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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to discover how tour players and successful amateurs, who are turning 50 years of age and who wish to play the Champions Tour, prepare. Players of the future should be able to review the results of this research and know where their priorities must be focused.

There were four main conclusions from this research:

1. Be physically fit. Physical conditioning prepares you mentally.
2. An organized and regular practice routine is essential in your preparation.
3. Play competitive golf as often as you can and at as high a level as you can.
4. Begin to prepare for the Champions Tour as early as when you turn 40 years of age.

All the players interviewed placed a high emphasis on all four of these elements.

DEDICATION

This research is dedicated to all Club Professionals whose role in golf is to work in the trenches of this great sport. You have been the model and inspiration for this work. The number of areas in which each of you are educated and fulfill each day in your work transcends every other profession and has given me the desire to succeed and be the best I can be.

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PREFACE

The research for this paper was accomplished in a three-part chain of events, the Past, the Present, and the Future of the Champions Tour.

The Past relates to when the Champions Tour was formed, how it began, and who were some of the players responsible for the initial success of this Tour. Interviews via mail were conducted to 16 players, many of who have retired from playing for a living. A list of 25 questions was sent out to 48 of the Champions Tour players, and 16 replied in writing with their answers. Some of these answers are included in the Past section of this paper, where it would benefit anyone interested in applying to join this Tour. Some of the players in this era would be: Don January (Tour Player 1980-2004), Miller Barber (Tour Player 1981-2004), Jim Colbert (Tour Player 1991- current), Chi Chi Rodriquez (Tour Player 1985-2007), Gil Morgan, Lee Trevino, Dave Barr (Tour Player 2002-2010), and Dan Halldorson (Tour Player 2002-2004).

The Present portion of the Champions Tour would be the last ten to fifteen years of this Tour, in other words from 1995 to 2011. Changes have taken place in this period from length of golf courses, equipment, financial remuneration and increase in number of players turning 50 who are looking to extend their careers. Interviews were conducted at the Champions Tour tournament in Montreal, and these answers from 22 of the current Professionals are in this section.

The Future section of the paper is currently a gray area. At the moment the Champions Tour is healthy and viable, and it looks like it will only get better as time goes on. There are a number of quality Professionals who will be turning 50 in the next couple of years, 2012-2013-2014, and these players will only add to the already quality field that

is out there. When we finish with the presentation of the Present section of this paper we should have some answers for the Future of the Champions Tour.

Background of Personal Interest in the Topic

To answer the question “why did I do this?” I will go back to seven years ago in a conversation with Gary Bernard, the CEO of the PGA of Canada, when I told him Master Professional status would be a monumental achievement in my career. Picking a subject was not as easy as one might think it would be. My first inclination was “Teaching,” which has been a major part of my career. Initially I started to research that area, but it soon became apparent that the area I ended up choosing would be more beneficial to our seniors. Being in that age group myself and realizing that this area needed to be considered, my first initial subject was to be all golfers over the age of 50, amateurs and professionals alike. The title was to be “Golf after 50.”

This was presented to the PGA of Canada in June of 2009, but the Masters Committee, on a conference call, requested a change of subject to be more in line with Professionals only, something that might benefit PGA of Canada Professionals who are turning 50 and might want to play professionally. At this suggestion the title was changed to “Golf after 50 – Preparing for the Champions Tour,” the professional circuit for seniors over the age of 50. I resubmitted the subject with this new title and it was accepted in September of 2009. The thinking behind this is to provide as many details as possible to PGA of Canada members who may be considering an attempt at qualifying for this tour. The format of the thesis is arranged to investigate the past, the present, and the future.

In deciding how to research this aspect of my paper, I felt the best solution to find answers to the questions I had was to interview the players themselves, and find out how they were successful in becoming a member of the Champions Tour, and what is required to remain an active member of the Tour.

In order to achieve this interview process, there were two choices available to me: The Champions Tour tournament in Montreal in July 2011, or the final “Q” School in Arizona in November 2011. Although the PGA Tour office in Florida advised they would allow me access to interview the players at the final “Q” School, my thoughts were that it would be more advantageous to talk to the players who have had the experience in the varied ways required to reach this level: (a) status on the PGA Tour; (b) position on the all-time money list; (c) or they had been successful in playing through final “Q” School. On this basis I chose to go to Montreal to conduct my interviews.

The event in Montreal, like all Champions Tour events, is run by the PGA Tour. I was fortunate enough to have been introduced to Marty Henwood, the Communications manager for Synchro Sports who are in charge of all media communications for sponsor Desjardins. My request to him was to interview 15 to 20 Champions Tour players with 5 questions, three of which were multiple questions. The time involved for each interview would be from 5 to 7 minutes per player, and Mr. Henwood agreed to all my requests, with the only stipulation being that these interviews would be conducted on the practice and Pro-Am days preceding the tournament. Once the tournament started there would be no more contact with the players.

The Champions Tour (non-major) tournaments all start on Friday and finish on Sunday (54 holes), so I was given permissions to arrive on the Monday prior, receive

media credentials and instructions, and proceeded to the driving range to await the players who were coming into town. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are practice days, and for this particular event, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were the days set aside for the Pro-Ams, which are mandatory for the players in the field. As mentioned my arrangement was unlimited access to the driving range for the practice days, Monday to Thursday. No one was allowed to bother the players after that. Tuesday at this event is qualifying day for the spots that were open – there were four (4) – and there were 10 players competing for these. A few of the players started to arrive on Monday, and by Tuesday, Wednesday at the latest, the rest of the 78 players were in Montreal, and working out on the range, playing in the Pro-Ams, and back working on the range later in the day. The work ethic of all of these Professionals is outstanding.

INTRODUCTION

How will tour players and successful amateurs who are turning 50 years of age and who wish to declare themselves as professionals in order to attempt to qualify for the Champions Tour prepare? Those world-class players, who are turning 50, are going to notice a big difference in their physical skills. Perhaps their length has decreased, their flexibility may not be what it once was; they may have physical problems brought on from years of hitting balls, or from the natural process that accompanies being older. How will they revise their skills and other attributes in order to succeed at this second career in their lives? In all likelihood, the typical 50-year-old golfer will need to make some changes in order to be competitive on the Champions Tour. Facing the fact of getting older is a major step. One needs to prepare to compete on the Champions Tour as age begins to affect their skill levels.

They will need to maintain flexibility, they will need a fitness routine and they will need to maintain club head speed and ball speed. It is my intention to interview Champions Tour players to find the answers to these and other questions, so that the results and answers to the questions may be applied by others who wish to extend their playing careers at the highest possible level.

THE CHAMPIONS TOUR – THE PAST

About the Champions Tour

The Champions Tour is made up of a group of professional players who have attained the age of 50 years and older, and who are among some of the most qualified players in the world. Twenty-nine of these professionals have been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, and among its members several have won major championships. The Champions Tour is thirty-one years old, having been formed in 1980 as The Senior PGA Tour; the name was changed in 2002 to the Champions Tour.

Originally it comprised four events with the total purse per event of \$475,000. The foundation for the Champions Tour was to give professional senior players a chance to prolong their playing careers and to continue to be rewarded financially, allow them to entertain the public, give corporations and business companies a chance to participate as sponsors, and contribute significantly to a host of charities wherever Champions Tour events were held. An added bonus was the economical impact each event had on the community wherever the Tour played.

Ref: (PGA Tour Website)

The Start of the Champions Tour

In 1937 the Senior PGA Championship was inaugurated and was the only tournament for professionals over the age of 50. Not until 1978 was there another Senior event added, this being called "The Legends of Golf." This was comprised of 2-person teams of the current Senior Professionals of the day. Initially, the more prominent players to participate in this event were Julius Boros (1980-1990), Bob Toski (1980-1997), Don

January (1980-2004), Miller Barber 1981-2004), Jim Colbert (1991- current), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1985-2007), and others.

Success of the Champions Tour

In researching for this data one can attribute several reasons for the success of the Champions Tour.

1. As equipment technology improved scores began to get lower:

- a) As part of the new technology, steel and graphite shafts became lighter, stronger and with far less torque at impact than their predecessors.
- b) The concept of casting an iron head became a reality when Karsten Solheim founded the first Ping iron in the early 1970's. This allowed for more forgiveness at impact as compared to the forged irons of the past.
- c) Driver and fairway metals replaced persimmon and laminated woods of the past, the result was an expanded "sweet spot" at impact again for more forgiveness. Driver's heads got bigger and lighter, and the ball went further. E.g. the average driving distance in 1989 was 249.3 yards, in 2007 the average drive was 274.3 yards, a difference of 25 yards. This technology helped to lower the scores.

2. Conditions of golf courses may be a reason:

Hale Irwin believes agronomy is an issue that is rarely discussed. He thinks that course superintendents are scientists, and that lower scores are coming because of the condition these days of tees and greens. Ref: (PGA Tour Website)

3. The no-cut rule is a factor:

The no-cut rule is a factor: On the Champions Tour, every player who starts a tournament stays in the field until Sunday, while on the regular PGA Tour, the field is cut after 36 holes. On the regular tour, some of the guys play a little more cautious or smart to make the cut first, then they try to win the tournament, but on the Champions Tour, guys can play aggressive from the start, because there is no cut. Bernard Langer believes there is justification in this statement.

Ref: (PGA Tour Website)

4. Players preparation and Physical Conditioning:

In personal interviews with some of the more senior of the Champions Tour players as part of this research, every one of them was performing some form of physical exercise in order to prolong their careers. The interviews also indicate more time working on their skills. In the old days the statement was made, “we used to go to the bar when we were finished playing, now because the Champions Tour is more competitive we go to the range when we come off the golf course.”

Twenty years ago, the field was not as deep, now guys are planning their lives around when they are going to turn 50. When guys are 42, 43, and 44 they are thinking about the Champions Tour, and so they are staying in golf shape so that they will be ready to come out and play on the Champions Tour. Ref: (PGA Tour Website)

The increase in prize money has gone from \$405,571 per event in 1980 to a staggering \$1.98 million per event in 2009, an increase of 483 %. With inflation at 3 % per year or 90 % over this period of time, the increase in purses on the Champions Tour is phenomenal.

The scoring average on the Champions Tour has decreased from 71.00 per round in 1980, to 67.96 per round in 2010, a dramatic improvement over the 30 years since its inception.

Chart from 1989 to 2009 showing the decrease in scores and increase in purses per event:

YEAR	AVERAGE WINNING SCORE	OVERALL AVERAGE	AVERAGE DRIVING DISTANCE	AVERAGE PURSE
1989	68.36	73.28	249.3	\$405,571
1994	67.64	72.49	252.5	\$779,729
1999	67.53	71.78	264.3	\$1,290,789
2004	67.24	71.73	271.6	\$1,769,333
2009	67.33	71.50	271.9	\$1,976,923

Ref: (PGA Tour Website)

What makes the drop in scoring even more impressive is that in the beginning of this tour, courses usually ran between 6,400 and 6,600 yards in length. Now the Champions Tour events are all played on courses that are at least 7,000 yards in length, and in some cases as high as 7,500 yards, as an example Ross Bridge Golf Club in Birmingham, Alabama which plays at 7,525 yards.

Most of the tournaments on this tour are played over 3 rounds (54 holes). The exceptions to this are the five (5) Senior Majors and the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, which are played over 4 rounds (72 holes). Champions Tour players have

the option of using power carts in all events with the exception of the five (5) senior majors, Pebble Beach, Korea, and the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

In conducting research for this paper, the past years of the Champions Tour led to interviews with several of the players from the era of the 1980's, 1990's, and the early years of the 2000's. Some of the pros' thoughts from these past years were surveyed as part of the background research for the present project. Here are some of their thoughts on how they did things in the past.

Curtis Strange

Q. How many professional events did you compete in annually in the 3 years preceding eligibility for the Champions Tour (Age 47-50)?

A. I played in 4 to 5 per year over the period of those 3 years.

Q. How has newer equipment changed your game?

A. It has improved my distance and I definitely hit the ball straighter.

Q. Has your mental attitude changed for this tour?

A. It no longer is as intense, and much more relaxing.

Jim Rutledge

Q. Has your mental attitude changed in the way you approach and prepare to play?

A. My mental attitude has not changed in my preparation, but on course I believe breathing properly enables you to concentrate better, which is all part of a good routine on course.

Dan Halldorson (Tour player 2002-2004)

Q. How much practice time did you do to prepare for this tour?

A. 2 hours a day, 5 days a week

Q. What did you feel your expenses averaged per event?

A. Approximately \$3,000 per week.

Q. Did you have a change in equipment for this tour?

A. No change.

Q. Have you maintained your driver swing speed?

A. When playing a lot, yes.

Q. Have you had need of a golf coach, mental coach or fitness trainer?

A. Have never used any of these.

Dave Barr (Tour player 2002-2010)

Dave was one of the players most eager to help in this project. Thirty years ago he was Canada's premier player and could definitely be considered a self-taught individual, who never had a coach of any kind, swing coach, mental coach nor fitness trainer. According to Dave he also had no sponsors on tour. It is important to note that Dave is one of the players who is past his prime, but his responses clearly show what the players of this era went through.

Q. Dave, how many hours a day/week/month do you practice?

A. While on tour pretty much 7 hours per day, 6 days a week. Just straight practice range about 2 to 2 ½ hours, 4 days a week getting ready to turn 50, from the time between 48 and 50 years old.

Q. How much money do you budget for expenses per event?

A. Some weeks are cheaper than others, but rough average is \$3,500.

Q. Do you have a golf coach, and if so, how much do you spend on these services?

A. No coach, self-taught.

Q. Has your mental attitude changed in the way that you approach and prepare to play?

A. Pretty much the same mentally, but emotionally more laid back, bad shots don't linger like they used to.

Q. How do you work on flexibility and how many hours a day/week do you work out in a gym? How much time do you spend on cardiovascular?

A. I do stretches for 15 minutes each morning and at night for back since surgery in 1997. I walk for about an hour, 5 times a week.

Gary Hallberg

I conducted a telephone interview with Gary in which he gave me some enlightening thoughts of his about where a candidate needs to be with his game when considering attempting to qualify. In his words “anyone who cannot shoot between 62 and 64 on his home course, every time he plays, has very little chance of qualifying for the Champions Tour, 66 or 67 will not cut it. This is how good everyone out here is.” In 2010, Gary won a Champions Tour event, (Ensure Classic at Rock Barn) and although his words sound devastating to someone who may be considering this as his future, he may just be being realistic.

Summary

These were some of the answers from some of the pros from the past about how things were in the early days of the Champions Tour. Their physical and mental approach was most important, but because of many reasons, e.g. facilities, equipment, availability, and other reasons, probably foremost desire, their level of fitness was different than it is today.

In this research I had surveyed several other players (16 in all) from the past generation and most were on the same page when it came to expenses, equipment, their mental and physical approach, their desires, and how they approached the Champions Tour. Most of them had been on the regular PGA Tour, so this was a chance to continue playing competitively for a few more years.

A number of players, who were interviewed for the Past, have also been interviewed for the Present, as they continue to apply their skills competitively (Jim

Rutledge, Gary Hallberg, Allen Doyle, John Morse and Tom Wargo). From this point in this paper, the next step was to research the Present status of the Champions Tour.

THE CHAMPIONS TOUR – THE PRESENT

The interview questions were based on information gathered in my earlier interviews from the past. These earlier interviews suggested that the most relevant questions for my thesis were: how to get to the Tour, when do you start to prepare, how do you prepare, and is the mental and physical preparation today different than it was 10, 15 or 20 years ago.

The actual questions are as follows:

1. Tell me what you did to become a Champions Tour Player? Were you exempt because of your status on the PGA Tour, from the all-time money list, or did you go through “Q” School?
2. At what age did you start to prepare for the Champions Tour? Do you think this gave you sufficient time to prepare? At what age would you recommend to others to begin to prepare for the Champions Tour?
3. How did you prepare? Did you or do you have instructional, physical or mental staff?
4. If you are a person who has never played professionally, someone like a PGA of Canada Club Pro, and who wants to attempt to become a member of the Champions Tour, how would you suggest he goes about it?

5. Is the mental and physical preparation needed to be a member of the Tour in 2011 different than it was 10, 15, 20 years ago, and if so, how is it different?

All of the players interviewed were very receptive to these questions, and the answers received certainly indicate in which direction someone attempting to make it on the Tour has to go. There was a common theme amongst all the answers, and all of the 22 players who completed the questionnaire responded similarly to the same four important areas when pursuing membership in the Champions Tour.

Here are some of the answers from the cross-section of players who agreed to be interviewed, world-class players, players who struggled to make it, those who only have status as Monday qualifiers, club professionals who qualified and made it as members of the Champions Tour, and life-long amateurs who had a dream and were fortunate enough to see that dream fulfilled. Appendix A.

All the interviews were done with a voice tape recorder, and a friend Manny Savoy used his camera to video the players in still pictures and movie video with audio. Not one player refused our interviews and in some cases the players gave us more information than we actually asked for.

To become a member of this elite group of golfers is very hard to do, as indicated by the answers I received from everyone, “but not impossible.”

One of the questions I asked was, “when did you start to prepare,” and the answers were varied, but all with the same theme, such as “you cannot start soon enough,” and “I started to prepare for this when I was 5 years old, I have always been preparing for this.”

An exception to these words was Rod Spittle, the Canadian who had an outstanding career in the insurance field, but who had a dream about joining the Champions Tour, and at the age of 49, gave up his career to follow his dream to become a Professional golfer on the Champions Tour. Rod was an outstanding amateur who attended Ohio State on a golf scholarship, and who won back-to-back Canadian Amateur Championships in 1977 and 1978, and succeeded in getting a conditional status for the Tour when he attempted to qualify through “Q” School. The rest is history and a dream come true. It takes hard work and complete dedication, but it is possible to succeed on this circuit.

Themes Pertaining to this Thesis

Theme 1 – Prepare Physically

Quotes from the Champions Tour players were all in accordance with this statement, “Prepare Physically.”

John Morse, when he was interviewed said, “If you are not, become physically sound, in other words, get in shape.”

Tom Wargo who was a late bloomer said, “Stay physically fit through your 40’s, as it prepares you physically and mentally.”

Bruce Fleisher’s comment on this subject was, “You will have to be physically fit, with strength training a major part of that. Physically fit equals mentally fit.”

Tom Lehman's words of wisdom on this subject were, "Keep your game ready, and if you are not, get yourself physically fit."

Jim Rutledge in his interview added the following on this subject, "Yes it is different today, guys are taking care of themselves, physically and mentally."

Joe Daley had this to say, "The Tour today is different, guys are physically fit which makes them mentally fit."

Jerry Pate said, "I have a physically therapist to help me get physically fit."

Curtis Strange one of the Champions Tour players from the past had this to say about physically fitness, "I need to do more on flexibility, what I work on now is pretty much all cardiovascular."

Dave Barr from the past quoted, "I do stretches for 15 minutes in the morning and at night and I walk about 50 minutes to 1 hour, 5 days a week."

Theme 2 – Elevate Your Practice Routines

In conversation with the players one thing became very clear, that they all had elevated their practice routines.

Allen Doyle's comments on this subject said, "If you think you practice now, spend 5 times more time and effort as you think you should on practicing. You have to elevate your practice sessions to a competitive level."

Bobby Wadkins had this to say about practicing, "Work hard on your short game and practice and play at a competitive level."

Jim Rutledge summed it up with this statement, "Practice your butt off."

Donnie Hammond's comments were addressed to amateurs when he said, "If the person wishing to attempt to join the Champions Tour has never played professionally, he needs to spend 50% more time than normal in preparing."

Tom Wargo's answer on the subject of practicing was, "Practice a lot and go to "Q" School."

Bruce Vaughn was very realistic when he said, "Really good players are coming out from the regular PGA Tour these days, and everyone has to work harder to keep up."

Fulton Allen's assessment of evaluating your practice routines was, "Play as much as possible, and work with bad habits, no one is perfect."

Tom Lehman said, "Stay competitive, keep your game sharp, and work hard."

Tom Pernice Jr. who plays both the regular Tour and the Champions Tour said, "I still have a swing coach, mental coach, trainers and nutritionists."

Bobby Wadkins quote was, "Work hard on your short game, practice and play."

Peter Senior told me how a lot of these players feel "I stayed competitive and practiced hard."

Theme 3 – Play Competitive Tournaments

Throughout the interview, both past and present, the most common theme was "play competitive tournaments."

Jerry Pate a former U.S. Open Champion had this to say about this theme, "I advise competing in as many tournament as possible and prepare for "Q" School."

Bruce Vaughn advises that following, "I played the mini-tours the Nationwide Tour, and as many tournaments as possible to prepare for the Champions Tour."

Fulton Allem who was exempt but now has to qualify was giving good advice when he said, "Play as much competition as possible and have lost of heart, dedication and belief in yourself."

Dana Quigley a former club professional said, "Start early beat everyone, to do this you must have good competition."

Allen Doyle who was a good amateur before turning professional said, 'I played lots of amateur tournaments leading up to turning 50 years of age.

Keith Fergus was also in agreement with the idea of playing competitively leading up to the Champions Tour when he said, "Play in as many tournaments as possible."

Tom Lehman was adamant on this subject of playing competitive events, "You must get yourself tournament tough, playing in the best competition you can."

Tom Pernice Jr. said the same thing in these words, "Learn to compete."

Rod Spittle, one of our Canadian golfers who as been successful on the Champions Tour was quoted, "I worked hard on my game, while I played competitively."

Bobby Wadkins who has seen success on the Champions Tour said, “Go play golf and beat people.”

Gary Hallberg’s reply was, “Go shoot good scores, play as many tournaments as you can.”

Jim Rutledge, another successful Canadian had this to say about competitive play, “I kept playing competitively.”

Theme 4 – Begin To Prepare After You Turn 40 Years of Age.

Donnie Hammond who had been playing the regular Tour said, “I started preparing for the Champions Tour at 41 years of age.”

John Morse who felt he needed some time away from professional golf said, “I waited until 45 to get myself and my game in shape.”

Tom Wargo a former club professional who has success on the Champions Tour said, “I started preparing at age 46, but I stayed fit though the early 40’s and it also prepared me mentally.”

Allen Doyle who came from the amateur ranks said, "I played lots of amateur events, and really started to prepare at the age of 42."

Bob Tway a PGA Champion had a unique approach to when he started to prepare, as he said, "I started to prepare at age 5, when I first picked up a club, in other words, I never stopped preparing."

Gary Hallberg, who has won the past two years on the Champions Tour had a similar version of when he started to prepare as Bob Tway's when he commented, "I prepared my whole life, and the Champions Tour is an extension of this."

Keith Fergus also said, "I started to prepare the first time I picked up a golf club."

Bruce Fleisher who had a lot of success on the Champions Tour during his 50's said, "I started to get ready for the Champions Tour when I was 42, because I saw how much money was being made."

Summary of Results

The following is a table, which tells us how many of the 22 Professionals from the present era, who agreed to be interviewed, started to prepare. This time frame is from before age 40 to age 50.

AGE	NO. OF PROFESSIONALS
Before 40	9
40 – 42	3
43 – 45	2
46 – 47	3
48 – 50	5

The following table is relative to the Past and Present segments of this paper, and designates how many Professionals from each era have or have not used swing coaches and/or mental coaches.

PAST ERA	HAVE	HAVE NOT
Swing Coach/Mental Coach	5	10

PRESENT ERA	HAVE	HAVE NOT
Swing Coach/Mental Coach	13	7

(2 – no answer)

The results from 2008-2009-2010 “Q” School are found in Appendix B.

THE CHAMPIONS TOUR – THE FUTURE

The question for the future of the Champions Tour is where is this Tour going? Can it get better? Is there a future for top amateurs and club professionals on this Tour? The answers to these questions and others for the future, in my opinion, lie on the answers given by all of the Champions Tour players both from the Past and Present phases of this paper. If you have an above-average game and you have the desire to join this elite membership, here is how you should prepare.

1. Getting yourself in top physical condition for tomorrow's Tour is of the highest priority. As one of the professionals stated, "you don't see too many bellies out here now, everyone is in shape." Preparing your body physically will help to prepare your mind mentally.
2. Arrange a practice regime on a daily basis, and with an unlimited time frame, with the idea of preparing your golf swing to compete against the best older players in the world. You may need the services of a swing and mental coach to assist you.
3. Competitive golf of a high caliber is required. There are many mini-tours available, which will help you raise the level of your playing ability. Competition is a must to prepare.
4. Begin to prepare for this new career as soon as possible, any time after the age of 40, preferably.

Every year, as we have been told by the players, more and more quality players are coming out from the PGA Tour with winning records.

Appendix C contains a list of PGA Tour players for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 who will be turning 50 in these years and will be eligible to join the Champions Tour at that time. All of the multiple winners and those on the all-time money list will not have to qualify. Those players with a single win on the PGA Tour will have limited status, in other words they will probably be in the category of going through "Q" School to get their status, or Monday qualifying. As we can see, there are a lot of PGA Tour Professionals who have been very successful in their careers, who in the very near future will become eligible for the Champions Tour, along with all of the winners who are already on the this Tour.

The prize money on the PGA Tour has increased so dramatically over the past eleven years that the all-time money list has changed as well. So someone with multiple wins over this period would have earned far more money than someone from the Past. As an example, Jack Nicklaus in his 18 major wins earned \$639,886, Tiger Woods in his 14 major wins earned \$14,428,915. Reference: (Gorant and Mofit - 2011). These are staggering results, but the PGA Tour has indicated a special category, which gives status for numbers of victories as opposed to the money list. All of this just means it is going to be very difficult for an amateur or club professional to become a member of the Champions Tour. However several have made it, and there will likely be more, but you had better be special, play at a high level of competitive golf, and have a very strong work ethic.

Another thought for someone considering this new career, is the fact that your spouse or significant other will probably want to be a major part of this endeavor. When the parents are approaching 50, most of their children are young adults with families of

their own, so the opportunity for the parents to have quality time to themselves is a definite reality, and a chance to travel and share this experience together. Many of the wives of the players currently playing the Champions Tour travel with their husbands, and in fact they act as their bookkeepers, accountants, travel agents, and take a big load off the players shoulders by looking after all of these details.

CONCLUSION

In finding a conclusion to the research that was conducted on the subject “Golf after 50. Preparing for the Champions Tour”, several areas came through as being more prominent than others. The professionals who were interviewed (38), are in a very special category; they are the best senior players in the world. Some of them have achieved this status through years of playing on the PGA Tour, they have either earned enough money from this tour, had enough wins, or earned exemption through Qualifying School. Others who were club professionals have earned the right to be on the Champions Tour through “Q” School, and still others who were exceptional amateurs have also been able to become Champions Tour regulars through the qualifying process. All of these professionals are elite players, they can all win at any give tournament. What makes them the best? Why have they had success, when others have not?

In interviews both past and present, some common denominators surfaced to suggest reasons for their successes:

- 1) They all have and are continuing to prepare themselves physically.

They run, they walk as much as possible, most of them have a fitness program that is used on a regular basis, some of them have trainers they work with, and they all are doing some form of physical exercise to maintain strength and flexibility. In other words being fit physically is a must to gain access to this Tour, and to remain there. As one pro said, “in the old days we went to the bar after we played now we go to the fitness trailer and the range.” They all believe if you are physically fit you will be mentally fit. Conclusion number one: “Prepare yourself physically and mentally”

2) When we think about practicing, most golfers think about perhaps hitting a couple of large bucket of balls, with the idea of hurrying the process, without thoughts and targets, swing plane, alignment or too much of anything that means serious practice.

Champions Tour players, and those who are attempting to join this Tour are different. Most of these professionals practice at least 2 to 3 hours a day before they play, and then return to the range for 2 to 3 hours to practice again after they have played. This is done every day during the playing season. One professional interviewed hit balls for 6 hours before playing a Pro-Am, and then came back to the range for 2 hours afterwards, that is excessive but shows how much is sometimes required at this level. They all have a goal during their practice routine, alignment is big, swing plane has a high priority, and they are all totally target orientated. Every aspect of the game is worked on, but the main emphasis is driving the ball and short game. This is their work place and they take it very serious. Some have swing trainers, others use their caddies, and some have their wives or friends using cameras, but mainly they check to see that no bad or unusable habits are creeping in. In order to practice at this level, you require a high work ethic, and conclusion number one (physical fitness) goes hand in hand with conclusion number two, "elevate your practice routines"

3) Practice prepares you, but playing is the true way of finding out if you can compete competitively. As brought out in all of the interviews, playing in a competition is a must in order to test yourself under pressure.

Those players who played on the PGA Tour up to their mid 40's have a decided advantage competitively, but where do club professionals and elite amateurs go? There are mini-tours throughout the United States; we in Canada are fortunate to have the Canadian Tour to test ourselves; there are smaller tours as well. For example, Rod Spittle won several times on the Great Lakes Tour in southern Ontario, a tour that is still going strong, there are tournaments throughout Asia; and for those who can qualify there is the European Senior Tour. All of the professionals agreed that in order to play competitively you have to learn to overcome the pressure. Play in your Zone Championship, play in the

PGA of Canada Championship, find somewhere to play but in competitive tournaments. Conclusions number three: “play in competitive tournaments”.

4) Ten or fifteen years ago, players on the PGA Tour waited until their late 40’s before they become serious about the senior circuit, and those who were club professionals or the elite amateurs mainly did the same. The PGA Tour players routines, did not change, they played on the regular Tour until they were no longer competitive and then waited until their late 40’s before they commenced working on their game in preparation for the Champions Tour. Club professionals had no place to play as there were very few tours to play on. That has all changed. The number of tours, the caliber of players, and the amount of money they are competing for on the Champions Tour has dictated that anyone who wishes to play the senior circuit had better consider preparing sooner. The players who agreed to be interviewed all started earlier in their 40’s (from 40 to 45 was the most common time frame) and they all suggested that anyone (club professionals, elite amateurs) wishing to qualify for the Champions Tour should start to prepare at 40 years of age. That gives them ten years to get themselves in physical and mental condition, acquire an elevated practice routine, and learn to play under pressure by playing in competitive tournaments. Conclusion number four: “begin to prepare after you turn 40 years of age”.

1. Prepare physically and mentally
2. Elevate practice routines
3. Play in competitive tournaments
4. Begin to prepare after you turn 40 years of age

The future for the Champions Tour is very bright. The structure that is now in place, is guaranteeing that the Tour will continue to operate successfully for many years to come. If the next 20 years can show half as much advancement as the past 20 years, the Champions Tour will continue to give playing professionals from the PGA Tour, high caliber club professionals, and elite amateurs a chance to play golf at the highest level of competition well into their futures.

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Appendix A

The next section will report some of the answers from the players who succeeded in getting to this Tour in various ways, and their recommendations for those who wish to attempt to do the same.

Interview with **Donnie Hammond**:

1. Exempt through wins on Tour. Needs to qualify now.
2. Started preparing at 47 and 48 years of age. Recommends anyone contemplating the Champions to play important amateur events or mini tour events, the main point is compete at as high a level as you can.
3. He played PGA Tour events, and worked on his physical conditioning and dieting.
4. He recommends to anyone wanting to become a Champions Tour member to play as many tournaments as possible. If the person wishing to attempt this has never played professionally he needs to spend 50% more time than normal in preparing.
5. Today's tour is the same as in the past except the talent is deeper. There are now 40 or 50 guys who can win each week compared to a few years ago when there were only 10 or 15.

Interview with **Dan Talbot**: (Canadian)

1. He went through Tour or "Q" School.
2. He believes you should start to prepare when you are 40.
3. He has had no coaches, he plays strictly by feel.

4. Go out and compete against the best you can and as often as you can, in order to prepare yourself.
5. Dan feels the tour is better today, especially as the players are in such good shape physically.

Interview with **Jerry Pate**:

1. He was exempt under a special category for players from the Tour with multiple wins. He had 8 wins and 77 top tens during his career, but was not on the all-time money list because the prize money became so much greater. The Commissioner made a special category for these players because of their number of wins.
2. He started preparing at age 49, but would have started earlier except for major health issues.
3. The only staff Jerry has had is a physical therapist to help him with his recovery from surgery.
4. He advises compete in as many tournaments as possible and prepare for “Q” School.
5. He feels the tour is the same as in the past.

Interview with **John Morse** (The John Morse interview was especially interesting, as I was able to give him a suggestion that helped him with his swing):

1. He qualified through “Q” School.
2. Start preparing at age 45.

3. Become physically sound, in other words, “get in shape.”
4. Anyone attempting to join the Champions Tour will need a big heart, lots of luck as they are going to have a lot of hard knocks.
5. John gave me a great quote on this question, “I don’t know if it is, and if it is, it shouldn’t be.”

Interview with **Tom Wargo**:

1. He went through “Q” School. He became a club professional at age 38 and was a member of the PGA of America up until age 50.
2. He started to prepare at age 46. He recommends you stay physically fit through your 40’s as it also prepares you mentally.
3. He has had no support staff at anytime in his career.
4. His advice was practice a lot, and prepare yourself for “Q” School.
5. He feels the game has improved, scores are lower, and the players coming off the regular tour will dominate. Only special people with first class games will succeed against them.

Interview with **Bruce Vaughn**:

1. He went through “Q” School.
2. He quotes, “you have to have game to get here, there is no preparation you can do if you don’t.” He played the mini-tours, nationwide tour and as many tournaments as possible to prepare. He claims the courses are not short, they average 7,100-7,200 yards long.

3. He has had swing coaches from time to time, but has always been a range rat. He feels trial and error helps keep your swing and enables you to fix it when it goes wrong.
4. Work hard on having your swing repeat itself over and over.
5. There are really talented players coming out from the regular tour, so the older guys and newcomers are going to have to work harder to keep up.

Interview with **Bruce Fleisher** (I spoke to Bruce multiple times following the initial interviews):

1. Bruce started out as a club professional, and was able to qualify for the regular tour. After a few years of going back and forth from club pro to tour he became a member of the Champions Tour through “Q” School.
2. He felt he was very fortunate and said his timing was perfect. He started to get ready for the Champions when he was 42 because he saw how much money was being made and as he said, when he came to the tour there were three people he had to beat, Hale Irwin, Gil Morgan and Larry Nelson, and he added 50 sure beats the hell out of 60 at anytime. So at 50 he was competitive and ready.
3. When he turned 48 he went to sports psychologist, Dr. Bob Rotella, and he was asked, “What is your goal?” His answer was, “to become a great wedge player.” His thinking behind that statement was he could beat anyone if his short game was good. He certainly proved that to be true, because he gave me

the following statistic, he averaged 64 out of 78 players in driving distance, but at the same time was # 1 in birdie conversions.

4. For those who have aspirations for the Champions, you will have to be gifted to make it, and as a side note he said that being a professional golfer is a very selfish life, because it's all about you, but for those who relish this life, the possibilities are unlimited.
5. You will have to be physically fit, with strength training a major part of that, physically fit equals mentally fit.

Interview with **Fulton Allem**:

1. He belonged to the special winners category, but later had to go through "Q" School.
2. He was 48 when he started to prepare.
3. Play as much as possible is his advice. He claims you should work with your bad habits to improve your game, because as he said no one is perfect, everyone has faults.
4. To prepare oneself play as much competition as possible, and have lots of heart, dedication and belief in yourself.
5. Get in and be in shape, mentally and physically.

Interview with **J.L. Lewis**:

1. He was exempt from the all-time money list.

2. He started to prepare from the age of 10, because he wanted to play golf for a lifetime.
3. He has had a swing coach.
4. He had a good career on the regular tour and claims it will take a special person to make it on the Champions. He left a thought for us, "it takes three under each day out here to be competitive."
5. He claims the tour is much more competitive today than it was in the past.

Interview with **Allen Doyle**:

1. He was a good amateur and got on tour through "Q" School.
2. Played lots of amateur tournaments and really started preparing at the age of 42.
3. He has never used support staff, he claims he had his own system, but he worked very hard on the range, and still continues to do that today. Anyone who has seen Allen hit a golf ball knows he has a very short backswing and his forward swing reminds you of a hockey player taking a slap shot. He was a pretty good player with skates on.
4. Here is another off the street sort of guy who made it, and his advice is spend 5 times more time and effort as you think you should.
5. He feels the tour is better today than in the past. His comments were the same as others have said, "when I came out I had 10 guys to beat, 10 years in it was 20, then 40, and now it's the whole field."

Interview with **Tommy Armour III**:

1. He was exempt through the money list.
2. (This question was missed by the interviewer.)
3. Yes, he has support staff.
4. His answer to this question was “good luck.”
5. Kind of a different answer to this question. He feels the tour is the same because as he said, “the object is still to get the ball in the hole, however you can do that.”

Interview with **Dana Quigley**:

1. Dana was a very good club pro from the New England states, who played and won lots of club pro events. When he turned 50, he decided to try the Champions Tour through Monday qualifying, and he won his 8th event. From there he became very successful winning several times.
2. Dana feels if you are not prepared when you are turning 50, you never will be. He advises you play as many competitive tournaments as possible leading up to that.
3. He has had no swing coaches, but did consult and work with Dr. Bob Rotella, the sports psychologist. According to Dana, something Dr. Bob said to him clicked, and he became a winner because of it.
4. In order to prepare, Dana’s advice is start early long before you approach 50, play lots of competitive golf and be able to beat everyone.

5. Yes, the tour has changed from the past, today the scores are lower, and there are 70 guys who can win, in the old days there were 20.

Interview with **Keith Fergus**:

1. He had status from the regular tour, but was unable to maintain it and had to return to “Q” School.
2. He feels he started to prepare the first time he picked up a club.
3. He had a swing coach on the regular tour.
4. His advice to aspiring Champions Tour players is play as many tournaments as you can prior to attempting to qualify.
5. Yes, the tour today is better than in the past as there are more good players coming out than there were before.

Interview with **Bob Tway**:

1. He was exempt from the all-time money list on the PGA Tour.
2. He is another player who felt he started preparing at age 5, when he first picked up a club.
3. Bob has had a swing coach for both tours, and like he said, “there are still quite a few guys out here who play both tours, Couples, Lehman, Watson, Pernice and Pavin to name a few.”
4. He recommends to anyone wishing to become a Champions Tour member to go through “Q” School. He also makes it very clear that unless you are very good it is extremely difficult.

5. He feels this tour is more relaxed, "it's like the icing on the cake, a chance to play at a high level and still make money."

Interview with **Tom Lehman**:

1. He was exempt from the all-time money list.
2. He stayed competitive right up to the Champions Tour and suggests to everyone to "keep your game sharp and be prepared."
3. His only coach has been Jim Flick, the renowned teacher, and he repeated, "keep your game ready and if you are not, get yourself physically fit."
4. Tom's advice for those aspiring future Champions Tour pros is in his words, "get yourself tournament tough. Play in the best competition you possible can."
5. "The tour is the same today" he said, "you have to come prepared to play, and be physically and mentally fit, especially mentally."

Interview with **Tom Pernice**:

1. He is exempt from the all-time money list from the PGA Tour.
2. He still plays both tours. Half the time on one and half the time on the other.
3. He has the whole support staff system, a swing coach, Jim Hardy, a mental coach, trainers and nutritionists.
4. He suggests if you can't, learn to compete.
5. He doesn't know if the tour is different.

Interview with Rod Spittle (Canadian – His responses are of special interest to all those who have never played professionally, as he proved an amateur can compete with the professionals.):

1. He went through “Q” School and after working hard for three years he started to Monday qualify in order to get into some events and in the fall of 2010 he won an event, the San Antonio Tournament, so he has full status for 2011.
2. He played golf on a scholarship at Ohio State and after graduating he put the clubs away for a few years while he and his wife raised a family, and then he started to play and worked hard on his game, the proof of this was his winning the 1977 and 1978 Canadian Amateur titles, one of only a few to have won this national championship in back to back years. At the age of 45 he started to think of the Champions Tour, and started to work hard towards that goal. When he became 49 he decided it was time to change careers, and become a professional golfer. The rest is history and he has had a very successful year (2011) to this point, probably earning enough money to be exempt for 2012. In my conversation with him, he stated that it takes about \$650,000 per year to be exempt for the following year.
3. (This question was missed by the interviewer).
4. His advice is “stay competitive, play as much competition as you possible can.” There are a lot of good mini-tours out there and he suggests this is a great way to learn to compete.

5. Rod feels the tour is better, players can play longer, because their bodies have taken a toll with all the walking and constant swinging of the club. Today they are having hips and knees replaced and that can give them an additional 5 to 6 years on the tour.

Interview with **Bobby Wadkins**:

1. He was exempt because of the all-time money list.
2. He has played his whole life.
3. His only instructors have been his brother, Lanny, and a friend at home. His advice is, “go play golf and beat people.”
4. He believes you have to start preparing at age 40. Work hard on short game, and practice and play at a competitive level.
5. He says the tour is now different, in the old days the guys got together for a few drinks at the bar, now they come back to the practice tee after they play.

Interview with **Gary Hallberg**:

1. He got in on the special exemption for number of wins on the regular tour.
2. He has prepared and played his whole life, and the Champions Tour is an extension of this.
3. Gary has had no coaches in his career, he said, “I’ve been a family guy and I have made a point to work on the mental side of the game.”

4. Here was a different view of what it takes to play on this tour. “Get guys to sponsor you, make sure you shoot good scores, and play in as many tournaments as you can. If you can wake up at 2:00am and without a warm-up you can go hit a 2 iron 220 yards and high you just might have it. If you have to warm-up to do so, you may have a problem.”
5. He thinks the tour today is the same, but make sure you are in shape, and work on the mental side of the game.

Interview with **Jim Rutledge** (Canadian):

1. He went through “Q” School and placed 9th which gave him conditional status. 1-5 is exempt, 6-12 is conditional.
2. He prepared by continuing to play competitively. He had spent time on the PGA Tour.
3. He has had no coaches, he and friends get together and discuss their golf swings. His wife is his caddy, advisor and friend.
4. His advice is “practice your butt off.”
5. “Yes, it is different today, guys are taking care of themselves,” that was his answer to this question.

Interview with **Joe Daley**:

1. He went through “Q” School and now is a Monday qualifier.
2. He has had status since 1995, he never stopped playing, practicing, and he believes in healthy eating.

3. He has a swing coach.
4. You must play competitively, play in tournaments, eat well and get lots of rest.
5. The tour today is different, guys are physically fit which makes them mentally prepared.

Interview with **Peter Senior:**

1. He qualified through “Q” School, in fact he won it which gave him full status on tour.
2. At age 48 he began to work hard on his game in order to be ready at age 50.
3. He has a coach who helped him put a program together for him to follow. So far it has been very successful.
4. His advice is play a lot of competitive golf.

He feels the tour is tougher as there are more players who play at a high level.

APPENDIX B: CHAMPIONS Q-SCHOOL RESULTS – 2008-2010

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Tournament Summary
Champions Tour Q-School



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Winner: Robert Thompson Nov 18-21, 2008 Purse: \$200,000
TPC Eagle Trace Coral Springs, FL Par/Verdage: 36-36--72 6961 yds.

Year: **2008** Round: Final

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Pos	Player	Score					Earnings
		Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Total	
1	Robert Thompson	69	73	69	70	281/-7	30,000.00
2	John Morse	67	69	74	72	282/-6	20,000.00
3	Tom McKnight	76	74	68	73	289/-3	16,000.00
T4	Ronnie Black	73	73	67	73	286/-2	14,000.00
T4	James Mason	72	73	68	73	286/-2	14,000.00
T4	Steve Thomas	68	80	67	71	286/-2	14,000.00
7	Mike San Filippo	70	76	68	73	287/-1	10,000.00
8	Jay Don Blake	71	71	70	76	288/E	9,000.00
T9	Tim Conley	76	69	68	76	289/1	7,500.00
T9	David Ogrin	71	72	70	76	289/1	7,500.00
T11	Jim Chancey	71	72	76	71	290/2	4,000.00
T11	Russ Cochran	71	76	73	70	290/2	4,000.00
T11	Kirk Henefeld	70	79	70	71	290/2	4,000.00
T11	Mike Lawrence	73	72	74	71	290/2	4,000.00
T15	Jeff Roth	72	77	69	73	291/3	2,500.00
T15	Chris Starkjohann	72	71	74	74	291/3	2,500.00
T17	Curt Byrum	72	74	71	78	292/4	2,500.00
T17	Kim Young	72	71	78	71	292/4	2,500.00
19	Mark James	74	72	74	73	293/5	2,500.00
T20	T.C. Chen	77	75	68	74	294/6	2,500.00
T20	Jack Frenz	71	78	69	76	294/6	2,500.00
T20	John Harris	76	74	72	72	294/6	2,500.00
T20	Javier Sanchez	72	78	69	75	294/6	2,500.00
T20	Ron Streck	72	75	74	73	294/6	2,500.00
T20	Jerry Vidovic	74	72	76	72	294/6	2,500.00
T26	Mark Balen	71	76	78	70	295/7	2,500.00
T26	Greg Hickman	74	76	74	71	295/7	2,500.00
T26	Masay Kuramoto	72	73	74	76	295/7	2,500.00
T26	Andy Morse	75	75	69	76	295/7	2,500.00
T30	Mike Donald	73	75	71	77	296/8	2,500.00
T30	Mike Hulbert	73	73	74	76	296/8	2,500.00
T30	Rick Karboweki	75	76	72	73	296/8	2,500.00
T30	Mike Smith	73	75	71	77	296/8	2,500.00
T30	Terry Snodgrass	60	70	74	72	296/8	2,500.00
T35	Jerry Courville	75	79	70	73	297/9	
T35	Mark W. Johnson	68	71	77	81	297/9	
T35	Juan Quiros	71	76	78	72	297/9	
T36	Randy Nichols - a	74	75	72	77	298/10	
T36	Harry Taylor	75	79	72	72	298/10	

T36	Paul Trittler	76	69	76	77	298/10
T38	Gary Trivisonno	72	76	71	79	298/10
T42	Yvan Beauchemin	74	77	73	75	299/11
T42	Daniel Talbot	78	72	76	73	299/11
T42	John Wilson	73	75	76	75	299/11
T45	Tom Costello, III	76	80	69	75	300/12
T45	Jon Fiedler	71	73	81	75	300/12
T45	Jim Kane	76	75	76	73	300/12
T45	Clarence Rose	76	73	75	76	300/12
T45	Matt Seitz	78	71	73	78	300/12
T45	Henry White	73	80	72	75	300/12
T51	Bert Atkinson - a	74	76	75	76	301/13
T51	Tom T. Bryant Jr.	78	81	72	70	301/13
T51	Norm Jarvis	72	76	74	79	301/13
T51	Dennis Tritler	78	76	72	75	301/13
T55	Quinn Griffing	75	74	78	75	302/14
T55	Gary Hallberg	74	78	76	74	302/14
57	Rich Weston	78	70	75	80	303/15
T58	Adam Adams	77	78	74	75	304/16
T58	Mitch Adams	71	80	77	76	304/16
T58	Jon Chaffee	77	73	74	80	304/16
T58	Tom Herzen	74	81	72	77	304/16
T58	Barry Jaackel	80	79	73	72	304/16
63	Steve B. Parker	77	78	74	77	306/18
T64	Jim Ahern	76	75	77	79	307/19
T64	Tom Dawson	75	75	78	79	307/19
T64	Jon Stanley	76	77	74	80	307/19
T64	Craig Steinberg	75	76	76	80	307/19
T68	Sebastian Franco	76	76	79	77	308/20
T68	Donnie Hammond	77	77	71	83	308/20
70	Bruce Zabriski	81	77	76	76	310/22
71	John Graham	76	80	83	77	316/28
W/D	Dave Rummella	73	75	73		221/5
W/D	Kenny Knox	79	77	70		226/10
W/D	Mickey Yokoi	73	79	79		231/15
W/D	Mac O'Grady	76	80	83		239/23
W/D	Buzz Peel - a	76	83	80		239/23
W/D	Phil Blackmar	76	77			153/9
W/D	Chris Tucker	78	81			159/15

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Tournament Summary

Champions Tour Q-School

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Winner: Peter Senior Nov 17-20, 2009 Purses: \$200,000
 TPC Scottsdale (Champions) Scottsdale, AZ Par/Vardage: 35-36--71 6943 yds.

Year: **2009** Round: Final[View All Player History](#)

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1	Peter Senior	68	68	68	68	267/-17	30,000.00
T2	Ronnie Black	69	67	64	70	270/-14	18,000.00
T2	Steve Haskins	68	68	68	74	270/-14	18,000.00
T2	Joe Ozeki	67	69	68	66	270/-14	18,000.00
T5	Kirk Hanefeld	69	66	67	70	272/-12	13,000.00
T5	Bruce Vaughn	67	68	68	69	272/-12	13,000.00
T5	Jim Roy - a	68	68	73	66	272/-12	
T8	R.W. Eaks	66	72	66	69	273/-11	9,000.00
T8	Jack Ferenz	67	68	67	71	273/-11	9,000.00
T8	John Ross	68	68	70	70	273/-11	9,000.00
T11	Curt Byrum	68	68	68	73	274/-10	4,250.00
T11	Fred Holton	66	72	67	69	274/-10	4,250.00
T11	Chien Soon Lu	65	74	69	68	274/-10	4,250.00
T11	Rich Parker	72	66	68	68	274/-10	4,250.00
T11	Jim Rutledge	71	69	68	66	274/-10	4,250.00
T11	Rod Spittle	71	67	66	70	274/-10	4,250.00
T17	Robin Freeman	68	68	67	72	278/-9	2,500.00
T17	Quinn Griffing	71	72	63	68	278/-9	2,500.00
T17	David Peoples	68	68	69	70	278/-9	2,500.00
T20	Jay Don Blake	68	74	67	67	276/-8	2,500.00
T20	Terry Burke	68	68	71	72	276/-8	2,500.00
T20	Jeff Hart	70	70	67	69	276/-8	2,500.00
T20	Ron Streck	68	70	68	70	276/-8	2,500.00
T24	Chip Beck	70	69	70	70	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Keith Clearwater	68	68	74	69	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Trevor Dodds	71	68	70	70	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Jeff Klein	70	68	69	72	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Glenn Ralph	74	68	73	64	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Javier Sanchez	71	70	68	72	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Ted Schulz	69	68	73	72	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Robert Thompson	73	70	69	67	279/-5	2,500.00
T24	Paul Trittler	71	69	67	72	279/-5	2,500.00
T33	Jeff Roth	71	70	69	70	280/-4	
T33	Mike Smith	72	72	68	68	280/-4	
T33	Chris Starkjohann	68	71	71	70	280/-4	
T33	Pat Thompson - a	68	70	72	70	280/-4	
T37	Mitch Adams	69	68	70	74	281/-3	
T37	John Morse	71	74	71	68	281/-3	
T37	Boonchu Ruangkit	73	68	71	69	281/-3	

T37	Steve Thomas	66	73	69	73	281/-3
T41	Yvan Beauchemin	69	71	72	70	282/-2
T41	Jerry Courville	74	69	69	72	282/-2
T41	John Harris	70	69	72	72	282/-2
T41	John Wilson	70	70	66	76	282/-2
45	Michael Turner	68	70	75	72	285/1
T46	Jim Blair	72	71	69	74	286/2
T46	Stu Ingraham	69	74	69	74	286/2
T46	Mark W. Johnson	69	72	71	74	286/2
T46	Warren N. Jurkowitz	73	72	71	70	286/2
T46	Dave Rummells	70	72	72	72	286/2
T46	Roy Stewart	75	70	68	73	286/2
T52	Jon Chaffee	73	71	69	75	287/3
T52	Bobby Clampett	71	74	75	67	287/3
T52	James Mason	74	73	69	71	287/3
T52	Mike Nicolette	74	69	69	75	287/3
T56	John Adams	72	70	71	75	288/4
T56	Tim Conley	75	72	74	67	288/4
T56	Rick Lewallen	70	69	73	76	288/4
T59	Tom Eubank	72	68	71	78	289/5
T59	Tom McKnight	72	71	71	75	289/5
T59	Jack Spradlin	71	72	70	76	289/5
T62	Mark Balen	71	77	72	70	290/6
T62	Jim Chancey	75	71	69	75	290/6
T62	Mike Lawrence	74	69	70	77	290/6
T62	Ken Martin	76	72	72	70	290/6
T62	Peter O'Hagan	72	75	68	75	290/6
T62	Jack Slayton	71	70	75	74	290/6
T66	Paul J. Daniels	75	74	70	72	291/7
T68	Gary Halberg	68	77	72	74	291/7
70	Tom Herzan	76	72	69	75	292/8
71	Tim Matthews	73	73	72	75	293/9
T72	Ben Boudreau	73	74	71	77	295/11
T72	Bob Niger	75	75	75	70	295/11
74	Roy Vucnich	76	74	76	70	296/12
75	Ron Schroeder	61	70	72	78	301/17
W/D	Wayne Grady	69	76	69		214/1
W/D	Denis Watson	74	70			144/2
W/D	Gerry James	70	81			151/9

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CHAMPIONS TOUR

Tournament Summary
Champions Tour Q-School
Print 

Activate/Deactivate Multiple Scorecards

Winner: Keith Clearwater Nov 16-19, 2010 Purses: \$200,000
 TPC Eagle Trace Coral Springs, FL Par/Yardage: 36-36--72 6961 yds.

Year: **2010** Rounds: Final
 Show Hole by Hole Scores

View All Player History

Pos	Player	Score					Earnings
		Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Total	
1	Keith Clearwater	68	69	69	72	278/-16	30,000.00
T2	Phil Blackmar	67	71	69	68	275/-13	16,000.00
T2	Frankie Minoza	66	68	74	67	275/-13	16,000.00
T2	Lee Rinker	68	69	66	72	275/-13	16,000.00
T8	Roger Chapman	70	67	70	69	276/-12	12,000.00
T5	John Morse	67	72	66	71	276/-12	12,000.00
T5	Robert Thompson	72	69	66	69	276/-12	12,000.00
T8	Mark Moulard	69	74	69	66	278/-10	8,500.00
T8	Jim Rutledge	70	69	69	70	278/-10	8,500.00
T10	Steve Haskins	74	69	69	67	279/-9	6,500.00
T10	J.L. Lewis	66	72	71	70	279/-9	6,500.00
T12	Trevor Dodds	71	66	70	75	282/-6	3,750.00
T12	Fred Holton	67	70	70	75	282/-6	3,750.00
T14	Joe Daley	68	72	71	72	283/-5	2,500.00
T14	Barry Lane	71	69	72	71	283/-5	2,500.00
T14	Tim Simpson	79	66	69	69	283/-5	2,500.00
T17	Damon Green	74	67	72	71	284/-4	2,500.00
T17	Warren N. Jurkowitz	71	70	72	71	284/-4	2,500.00
T17	Rick Karbowski	69	70	70	75	284/-4	2,500.00
T17	James Mason	68	71	73	72	284/-4	2,500.00
T17	Sonny Skinner	68	70	71	75	284/-4	2,500.00
T17	Chris Starkjohann	70	68	73	73	284/-4	2,500.00
T23	Mitch Adcock	71	70	72	72	285/-3	2,500.00
T23	Bobby Clampett	73	75	68	71	285/-3	2,500.00
T23	Jay Delsing	69	73	71	72	285/-3	2,500.00
T23	Boonchu Ruangkit	72	70	71	72	285/-3	2,500.00
T23	Willie Wood	74	71	68	72	285/-3	2,500.00
T26	Robin Byrd	72	72	71	71	286/-2	2,500.00
T26	Tom Byrum	72	71	68	75	286/-2	2,500.00
T26	Anders Forsbrand	72	72	70	72	286/-2	2,500.00
T26	Craig Stevens	71	71	72	72	286/-2	2,500.00
T26	Bruce Vaughan	71	69	73	73	286/-2	2,500.00
T26	Kim Young	71	67	71	77	286/-2	2,500.00
T34	Ronnie Black	73	68	73	73	287/-1	
T34	Tom McKnight	69	72	72	74	287/-1	
T34	Matt Seitz	70	72	71	74	287/-1	
T37	Jim Chancey	72	71	74	71	288/E	
T37	Paul Curry	75	68	74	71	288/E	

T37	Mike Goodes	73	71	76	69	288/E
T37	Mark W. Johnson	73	72	73	70	288/E
T37	Mike Lawrence	75	69	69	75	288/E
T37	Ken Martin	70	73	71	74	288/E
T37	Bob Nizer	72	70	74	72	288/E
T44	Adam Adams	71	78	72	68	289/1
T44	Jack Ferenz	72	71	75	71	289/1
T44	Gene Jones	73	69	73	74	289/1
T44	John Ross	74	70	74	71	289/1
T44	Javier Sanchez	73	74	72	70	289/1
49	Jeff Hart	69	71	77	73	290/2
T50	Fulton Allam	73	73	69	76	291/3
T50	Robert Nelson - a	73	73	71	74	291/3
T50	Gary Trivisonno	72	79	69	72	291/3
T53	Greg Bruckner	75	74	71	72	292/4
T53	Mike Donald	75	69	68	80	292/4
T53	Dick Mast	71	75	72	74	292/4
56	Dave Rummells	72	73	72	76	293/5
T57	Kirk Hanefeld	74	76	72	72	294/6
T57	Pat Laverly	79	72	72	71	294/6
T57	Jeff Thomsen	73	71	72	78	294/6
T60	Mark Balen	73	78	73	74	295/7
T60	Lee Chill	71	77	75	72	295/7
T60	Jon Fiedler	71	69	74	81	295/7
T60	Blaine McCallister	79	70	73	73	295/7
T60	Jim Roy	76	71	72	76	295/7
T60	Mike San Filippo	79	69	72	75	295/7
65	Mark Faulkner	74	73	72	77	296/8
67	Quinn Griffing	73	71	74	79	297/9
T69	Jung K. Kim	68	72	79	79	298/10
T69	Krishna Singh	73	72	76	77	298/10
70	Mark Carnevale	74	78	73	77	299/11
T71	Jim Karr	78	74	79	76	301/13
T71	Steve Thomas	75	76	70	80	301/13
T73	Kris Baxter	74	76	79	73	302/14
T73	Greg Whisman	75	74	74	79	302/14
75	Mike Beaver	80	72	76	76	304/16
W/D	Lewis Stephansen - a	79	77	77		233/17
W/D	R.W. Baks	70	74			144/E
W/D	Jim Blair	74	83			157/13

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APPENDIX C: ELIGIBLE CHAMPIONS TOUR PLAYERS 2011-2014

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Prospective Members

2011

- Jim Gallagher, Jr. (March 24, 1981)
- Mark Brooks (March 25, 1981)
- Steve Pate (May 28, 1981)
- John Huston (June 1, 1981)
- Jim Carter (June 24, 1981)
- Brad Faxon (August 1, 1981)
- Chris Perry (September 27, 1981)
- Joel Edwards (November 22, 1981)

Mark Brooks
2011Steve Pate
2011John Huston
2011Brad Faxon
2011

2012

- Stan Utley (January 16, 1982)
- Kirk Triplett (March 29, 1982)
- Andrew Magee (March 22, 1982)
- Brandel Chamblee (July 2, 1982)
- Fred Wadsworth (July 17, 1982)
- Duffy Waldorf (August 20, 1982)
- Gene Sauers (August 22, 1982)
- Rick Fehr (August 28, 1982)
- Neal Lancaster (September 13, 1982)
- Dennis Paulson (September 27, 1982)
- Brian Henninger (October 19, 1982)

The following international players will turn 50 in the coming years:

- Mark Roe/England (February 20, 1983)
- Greg Turner/New Zealand (February 21, 1983)
- Paul Way/England (March 12, 1983)
- Colin Montgomerie/Scotland (June 23, 1983)

2013

- Bart Bryant (November 18, 1982)
- John Inman (November 26, 1982)
- Steve Elkington (December 8, 1982)
- Rocco Mediate (December 17, 1982)
- Vijay Singh (February 22, 1983)
- Billy Ray Brown (April 5, 1983)
- Jose Coceres (August 14, 1983)
- Jim Banepe (October 24, 1983)

2014

- Billy Andrade (January 25, 1984)
- Woody Austin (January 27, 1984)
- Jeff Maggert (February 20, 1984)
- Joe Durant (April 7, 1984)
- Davis Love III (April 13, 1984)

- Stephen Ames (April 28, 1984)
- Paul Goydos (June 20, 1984)
- Kevin Sutherland (July 4, 1984)
- Scott Verplank (July 9, 1984)
- Lee Janzen (August 28, 1984)
- Skip Kendall (September 9, 1984)

APPENDIX D: 2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT –
ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS

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WELCOME TO THE 2011 Champions Tour QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 at 5:00pm EDT

Applications to Enter must be received by the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament at PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5:00 pm EDT on the applicable entry deadline, Wednesday, October 5, 2011 *Without Exception*.

Entries by telephone, telegraph, facsimile or e-mail are **NOT** acceptable. An Application to Enter must be completely executed for an applicant to be entered in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

2011 Champions Tour, 2011 PGA TOUR and 2011 Nationwide Tour members may submit an Application to Enter via PGA TOUR LINKS. Applicants who have played in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament in the previous five (5) years (2006 thru 2010) may submit an Application to Enter online at pgatour.com. All other applicants must submit a hard (paper) copy application to Enter.

Payment in U.S. Funds must accompany an Application to Enter. Acceptable forms of payment are:

Hard (paper) copy Application to Enter: Cashiers Check or Money Order, made payable to PGA TOUR, Inc. (Corporate or third party checks are not accepted).

Online Application to Enter: Visa or MasterCard in the name of the applicant.

NOTE:

The online entry application process is not complete until a screen is displayed indicating "Your entry application to the Champions Tour Qualifying Tournament has been submitted." Please note that this screen does not mean your entry has been accepted, only that your entry application has been submitted.

[Click Here](#) for the printable PDF version of the application.

[Click Here](#) to complete the online application...

Champions Tour Application Form

Please Read the Terms and Conditions of the Online Entry Application for the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and agree to the Terms and Conditions below.

If you have any questions, please contact the Champions Tour at PGA TOUR Headquarters at 904-285-3700. The printable application is available [here](#).

Applications to Enter must be received by the Champions Tour at PGA TOUR Headquarters prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time October 5th, 2011 Without Exception. An Application to Enter must be completely executed for an applicant to be entered in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

2011 Champions Tour, 2011 PGA TOUR and 2011 Nationwide Tour members may submit an Application to Enter via PGA TOUR Links.

Applicants who have played in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament in the previous five (5) years (2006 through 2010) may submit an Application to Enter online at [pgatour.com](#). All other applicants must submit a hard (paper) copy Application to Enter.

Payment in U.S. Funds must accompany an Application to Enter.

Entry fee payment by cashier's check or money order is only acceptable with submission of a hard copy Application to Enter.

Entry fee payment by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) in the applicant's name (no third party) is only acceptable with submission of the on-line Application to Enter.

An applicant must be a professional or highly skilled amateur golfer who is at least 50 years of age on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full field open tournament of the Champions Tour 2012 season. A certified or notarized birth certificate must accompany or be on file with the Champions Tour for each applicant. Amateurs who meet the above age criteria are entitled to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, provided any amateur finishing among the top twelve (12) finishers at the Final Qualifying Stage must forfeit their amateur status to play the Champions Tour. An amateur finishing among the top 30 and tied for 30th position at the Final Qualifying Stage must forfeit their amateur status to play in a Champions Tour Event Qualifier.

Although membership in the Champions Tour is based principally on this competition, the Champions Tour reserves the right to apply reasonable criteria other than performance in this competition (including but not limited to; character; conduct; financial responsibility; etc.) to all applicants. Based on all such factors, the Champions Tour in its sole discretion will determine whether to extend any applicant an invitation to join the Champions Tour.

If an applicant successfully qualifies and agrees to accept such invitation to participate in Champions Tour tournaments and/or Champions Tour Qualifiers, applicant agrees to pay the fees and dues and abide by the Champions Tour Tournament Regulations in consideration of all the rights and privileges of such access. The applicant also understands that this application may at any time be rejected (including during the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament) by the Champions Tour. Conduct unbecoming a professional or noncompetitive performance in previous Champions Tour tournaments or any level of the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament may be a basis for the rejection of an Application to Enter.

The responsibility for ensuring that an Application to Enter the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament is received by the Champions Tour at PGA TOUR headquarters no later than the applicable entry deadline and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. Champions Tour does not make any guarantee that an Application to Enter submitted via the online entry method will be received by the Champions Tour or received in a timely manner. Champions Tour shall have no responsibility or liability with respect to any delay and/or error in transmission. If an entry application is received after the date and time of the applicable entry deadline, the entry will be rejected. Applications to Enter submitted with incorrect or insufficient information may not be transmitted. Applications to Enter should be submitted early to allow for delay in delivery and for the correction of any errors/deficiencies. The online Application to Enter process is not complete until a screen is displayed indicating "Your Application to Enter the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament has been submitted." Please note that this screen does not mean your entry has been accepted, only that your Application to Enter has been submitted.

Upon receipt of a completely executed Application to Enter, notification confirming the applicant's entry into the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and their qualifying site assignment will be e-mailed to applicants who provide an e-mail address or otherwise sent via U.S. Postal Service. Champions Tour is not responsible and has no liability for the timely delivery via e-mail or the U.S. Postal Service. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify their status in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament. Each applicant will be assigned a qualifying site in the order of their preference based upon space availability at the time such applicant is assigned a qualifying site; provided, however that assignment to qualifying sites shall be at the discretion of the Champions Tour.

A third party designee is a person whom an applicant allows to submit an online entry application on their behalf. If a third party designee is completing the online entry application on behalf of an applicant, the applicant must authorize the third party designee to apply for entry on their behalf, according to the process below:

1. The applicant must sign a completed Application to Enter prior to the third party designee making the online application. A copy of the signed Application to Enter must be retained in the third party designee's files and be produced to the Champions Tour upon request.
2. The applicant must sign a statement that the applicant is authorizing the third party designee to apply for entry on the applicant's behalf. A copy of the signed statement must be retained in the third party designee's files and be produced to the Champions Tour upon request.
3. The email address or physical address provided for the applicant during the online application will be used for the confirmation number and assignment of qualifying site (if applicable). No such notice will be sent to the third party designee.

The Champions Tour reserves the right to change the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and schedule from that presently contemplated.

By submission of this entry, applicant hereby agrees to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and agrees to the following:

- I agree to the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament regulations and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of insuring this application is received by the Champions Tour by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if it is received by the Champions Tour after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and the Champions Tour has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the application must be completely executed before I will be entered in the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

I agree to the terms and conditions of the Qualifying Tournament Application.



Procedures & Information:

General: Each Event Qualifier (and Pre-Qualifier as described below) will be conducted for all open, full-field tournaments by the respective local PGA of America Section and managed by the Champions Tour. The Rules of the USGA govern play, as modified by the Champions Tour. An allotment of Champions Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition ("Hard Cards") will be available to competitors on-site. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.

Event Qualifier Eligibility: The Event Qualifier will be limited to professional players aged 50+ in the following categories:

1. **Tournament Winners** (PGA TOUR and Champions Tour - official victories and players eligible under the PGA TOUR Team Tournament Winner Category)
2. **Veteran Members** (150 or more PGA TOUR Career Cuts or 100 or more Champions Tour Career Top 45 finishes, or 150 or more combined PGA TOUR Career Cuts and Champions Tour Career Top 45 finishes)
3. **Those players finishing 75th or better on the 2008 Champions Tour Official Money List.**
4. **Top 30 + ties from the 2008 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament**
5. **A maximum of six (6) players from the Pre-Qualifier**

Each Event Qualifier will be conducted at 18 holes of stroke play. A maximum of the low four (4) scorers from the Event Qualifier will gain entry into the Official Tournament in accordance with applicable Champions Tour policies and procedures. There will be no alternates from the Event Qualifier. A Sudden-Death playoff will commence immediately following play in the event of ties to determine the qualifying positions. The number of Event Qualifier spots available (if less than 4) will be posted prior to the commencement of play of the Event Qualifier.

Note 1: Top Ten Advance Category: If not otherwise exempt into the field at the commitment deadline, a maximum of one player finishing in 10th place or tied for 10th place in the immediately preceding event will advance into the next Champions Tour open, full-field cosponsored event, reducing Event Qualifying spots by one (1).

Note 2: In the event that tournaments are scheduled in successive weeks, any player who played in the preceding week's Champions Tour event shall be eligible for the Event Qualifier on the Monday or Tuesday immediately following.

Entries: Deadline for receipt of entries by eligible players for the Event Qualifier shall be 5:00p.m. (local tournament site time) on the Friday preceding the Event Qualifier. All players must enter by the applicable deadline. No phone entries will be accepted. Faxes and on-line entries can be accepted at the discretion of the respective Section.

Pre-Qualifier: A Pre-Qualifier will precede all Event Qualifiers (likely played the week prior to the Event). The Pre-Qualifier shall be open to all amateurs and professionals aged 50+ on the day of the Pre-Qualifier and will be conducted at 18 holes of stroke play competition. Field size shall be limited to 144 players. All entries will be prioritized on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Should the number of entries received on a respective day cause the field limit to be exceeded, the field will be completed and alternates placed via blind draw by the Section. Deadline and format for receipt of entries for the Pre-Qualifier shall be set forth by the respective Section but shall be no less than two days prior to the date of the Pre-Qualifier.

A maximum of the low six (6) scorers from the Pre-Qualifier will gain entry into the Event Qualifier. (Note: At the host Section's discretion, one of the six spots may be allocated amongst its Section membership). There shall be no alternates from the Pre-Qualifier. Should one of the low six (6) scorers from the Pre-Qualifier not be able to participate in the Event Qualifier, he will not be replaced with an alternate from the Pre-Qualifier. The number of Pre-Qualifier spots available (whether 5 or 6) from each respective competition will be posted prior to the commencement of play of the Pre-Qualifier.

Amateur Access: The Event Qualifier is open to professionals only, age 50 and over. Amateurs are permitted to enter and compete in the Pre-Qualifier and maintain their amateur status. However, should an amateur competing in the Pre-Qualifier successfully qualify for the Event Qualifier, amateur status will be forfeited prior to entering the Event Qualifier. Amateurs who become professional specifically to enter the Event Qualifier and are not successful in qualifying may apply to the USGA for reinstatement of amateur status.

Proof of Age: Players who enter either the Pre-Qualifier or Event Qualifier must be prepared to provide conclusive proof of age as deemed acceptable to the Champions Tour (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate) with the application. The PGA Section shall be responsible for verifying that entrants for the Pre-Qualifier are age 50 and over.

Entry Fees (non-refundable):

\$100 -- All players entering the Event Qualifier (Successful Qualifiers and those who gain access to the Tournament as an alternate, provided they played in the Event Qualifier, will not be subject to an additional entry fee into the Official Tournament.)

\$150 -- Players entering the Pre-Qualifier who are current Associate Members of the Champions Tour or Class A members of the PGA of America. (Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)

\$200 -- All other players entering the Pre-Qualifier (Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)

Note: An additional \$20.00 insurance fee is required from those players who are not members of the PGA of America.

Performance Guidelines: If a player fails to perform at a reasonable competitive level, the Champions Tour reserves the right to remove said player from the competition, or deny future entries, without any refund of entry fee. An excessive number of "no card" tournaments by a player may result in future entries being denied.

Groove Specifications: Event Qualifying contestants **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the 2010 Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented in the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (Hard Card). This condition shall **NOT** apply to Pre-Qualifying. The complete specifications for grooves in elite competitions along with a public database listing conformity of many clubs can be found at USGA.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (808) 234-2300. Players should confirm that their equipment conforms to the new specifications well in advance of the competition and should be aware that conforming equipment must be used in Event Qualifying, even if a player is successful in pre-qualifying with non-2010 conforming grooves.

If, before or during the competition, a player has doubt as to the conformity of a club, PGA Section officials will attempt to determine the status of the club(s), but play will not be delayed in doing so. There will be no on-site field testing for groove conformity at Event Qualifying. In the event conformity is still in question and this affects which players advance through the qualifying, the club(s) will be taken to the tournament site for testing. Should the player be disqualified as a result of the test, the Event Qualifying spot(s) will be replaced by the next player(s) on the Champions Tour alternate list.

In the event that it is discovered that a player's club(s) do not conform after the close of the competition, the provisions of Rule 34 of the Rules of Golf shall apply.

Motorized Transportation (Golf Carts): In keeping with current Champions Tour Policy at its Official Tournaments, players are permitted to use golf carts during the Event Qualifier and Pre-Qualifier, unless conditions dictate otherwise by Champions Tour Staff on-site. Players are not required to have a caddy but have the option to have one should they elect. A player may also walk and carry his clubs or use a manual or electric pull cart.

Tee Times: Groupings and tee times will be established after the close of the respective Entry Deadlines and should be available by calling the Qualifying Event site(s) no more than one day prior to the respective events.

Appearance / Conduct: Players: While on the host facility property, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and grooming. Clothing worn by players shall be consistent with acceptable golf fashion. Blue jeans, shorts and/or cutoffs and T-shirts are considered inappropriate.

Caddies: While on the host facility property, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs and T-shirts are not allowed. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Golf shoes with traditional metal or soft spikes are prohibited.

A player or caddy conducting himself in a manner unbecoming a professional could result in the removal from the competition and/or disciplinary action from Champions Tour. The conduct of his caddy is the responsibility of each player.

Champions Tour Tournament Regulations prohibit the use of cellular phones during competition.

Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines: Any reduction or cancellation in the respective Qualifying events shall be in accordance with Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines as found in the Champions Tour Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations. In the event that the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees and insurance will be refunded. In the event the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus the \$20 insurance fee, if any, and a \$25 administrative charge. Champions Tour reserves the right to change the format, venue(s), qualifying spots and other criteria as presently contemplated.

For further information, please call Champions Tour Headquarters at (804) 288-3700.

APPENDIX E: APPLICATION TO ENTER 2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR NATIONAL
QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT



APPLICATION TO ENTER
2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR
NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 at 5:00pm EDT

Applications to Enter must be received by the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament at PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5:00 pm EDT on the applicable entry deadline, Wednesday, October 5, 2011 *Without Exception*. Entries by telephone, telegraph, facsimile or e-mail are **NOT** acceptable. An Application to Enter must be completely executed for an applicant to be entered in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

2011 Champions Tour, 2011 PGA TOUR and 2011 Nationwide Tour members may submit an Application to Enter via PlayerLinks. Applicants who have played in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament in the previous five (5) years (2006 thru 2010) may submit an Application to Enter online at pgatour.com. All other applicants must submit a hard (paper) copy Application to Enter.

Payment in U.S. Funds must accompany an Application to Enter. Acceptable forms of payment are:

Hard (paper) copy Application to Enter: Cashiers Check or Money Order, made payable to PGA TOUR, Inc. (Corporate or third party checks are not accepted).

Online Application to Enter: Visa or MasterCard in the name of the applicant.

Applicants must be a professional or highly skilled amateur golfer who is at least 50 years of age or will turn 50 on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full-field open, tournament of the Champions Tour 2012 season. A certified or notarized birth certificate must accompany or be on file with the Champions Tour for each applicant. Amateurs who meet the above age criteria are entitled to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, provided any amateur finishing among the low twelve (12) finishers at the Final Qualifying Stage must forfeit their amateur status to play the Champions Tour. An amateur finishing among the top 30 and those tied for 30th position at the Final Qualifying Stage must forfeit their amateur status to play in a Champions Tour Event Qualifier.

The undersigned hereby applies to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament. Although membership in the Champions Tour is based principally on this competition, the Champions Tour reserves the right to apply reasonable criteria other than performance in this competition (including but not limited to: character; conduct; financial responsibility; etc.) to all applicants. Based on all such factors, Champions Tour in its sole discretion will determine whether to extend to any applicant an invitation to join the Champions Tour.

If an applicant successfully qualifies and agrees to accept such invitation to participate in Champions Tour tournaments and/or Champions Tour Event Qualifiers, applicant agrees to pay the fees and dues and to abide by the Champions Tour *Tournament Regulations* in consideration of all the rights and privileges of such access. The applicant also understands that this application may at any time be rejected (including during the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament) by the Champions Tour. Conduct unbecoming a professional or noncompetitive performance in previous Champions Tour tournaments or any level of the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament may be a basis for the rejection of an Application to Enter.

The Champions Tour reserves the right to change the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and schedule from that presently contemplated.

I. FORMAT, ENTRY FEES, SCHEDULE OF PLAY

REGIONAL Qualifying Stage - Stroke play contested over 72 holes.

2011 Champions Tour Fully Exempt Members, 2011 PGA TOUR Members, and 2011 Nationwide Tour Members:

Entry deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, October 5, 2011 \$2,500

All other Applicants:

Entry deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Entry Fee paid: **BEFORE** 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, September 19, 2011 \$2,500

AFTER 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, September 19, 2011 \$3,000

Tuesday - Friday, October 25-28, 2011 (Practice: Sunday-Monday, October 23 and 24)
Woodforest Golf Club at Fish Creek Tom Martty, General Manager 036/588-8800
 1199 Fish Creek Throughfare
 Montgomery, TX 77316

Wednesday - Saturday, October 26-29, 2011 (Practice: Monday-Tuesday, October 24 and 25)
Walt Disney World Resort - Palm Course Kevin Weickel 407/930-2000
 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
Primm Valley Golf Club - Lakes Course Derrick Hunter 702/370-5500
 31000 Las Vegas Blvd. South
 Primm, NV 89019

FINAL Qualifying Stage - Stroke play contested over 72 holes.

Entry deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, October 5, 2011 \$2,500

Tuesday - Friday, November 15-18, 2011 (Practice: Sunday-Monday, November 13 and 14)
TPC Scottsdale - Champions Course Bill Grovo, General Manager 480/585-4334
 17020 N. Hayden Road
 Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Prize Money: Prize money will be distributed among the top 30 finishers and those tied for 30th place at the Champions Tour National Qualifying Final Tournament as follows:

1 st	\$30,000	6 th	\$14,000	6 th	\$9,000
2 nd	\$20,000	6 th	\$12,000	10 th	\$7,000
3 rd	\$18,000	7 th	\$10,000	11 th	\$6,000
4 th	\$16,000	8 th	\$ 9,000	12 th	\$5,000
Event Qualifying Status (Finishers 13 th through 30 th and ties)				\$2,500 each	

II. REGIONAL QUALIFYING

All applicants, except those exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage, shall participate in the Regional Qualifying Stage. The field size at each Regional Qualifying Stage site is scheduled to be approximately 75 players. Regional Qualifying will be conducted at stroke play over 72 holes, with no reduction (cut) of the field. The number of players advancing from each Regional Qualifying Stage site to the Final Qualifying Stage will be on a pro rata basis (i.e., roughly the same percentage of players from each site will advance), and such number will be announced during the Regional Qualifying. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position there will be a hole by hole playoff immediately following the last stipulated round to determine the players who will advance to the Final Qualifying Stage. Two (2) alternates from each Regional Qualifying Stage site will be established. In the event of a tie for the last alternate position there will be a hole by hole playoff immediately following the last stipulated round to determine the alternates. Champions Tour shall assign an on-site Tournament Official who shall appoint a Rules Committee. The Rules Committee's decisions shall be final. Champions Tour reserves the right to remove a player from the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, without any refund of the entry fee, who has been determined to be noncompetitive by the on site Rules Committee.

III. FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE

Successful Regional Qualifying Stage applicants and applicants exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage shall participate in the Final Qualifying Stage. The field size at the Final Qualifying Stage is scheduled to be 75 players. The Final Qualifying Stage will be conducted at stroke play over 72 holes, with no reduction (cut) of the field.

Final Qualifying Stage Exemptions: The following applicants shall be exempt into the Final Qualifying Stage, provided the applicant has met the Qualifying Tournament deadline of **Wednesday, October 5, 2011**:

- The top five finishers (positions 1 - 5) in the 2011 Senior PGA Professional National Championship.
- The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2011 European Seniors Tour Order of Merit through October 16, 2011.
- The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2011 Japan Golf Tour Organization Seniors Tour Order of Merit through October 16, 2011.
- Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 75 on the 2011 Champions Tour Official Money List through October 10, 2011.
- Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 75 of the 2011 Champions Tour All-Time Money List through October 10, 2011.

- f. 2010 Forward: On a two-time only basis, players who (i) have won an official event (awarding official money and official victory status, excluding team events) on the PGA TOUR or the Champions Tour, or are a PGA TOUR Veteran Member (i.e., have a minimum of 150 career cuts in official money PGA TOUR events); and (ii) are 60 years of age or older, or will turn age 60 on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full-field open tournaments of the 2012 season.

Note: A player who receives a two-time exemption into the Finals of the National Qualifying Tournament as a Tournament Winner shall not be eligible to receive an exemption as a PGA TOUR Veteran Member at a later date, and likewise a player who receives a two-time exemption into the Finals of the National Qualifying Tournament as a PGA TOUR Veteran Member shall not be eligible to receive an exemption as a Tournament Winner at a later date. The two-time exemption became effective in 2010 and remains in effect for those eligible players who are 60 or will be 60 in 2011, and for players who will turn 60 on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full-field open tournament of the Champions Tour 2012 season.

IV. NOTIFICATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY APPLICATION / QUALIFYING SITE ASSIGNMENT

Upon receipt of a completely executed Application to Enter, notification confirming the applicant's entry into the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and their qualifying stage site assignment will be e-mailed to applicants who provide an e-mail address or otherwise sent via U.S. Postal Service. Champions Tour is not responsible and has no liability for the timely delivery of the U.S. Postal Service. It is an applicant's responsibility to verify their status in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament. Each applicant will be assigned a qualifying site in order of their preference based upon space availability at the time such applicant is assigned to a qualifying site; provided, however, that assignment to qualifying sites shall be at the discretion of Champions Tour. Champions Tour reserves the right to change the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament format, schedule of play and qualifying locations as presently contemplated and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to add players to the field of any Qualifying Stage. Applications to Enter should be submitted early to allow for delay in delivery and for the timely correction of any errors/discrepancies.

Champions Tour IS NOT RESPONSIBLE for timely delivery by the U.S. Postal Service or any overnight carrier. **It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Champions Tour at PGA TOUR Headquarters to verify receipt and status of their Application to Enter.** Entries without full entry fee payment, certified or notarized birth certificate, or otherwise incomplete will be returned.

V. WITHDRAWALS, SUBSTITUTIONS AND REALLOTMENT OF SPOTS

- A. Entry fees shall not be refunded unless illness or extenuating circumstances prevent qualifying play, in which case a request for a refund, along with valid proof of illness or other extenuating circumstances, must be substantiated in writing. Applicants withdrawing shall inform PGA TOUR by the applicable deadline listed below in order to receive a refund of their entry fee (minus the applicable withdrawal fee). Refunds will not be processed until written substantiation of withdrawal is received.

1. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

Regional Qualifying Stage (All Sites):	5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, October 17, 2011
Final Qualifying Stage:	5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, November 7, 2011

2. WITHDRAWAL FEES

Applicants starting at Regional Qualifying Stage:	
Prior to applicable Withdrawal Deadline:	\$200
After Withdrawal Deadline:	\$500
Applicants starting at Final Qualifying Stage:	
Prior to applicable Withdrawal Deadline:	\$200
After Withdrawal Deadline:	\$500

Notwithstanding any prior written notice of withdrawal furnished by an applicant, once an applicant begins play in any stage of the Qualifying Tournament, is disqualified or is removed for conduct unbecoming a professional or noncompetitive performance, the applicant will be ineligible to receive a refund. Only withdrawals made personally by the applicant will be accepted.

- B. If a successful Regional Qualifying Stage entrant withdraws prior to such entrant beginning play in the Final Qualifying Stage, the first available alternate from the same Regional Qualifying Stage site will be substituted.
- C. If an applicant exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage withdraws before all Regional Qualifying Stage contestants have teed off, the position reserved will be reallocated to the Regional Qualifying Stage sites on a pro rata basis.
- D. If an applicant exempt to the Final Qualifying stage withdraws after all play has commenced in the Regional Qualifying Stage the position reserved will be reallocated to the first available alternate from the various Regional Qualifying Stage sites (as determined in accordance with the following procedure): prior to conclusion of play in the Regional Qualifying stage, Champions Tour personnel will conduct a random drawing to determine the order in which the alternates from the various Regional Qualifying stage sites will replace a withdrawal of an applicant exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage.

VI. CHAMPIONS TOUR MEMBERSHIP / TOURNAMENT ACCESS

Champions Tour Regular Membership will be awarded to the low 12 finishers (1 - 12) in the Final Qualifying Stage. The lowest five (5) finishers (#1 - #5) will be fully exempt into open, full-field, cosponsored Champions Tour tournaments until the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full-field, cosponsored tournaments of 2012 (see Reorder Category below). Following the lowest five (5) finishers, the next seven (7) finishers (6 - 12) will be conditionally (space available) exempt as detailed in the Champions Tour *Tournament Regulations*. For the purpose of determining a player's position on the exempt list, ties involving positions six through twelve (6 - 12) will be broken by hole by hole playoffs conducted immediately following completion of the last stipulated round.

Up to the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater), full-field, cosponsored Champions Tour tournaments of the year; eligibility priority on the Champions Tour provides that a minimum of five (5) players receive access in open, full-field, cosponsored tournaments from categories in the following priority: (1) top five (5) from National Qualifying Tournament; (2) Special Medical Extension; and (3) additional National Qualifiers numbers six through twelve (6 - 12).

NOTE: Players finishing tied for 30th or better in the Final Qualifying Stage shall be eligible to apply for Champions Tour Associate Membership for the 2012 season, which will afford them the opportunity to enter 2012 Champions Tour weekly event Qualifiers.

Reorder Category: A Reorder Category will be established for the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) open, full-field cosponsored Champions Tour tournaments of the year and will take the place of the National Qualifying Tournament Category upon implementation. This Reorder Category shall consist of all Champions Tour players not otherwise exempt, among the top seventy-five (1 - 75) players on the Champions Tour Official Money List, the top twelve (12) finishers at the Champions Tour 2011 National Qualifying Tournament; and Champions Tour members remaining eligible via the Special Medical Extension Category. Players eligible for the Reorder Category shall be ranked in order based upon their position on the current year Champions Tour Official Money List as of the Reorder Category implementation date. The top five (5) committed available and not otherwise exempt players on this Reorder Category List in order of their position shall be eligible to compete in the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater), open, full-field official money tournaments of the 2012 season.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Champions Tour *Tournament Regulations* are the final authority on all operations and policies of the Champions Tour, including eligibility and exempt status.

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. RULES OF GOLF:

Play shall be governed in accordance with the current Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association as modified by the Champions Tour. For the Final Qualifying Stage, clubs must conform to the Grooves and Punch Marks specifications effective January 3, 2010, detailed in Decision 4-1/1. The exception referring to Decision 4-1/100 does not apply. Pace of play will be in accordance with the 2011 Champions Tour Pace of Play Policy, except the fine structure shall not apply. Questions and disputes shall be settled by the on site Rules Committee whose decisions shall be final. There will be no refund of entry fee to disqualified players.

B. POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS:

If in the judgment of the on-site Champions Tour Rules Official or designee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition renders commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the on-site Champions Tour Rules Official or designee determines that such weather conditions or other occurrence have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume, provided that:

In situations involving adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition, the first priority is the completion of four rounds (72 holes). Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the end of the last scheduled competitive round day, which may include playing more than one round in a day.

In the event four rounds (72 holes) cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, play will be extended one additional day. If four rounds (72 holes) cannot be completed by the end of one additional day, the next priority will be the completion of three rounds (54 holes) by the end of the one additional day.

Regional and Final Qualifying Stage competitions are "official" if at least two rounds (36 holes) have been completed by the end of the one additional day. Regional or Final Qualifying Stage competitions will be extended beyond one additional day only enough to complete the number of holes to become "official".

In no situation will a round of an "official" Regional or Final Qualifying Stage be started or resumed that cannot be completed by the end of one additional day. A round of an "official" competition that is not completed at the end of the one additional day and half of the field has not finished will be cancelled and the results through the last completed round shall stand. A round of an "official" competition that is suspended at the end of one additional day and half the field has finished will be extended a second additional day to complete that round only; however, if that round cannot be completed by the end of the second additional day, the round will be cancelled and the results through the last completed round shall stand.

C. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION:

The Champions Tour reserves the right to remove from the competition a player determined to be noncompetitive by the on-site Champions Tour Rules Official or designee at any Stage of the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament without any refund of entry fee.

D. APPEARANCE OF PLAYERS/CADDIES:

- 1) While on the host facility property during official practice and tournament round days, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, shorts or T-shirts shall not be worn.
- 2) Caddies may wear either long pants or tailored, solid-colored, knee-length shorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or sandals shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole closed-toed shoes are required. Golf shoes with metal or soft spikes are prohibited.
- 3) A player must accept responsibility for the conduct of his caddie. A caddie who conducts himself/herself in an unbecoming manner could result in the removal of the player from the competition.

E. CADDIES:

Regional: Players are not required to have a caddie, but have the option to have one should they elect. Each entrant is solely responsible for arranging and paying their own caddie.

Finals: All players are required to have a caddie. Each entrant is solely responsible for arranging and paying their own caddie.

F. GOLF CARTS

Unless conditions dictate otherwise, determined by the on-site Champions Tour Rules Official or designee, each player may have a cart at the Regional and the Final Qualifying Stage. The player and caddie may ride together at any time. Walking scorecs may ride if there is an open seat. No spectators may ride on the cart. Pull carts, either manual or motorized, are permitted at Regional stages. Pull carts are prohibited at the Final Qualifying stage.

G. AMATEUR INFORMATION:

Amateurs may enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament provided the applicant is at least 55 years of age or will turn 50 on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the last five (5) or 20% (whichever is greater) full-field open tournament of the Champions Tour 2012 season. Any amateur finishing among the low twelve (12) finishers at the Final Qualifying must forfeit amateur status to play the Champions Tour. Any amateur finishing among the top 30 and those tied for 30th position at the Final Qualifying must forfeit his amateur status to play in a Champions Tour Event Qualifier.

INQUIRIES

Please direct requests for information on Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament to:
 Suzy Barber, Champions Tour Competitions
 112 PGA TOUR Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
 Phone: 904-285-3700.

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APPLICATION TO ENTER 2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011 at 5:00pm EDT

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:Name: _____
First Middle LastName for Leaderboard: _____
(how you would like to be addressed; nickname, etc.)

Applicant's Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____
Area Code Area Code Area Code

E-mail Address: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

A certified or notarized birth certificate must be on file _____ or accompany the application _____. (Indicate with an X)

Country of Citizenship if other than United States of America: _____

Are you a Class "A" Member of the PGA of America? Yes _____ Membership # _____ No _____

In 2000 or 2010, did you enter a Champions Tour "Pro" or "Event Qualifying" Tournament? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Event(s) and Year(s) Played: _____

Have you previously played in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament?

Yes _____ Last year played: _____ Regional Site: _____

If you have not played in the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament in the last five years (2008 or 2010) or are not exempt into the Final Qualifying Stage you are **REQUIRED** to submit the following:

- 1) Results listing your scores and finish positions from a minimum of two tournaments held during the last 12 months. These should be from PGA Section or mini tour tournaments for professionals, or from state, city, metropolitan or regional golf associations for amateurs.
- 2) Two letters of reference from a Class A PGA of America professional, a PGA TOUR member, or a Champions Tour member. These letters must verify that your character and golf ability are such to play the PGA TOUR or Champions Tour. If the applicant is a Class A PGA professional, then a copy of his membership card plus one letter from another Class A PGA professional, PGA TOUR member or Champions Tour member is required. Foreign applicants may also use golf officials from a foreign golf tour or association.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY APPLICATION OR APPLICATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO REJECTION.**AMATEUR INFORMATION:**

If you wish to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament as an amateur carefully read the information below and place your initials in the space provided.

_____ I wish to enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament as an amateur. Should I make it to the Finals I understand that I will be required to declare (by signing a form at registration) my desire to (a) forfeit my amateur status and be paid prize money should I finish within the top 30 plus ties for 30th position OR (b) continue on at the finals as an amateur and not be paid any money should I finish within the top 30 plus ties for 30th position. Upon entry in my first Champions Tour Tournament or Event Qualifier of the 2012 Champions Tour season amateur status will be forfeited.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION:

Please indicate the sites in order of preference, numbers 1-3, by writing the number on the line opposite each site. Champions Tour will attempt to accommodate each entrant's ranking preference for a Regional site but reserves the right to assign players to Regional sites in its sole discretion. Applicants will be assigned a qualifying site in order of their preference based upon space availability at the time such applicant is assigned to a qualifying site; provided, however, that assignment to qualifying sites shall be at the discretion of Champions Tour. Prior to making travel plans all participants should verify their Regional Qualifying assignment location with Champions Tour at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

October 23 - 28, 2011: (Sunday - Friday)

_____ Woodforest Golf Club at Fish Creek, Montgomery, TX

October 24 - 29, 2011: (Monday - Saturday)

_____ Walt Disney World Resort - Palm Course, Lake Buena Vista, FL

_____ Primm Valley Golf Club - Lakes Course, Primm, NV

EXEMPT INFORMATION: If Exempt into the Final Qualifying Stage, state reason:

- _____ a. The top five finishers (positions 1 - 5) in the 2011 Senior PGA Professional National Championship.
- _____ b. The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2011 European Seniors Tour Order of Merit through October 16, 2011.
- _____ c. The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2011 Japan Golf Tour Organization Seniors Tour Order of Merit through October 16, 2011.
- _____ d. Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 75 on the 2011 Champions Tour Official Money List through October 16, 2011.
- _____ e. Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 75 of the 2011 Champions Tour All-Time Money List through October 16, 2011.
- _____ f. 2010 Forward: On a two-time only basis, players who (i) have won an official event (awarding official money and official victory status, excluding team events) on the PGA TOUR or Champions Tour, or are a PGA TOUR Veteran Member (i.e., made a minimum of 150 career cuts in official money PGA TOUR events); and (ii) are 50 years of age or older, or will turn age 50 on or before the day of the first tournament obligation of the tenth (10) full field open tournament of the 2011 season. NOTE: The two-time exemption applies only to those players whose first year of eligibility for the National Qualifying Tournament was 2010 and beyond.

PAYMENT:

Payment in U.S. Funds must accompany the Application to Enter. Acceptable forms of payment are: Cashiers Check or Money Order, made payable to PGA TOUR, Inc. (Corporate or third party checks are not accepted). Credit cards must be in the applicant's name and are only accepted via the on-line Application to Enter process at pgatour.com. Visa and MasterCard are the only credit cards accepted for entry fee payment.

TELEVISION, RADIO, MOTION PICTURE, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ELECTRONIC, INTERNET AND SIMILAR RIGHTS/DECLARATIONS:

In consideration of PGA TOUR services in conducting the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, I hereby grant and assign to PGA TOUR, without limitation and including the right to reassign, my individual television, motion picture, photographic, electronic, Internet, "Interactive Applications" (defined below) and/or all other form of audio or video presentation which is now known or hereafter may exist, including, without limitation, free over-the-air broadcast, cablecast, DBS, MDS, satellite radio, broadband, wireless, pay television, subscription television and on-demand platforms and all other similar rights with respect to my participation in the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament. "Interactive Applications" shall mean the presentation of the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament in any medium that permits the viewer/listener/user to interact with or manipulate the presentation or access other relevant information during the presentation and video games.

I agree to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any use thereof.

DRUG TESTING: I understand that drug testing may be conducted on players pursuant to the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program ("the Program"). By submission of an Application to Enter the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, I consent to and agree to be bound by all requirements of the Program specifically including but not limited to my agreement: to provide a urine sample to any testing agency authorized by the PGA TOUR at any time or place without advance notice; that refusal to provide a sample, if requested, will constitute an anti-doping rule violation; that any sample collected shall become the property of the PGA TOUR; that the PGA TOUR may disseminate information pertaining to me relevant to the Program, as permitted by the Program; and that the Results Management provision of the Program shall provide the sole and exclusive method for resolving any dispute related to drug testing.

I hereby declare that I have the financial capacity to support myself on the Champions Tour for one full year and that the foregoing information furnished in the Application is true and complete; I understand that any material false statements herein furnished by me may result in my expulsion from the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament and the suspension or termination of my playing privileges in tournaments sponsored, approved or endorsed by PGA TOUR.

By submission of this entry, I agree to the following:

- I agree to the Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament regulations included herewith and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of ensuring this application is received by the Champions Tour by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if it is received by the Champions Tour after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and the Champions Tour has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the application must be completely executed before I may be invited to participate in the 2011 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

Original Signature of Applicant (REQUIRED for application to be accepted)

Date

Return Entry Application, entry fee, birth certificate, tournament results and letters of reference (if applicable) to:

CHAMPIONS TOUR NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

Attention: Suzy Barber
112 PGA TOUR Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR Qualifying Tournament
Media Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire.

Name:

Email address:

Date of Birth:

Phone number:

Birthplace:

Residence:

PLEASE LIST THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) The college you attended. Did you play on the golf team? Who with?

- 2) Any previous (and current) occupations or business involvement.

- 3) Any notable success you have in golf and other sports.

- 4) Any charity involvement you may have.

- 5) Any friends or family members who may be "well-known" or successful in any field.

APPENDIX F: 2011 CHAMPIONS TOUR NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT
ENTRY CHECKLIST



**2011 Champions Tour
National Qualifying Tournament
Entry Checklist**

Have you included?

1. Tournament result sheets from two events you have participated in during the last 12 months. These should be from PGA Section or mini tour tournaments for professionals, or from state, city, metropolitan or regional golf associations for amateurs. (if required)
2. Two letters of reference from a Class A PGA of America Professional, a PGA TOUR or Champions Tour member. (if required)
3. A certified or notarized birth certificate (required by all)
4. The Champions Tour Qualifying Tournament Media Questionnaire

Are you aware?

1. Applications are due by 5:00pm EDT Wednesday, October 5, 2011 without exception.
2. A cashier check or money order made payable to PGA TOUR, Inc. is required for an Application submitted on hard (paper) copy. Corporate or third party checks will not be accepted.
3. MasterCard or Visa credit cards in the name of the applicant are required for Applications submitted on line. Debit (check) cards are not accepted.
4. Applicants will be notified in writing to the address provided upon acceptance and processing of entry form and full fee.
5. Applications to enter should be received early to increase the likelihood of playing at the Regional site of your first or second choice.
6. Your entry form will be invalid, and therefore returned to you, if it is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible.

APPENDIX G: THE CHAMPIONS TOUR – THE FUTURE: 2011 FACT SHEET

The Champions Tour – The Future
2011 Fact Sheet**History**

1980 – 2011 – The Tour entered its 32nd season in 2011.

Charity

The Champions Tour and its tournaments generate significant sums of money for charity. In 2010 tournaments on all three Tours (PGA Tour, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour) generated more than \$120 million for local charitable organizations, bringing the Tour's all-time total of charitable contributions to more than \$1.6 billion. The Champions Tour's charitable mission is an integral component of its value proposition and charitable donations have a significant impact in communities served by Champions Tour events.

2011 Schedule

The 32nd season on the Champions Tour will be played in 14 states and three countries outside the U.S.A., including Canada, England and South Korea.

Membership

Champions Tour members hail from around the globe. In 2011, 46 international players have full or partial Tour exemptions. Fifteen countries besides the United States are represented. They include, Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, The Philippines, Puerto Rico, Spain, South Africa, Taiwan, Wales, and Zimbabwe.

Size of Field

The Champions Tour presents the following awards annually:

- The Champions Tour Player of the Year / Jack Nicklaus Trophy
- Charles Schwab Cup
- Champions Tour Rookie of the Year
- Champions Tour Comeback Player of the Year
- Arnold Palmer Award (leading money winner)
- Byron Nelson Award (scoring leader)
- CTTA "Bruno" Award (contributions to the Champions Tour)
- Champions Tour Charity of the Year
- Champions Tour Volunteer of the Year

The Champions Tour also recognizes its Players of the Month (January through October).

“Rookies”

For players to become eligible to compete in Champions Tour events, they must attain age 50 on or before the day of their first tournament “obligation,” such as the Wednesday pro-am, the date of pre-qualifying or the date of event qualifying. If a player plays less than six tournaments in his first season of eligibility, he is considered a rookie the following season.

Fan Features

Here is one of the behind the scenes reasons for the successful future of the Champions Tour. The Champions Tour’s Fan Features are designed to give the Tour a distinct identity, complementing the high level of skill displayed by its members. The Champions Tour strives to be the most approachable, accessible and fan friendly arena in all of sports. The program has had significant impact as evidenced by the positive feedback received weekly from tournament organizers, sponsors and fans, with players going out of their way to support the initiatives. Fan Features include live television interviews during play, gallery in the fairway, honorary observers walking inside the ropes, caddie for a day, behind the scene tours, junior clinics, a game improvement platform, and more. Reference: PGATour.com