Kiefer	2003 Roy Vucinich and Kirk Hanefeld
1969 Joe Lopez Sr. and Jack Doser	1986 Rollie Schroeder and Ray Freeman	2004 Jerry Impellittere and Brad Peck
1970 Rod Munday and J.C. Goosie	1987 Nunzio Ciampi and Jim Booros	2005 Darrell Kestner and Ron McDougal
1971 Chuck Klein and Jim Logue	1988 Chick Evans and Bobby Heins	2006 Kevin Morris and Frank Bensel
1972 Steve Doctor and Steve Bull	1989 Jim Gallagher Sr. and Jerry Impellittere	2007 Donald Reese and Bradley Rollinson
1973 Joe Lopez Sr. and Tom Hanlon	1990 Ray Bolo and Dave Laudien	2008 Kevin Morris and Frank Bensel
1974 Monte Norcross and Denny Lyons	1991 Marion Heck and Bruce Zabriski	2009 Mike Zaremba and Micah Rodosky
1975 Bob Gajda and Steve Bull	1992 Alex Redmond and David Levine	2010 Ricky Smallridge and Sonny Skinner
1976 Henry Ransom and Gary Baker	1993 Lynn Rosely and Bob Groff	2011 Robert Thompson and Bruce Smith

PGA Women's Stroke Play Champions (2000-2011)

2000 Sarah Johnson	2004 Wendy Modic	2008 Carolyn Barnett-Howe
2001 Jennifer Cully	2005 C. J. Reeves	2009 C.J. Reeves
2002 Cathy Edelen	2006 Carolyn Barnett-Howe	2010 Julie Peluso
2003 Rebecca Hayes	2007 Marjorie Jones	2011 Jennifer Heins

PGA Senior Stroke Play Champions (1985-2011)

1985 Ed Rubis	1994 Gene Carello (under-65)	2003 Pete Oakley (under-60)
1986 Jim King (50-69)	Ray Montgomery (65-up)	Mike Joyce (60-and-older)
Walter Ambo (70-89)	1995 Carl Lohren (under-65)	2004 Mike San Filippo (under-60)
1987 Bob Duden (50-69)	Charlie Smith (65-up)	Roger Kennedy (60-and-older)
Milon Marusic (70-89)	1996 Doug Dalziel (under-65)	2005 Buddy Harston (under-60)
1988 Joe Lopez Jr. (50-69)	Art Silvestrone (65-up)	Jim Logue (60-and-older)
John Barnum (70-89)	1997 Billy King (under-60)	2006 Mike San Filippo (under-60)
1989 Larry Mancour (50-69)	Steve Bull (60-up)	Bob Bilbo (60-and-older)
Hans Merrell (70-89)	1998 Bob Leaver (under-60)	2007 Jeff Thomsen (under-60)
1990 Mike Joyce (50-64)	Steve Bull (60-up)	Roger Kennedy (60-and-older)
Billy Capps (65-89)	1999 Roy Vucinich (under-60)	2008 Bobby Heins (under-60)
1991 Gene Borek (50-69)	Sal Ruggiero (65-up)	Gary Groh (60-and-older)
Bob Duden (70-up)	2000 Ken Corliss (under-60)	2009 Mike Zaremba (under-60)
1992 Willard Scholl (under-65)	Marion Heck (60-up)	Randy Erskine (60-and-older)
George Thomas (65-up)	2001 Pete Oakley (under-60)	2010 Quinn Griffing (under-60)
1993 Tom Wargo (under-70)	Joe Carr (60-up)	Roy Vucinich (60-and-older)
Larry Gilbert (under-60)	2002 Jay Overton (under-60)	2011 Gary Robison (under-60)
	Tom Joyce (60-and-older)	Jerry Tucker (60-and-older)

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