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AKIZUKI, SHINGO—Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club, B.C.—At last year's Championship at Cottonwood, Akizuki turned heads with his first-round dismissal of the heavy favoured Ken Tarling. The former fulltime Canadian Tour player looks to make waves once more this year at Country Hills.

ALLRED, SCOTT—Elbow Springs Golf Club, Alta.—Allred is said to be the model of consistency. One look at this scoring details on the PGA of Canada Player Rankings page and it's confirmed. In 2011, he finished second at both the Club Professional Championship and Seniors' Championship. What could he be in for this year?

BEALE, ROGER—Royal Westmoreland, Intl.—Beale came into last year's Club Pro Championship under the radar for the win. He won't have the luxury of laying low this time around in Calgary as he's one of field's top contenders.

BELBIN, MIKE—Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Alta.—Arguably one of the best talents in the PGA of Canada, Belbin took a tough exit on the ohin last year in this event, but capped the year off by putting on an incredible show at Cherry Hill in winning the PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada by four shots.

BERNAKEVITCH, LINDSAY—Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club, B.C.—Bernakevitch punched his ticket to the PGA Championship of Canada thanks to his win at the 2011 PGA of B.C. Zone Championship, beating heavyweight Bryn Parry down the stretch.

BLACK, KEVIN—Seven Hills Golf & Country Club, B.C.—Black returns to Alberta after spending several years racking up strong finishes in the Alberta Zone. Black maintained his position in the PGA of Canada Player Rankings with a T14 finish at the 2011 PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada.

BOUDREAU, EDDWARD—Gorge Vale Golf Course, B.C.—The 2004 PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada winner looks to have found his spark again in 2012 after not playing his best for a few years. Lost in opening match last year against Mike Belbin.

BROWN, DEAN—The Royal Regina Golf Club, Sask.—In 2011, Brown played well enough to make to the semi-final match at Cottonwood. He could very well make the same type of run this year as his game is well suited to tackle a windswept Country Hills track.

BURGESON, BRETT—Country Hills Golf Club, Alta.—Burgeson has a lot going for him heading into this year's championship. He's the fourth ranked player in the PGA of Canada Player Rankings; he's knows how to get himself into contention in the big events; and Country Hills is his home course.

BUTTAR, BLAIR—Glendale Golf & Country Club, Alta.—After an early exit in this event last year, Buttar will look to bring the 'A' game to Country Hills. The same 'A' game that helped him win the 2010 PGA of Alberta Zone Championship.

CHAMBERS, JEFF—Elmwood Golf & Country Hills, Sask.—Knocking out the No. 1-ranked player, Bryn Parry last year earned Chambers some PGA TV time and a phone call from the Premier of Saskatchewan. What will he do for an encoere this year?

CLAPP, BRAD—Sun Rivers Golf Resort, B.C.—Clapp had a strong 2011, which included a fifth place finish at the PGA of B.C. Zone Championship and a win at the Vancouver Golf Tour Championship to end the season.

CORRIGAN, MARK—Pinebrook Golf & Country Club, Alta.—The long hitting local boy, Corrigan finished ninth at last year's PGA Championship of Canada, upsetting Dean North and Conor O'Shea before running into the red hot Brian McCann.

COURAGE, GORDON—Country Club of the Hamptons, Alta.—Courage has an impressive playing resume—he's a former winner of both the PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada and the PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada and has three PGA of Alberta Assistants Championships to his name.

CYR, LENNY—Seymour Golf & Country Club, B.C.—A former collegiate All-American, Cyr, propelled by two wins, finished third on the 2011 Srixon Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit in 2011. He's been known to make birdies in bunches, which is always useful in match play situations.

DOIG, IAN—Ian Doig Golf Academy, Ont.—Doig has won events all over the world and brings a wealth of experience in his arsenal. Having just turned 50, Doig is determined to take his game to the next level once again.

DRONOV, SERGEJ—University Golf Club, B.C.—Dronov could sneak up on some players and rattle off some early round wins. He's consistent, doesn't make a bunch of mistakes and just goes about getting the job done on the golf course. He finished T6 at last year's PGA of BC Championship after rounds of 70-70-71.

FLEMMING, JOSH—Gallagher's Canyon Golf Club, B.C.—For a guy who only has two tournaments counting towards his PGA of Canada Player Rankings, Flemming has bunch of points. In 2011, he finished third at the B.C. Zone Championship and 15th at the PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada. He could have even more points come the end of the week at Country Hills.

GERMAN, KYLE—Northview Golf & Country Club, B.C.—The 2008 PGA Club Professional Champion of Canada winner was impressive last year, finishing fifth at the PGA Assistants' Championship. He's a great ball striker and if German putts well, could be tough to beat.

GODIN, LOUIS-PIERRE—Le Mirage, Que.—Godin launched himself into the Top 100 in his first season of eligibility thanks to third place finish in the PGA Assistant's Championship at Cherry Hill.

GROSS, JEFF—Sask.—A perennial favourite in his home province of Saskatchewan—hasn't finished outside of the top five at the PGA of Saskatchewan Championship in a number of years—Gross could make a national splash. At last year's championship he suffered a tough loss at the hands of Danny King in the second round.

HADLEY, BRIAN—Thames Valley Golf Course, Ont.—Hadley makes his debut this year at the PGA Championship of Canada. After some strong finishes in PGA of Ontario events, Hadley is definitely looking to make a move at the national level.

HASTIE, JOHN—Lively Golf Club, Ont.—One of the ultimate grinders in the field, Hastie struggles with a reoccurring back injury. But if healthy, Hastie could prove to be a very tough opponent.

HOULE, BILLY—The impressive player from Quebec looked like a man on a mission last year at weventual PGA Championship of Canada winner, Vincent Dumoucel in the third round. You can bet he'll be looking to go deeper this time around at Country Hills.

JAMES, DARRYL—National Golf Academy at McCall Lake, Alta.—The two-time (2007 & 2008) PGA of Alberta Player of the Year started his 2012 season off in impressive fashion, capturing his zone's players tour event at Sturgeon Valley.

JARVIS, NORM—Eaglequest Golf Centre, B.C.—Could Jarvis turn back the clock at Country Hills? The oldest player in the field at 80-years old, Jarvis is a former winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada. He also played in the 1984 U.S. Open at Winged Foot and was a member of the Champions Tour in 2005.

JOHNSON, MYLES—Spallumcheen Golf & Country Club, B.C.—Johnson upset Phil Jonas last year in the opening round before running into his friend Matt Palsenbarg in the second round. Always plays with a smile on his face, Johnson will need to pull off some more upsets in 2011.

JONAS, PHILIP—Hazelmere Golf Club, B.C.—Nobody wants to play the former PGA Tour & Canadian Tour veteran. A two-time PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada winner, Jonas has a new lease on life having just turned 50.

KEHLER, GEOFF—St. Boniface Golf Club, Man.—Always a force in Manitoba, Kohler could be a contender in Calgary. And he'll have something to prove this year as he was ousted in the first round last year at Cottonwood.

KELLY, JOHN—Hylands Golf Club, Ont.—Kelly will be in tough in the opening round as one of the lower seeds but a third place finish at the 2011 Ottawa PGA Zone Championship proves he can't be taken lightly.

KENESKY, RON—Twenty Valley Golf Club, Ont.—Kenesky has a knack for going low in tournaments. Back in 2010, he captured the Ontario PGA Championship after putting up rounds of 65-69. He's also a multi winner on the Golden Horseshoe Area Golf Tour.



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KING, DANIEL—The Performance Academy at Magna, Ont.—The No.2-ranked player in the PGA of Canada Player Rankings finished third at the PGA Championship of Canada last year. He's a consistent contender at every tournament he tees it up at, especially tournammnets on the national stage.

KNAPP, SCOTT—Tor Hill Golf Course, Sask.—Another feisty grinder in the field, Knapp honed his skills on the Canadian Tour for many years. One of the few great friends of PGA of Canada legend Moe Norman, Knapp would love to engrave his name on the P.D. Ross trophy beside his friend.

KURELUK, JAMIE—GolfTEC, Alta.—Known as "Mr. 25" for this 11-under par back nine at the 2010 Alberta Open, Kureluk will be a player to watch at Country Hills. He's a former PGA of Alberta Player of the Year and winner of 12 events on the PGA of Alberta Tournament Player Series.

LAPORTE, ERIC—Montcalm Club de Golf, Que.—Nobody has more fun on the golf course than Laporte and that might just be the edge he needs if Country Hills plays as tough as expected.

LAVALEE, DAVE—The Links at Quarry Oaks, Man.—The two-time (2010 & 2011) winner of the PGA of Manitoba Assistants Championship makes his debut at the PGA Championship of Canada. While many outside of his home province may not know his name, that could change after a few rounds in Calgary.

LITTLE, BRACK—The Ranch Golf & Country Club, Alta.—While Little doesn't play a ton of tournaments throughout the year, when he does play he finishes well. He finished eighth at last year's PGA of Alberta Championship and fourth the year before. He's also a two-time PGA of Alberta Callaway Series event winner.

MANTELL, ROSS—Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Club, B.C.—After rounds of 69-73-72 at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mantell finished T14 at the PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada. He also finished eighth at the 2009 B.C. Zone Championship.

MARSEILLES, CRAIG—Heritage Hills Golf Club, Ont.—Marseilles missed last year's event because of injury, but the 2012 edition at Country Hills fits former three-time Ontario PGA Championship winner's style of play.

MAUNDER, ED—Deerfield Golf Club, Ont.—Maunder, who played on the Canadian Tour for six years, won his opening round match in 2011. He also had four top three finishes in Ontario Zone tournaments a year ago as well.

McCANN, BRIAN—BraeBen Teaching Academy, Ont.—The reigning Mike Weir Player of the Year Award winner and current No. 1 ranked player on the PGA of Canada Player Rankings looks to exact a measure of revenge this year at Country Hills. Last year, McCann lost a heartbreaker in the finals.

McCANN, JOHN—Fairtree Golf Centre, Ont.—The other McCann in the field is always a player to watch no matter the event. Lost in the first round last year at Cottonwood, but some are saying Country Hills is much more his style of course.

MILLAGE, REG—ClubLink Academy at Glen Abbey, Ont.—Another player that continues to knock on the door of major events, Millage throws lasers around and did so in finished ninth in this event last year.

MILLER, JACKLYN—North Bay Golf & Country Club, Northern Ont.—When Miller tees it for her first round match, she'll become the first woman to have played in the PGA Championship of Canada. Pretty amazing. But, the fine player that she is—T2 at last year's Northern Ontario PGA Championship—you can guarantee she wants to make a name for herself by winning, not just playing.

MILLS, GLEN—Assiniboine Golf Club, Man.—Always a contender in his home zone of Manitoba—top-10 finishes in the past two PGA of Manitoba Championships—Mills makes his PGA Championship of Canada debut at Country Hills.

MORO, DAVID—Credit Valley Golf & Country Club, Ont.—Moro is a former winner of the Ontario PGA Championship. In 2011, he had three top-15 finishes in Ontario Zone events and in 2010 he finished inside the top-20 four times in his zone.

NORTH, DEAN—Carman Golf & Curling Club, Man.—North is an absolute legend in Manitoba. He's won the PGA of Manitoba Championship three years running and has won the PGA of Manitoba's Player of the Year award eight times since 1997.

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PALSENBERG, MATTHEW—Northview Golf & Country Club, B.C.—One of the longest hitters in the PGA of Canada and he's got a short game to match. The 2009 PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada winner could be one of the toughest opponents if his game is clicking.

PARRY, BRYN—Seymour Creek Golf Centre, B.C.—After a shocking knockout last year, look for Parry to return with a vengeance in 2012. Currently ranked No. 3, Parry knows what is on the line and looks ready after racking up early victories in the spring around B.C.

PEDERSON, ADAM—Cottonwood Golf & Country Club, Alta.—The 10-year PGA of Canada professional finished second at last year's PGA of Alberta Championship. What does that mean, exactly? It means he's a nice player and could be a serious threat at Country Hills.

ROGERSON, BRUCE—Brantford Golf & Country Club, Ont.—Rogerson is always a force to be reckoned with in match play. He always plays well in the PGA of Ontario version and finished ninth in the PGA Championship of Canada last year.

RUSHNELL, JOHN—Oshawa Golf Club, Ont.—Rushnell has had a pretty solid year in 2012. He teamed with Jacob Patte to capture the PGA of Ontario's Assistants' Team Championship and finished T15 at the PGA of Ontario Assistants' Spring Championship.

SMITH, KEIR—The National Golf Club of Canada, Ont.—The former Canadian Tour player finished ninth at last year's Ontario PGA Championship and 11th at the PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada. Keir also made it to the quarter-finals of the PGA of Ontario Match Play Championship in 2011.

STEEP, ANDREW—Glendale Golf & Country Club, Man.—Steep opened his 2012 season with a win at the PGA of Manitoba's Callaway May Cup. In the last three PGA of Manitoba Championships, Steep hasn't finished outside of the top seven.

STRONG, MARK—The Vancouver Golf Club, B.C.—Will Strong be able to use all the knowledge and experience he gained by playing in the final group of last year's Canada Cup to his advantage at Country Hills? In the last two B.C. Zone Championships, Strong has finished fifth (2010) and 10th (2011) respectively.

STUBBS, DARYL—Cove Links Golf Course, B.C.—The easy-going West Coaster is one of a handful of 50-somethings who could make serious noise in Calgary. He's scary consistent and has solid match play credentials, winning the 1996 PGA of B.C. Match Play Championship.

TARLING, KEN—The Ken Tarling Golf Academy, Ont.—The reigning Canadian PGA Seniors' Championship winner looks to redeem himself at Country Hills after being knocked out in the first round last year at Cottonwood. Tarling is a former Canadian Tour winner and captured the 2011 PGA of Australia Legends Tour Order of Merit.

TOTH, CHRISTOPHER—Riverside Golf Course, Alta.—Toth has a history of playing well in Alberta—winning the PGA of Alberta Championship in 2009 and finishing second in 2010—so he might very well be a home-province darkhorse favourite at Country Hills.

WALSH, BILL—Fairtree Golf Centre, Ont.—Walsh had a strong run in this event last year knocking three higher ranked players out before losing a wild match to friend Brian McCann in the fourth round that saw 12 birdies made between the two of them. Walsh also recorded the only hole-in-one of the week.

WEHRLER, CHRIS—Whistle Bear Golf Club, Ont.—The likeable pro from Ontario had his breakthrough year in 2011 with a sixth place finish at the PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada and a fourth at the Ontario PGA Championship.

ZIBRIK, DAVID—Seymour Creek Golf Centre, B.C.—One of the longest hitters in the field, Zibrik can make a pile of birdies. His runner-up finish at the 2010 PGA Club Professional Championship of Canada proved that he is knocking on the door.