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Northern California Section

MODESTO PRO CAPTURES NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP; PGA PROFESSIONALS EARN BERTH IN 43rd PGA PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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By Staff Writer

(SANTA ROSA, Calif.) –PGA Director of Instruction Mitch Lowe of Modesto, Calif, Stroke Play Champion and winner of the Northern California PGA Professional Championship, August 4th at Mayacama Golf Club will lead 6 Section PGA Professionals to compete in The 43rd PGA Professional National Championship, June 27 - 30, 2010, at the French Lick Resort in French Lick, Ind.



Lowe and Eric Lippert of Del Monte Golf Course both earned exemptions to the 43rd PGA Professional National Championship by placing in the top twenty at the 42nd PGA Professional National Championship held this last July in New Mexico (** = Denotes qualifying spot). Lowe turned in a winning total of 144E to capture the Northern California PGA Professional Champion title. Patrick Clark of the Golf Club at Grays Crossing and Stuart Smith of Somersett Country Club tied for second with a score of 144. They are joined by:

QUALIFIERS

1. Mitch Lowe, Modesto, CA, Del Rio Country Club, *74-70-144 E**
- T2. Patrick Clark, Kings Beach, CA, Golf Club @ Gray's Crossing, *73-71-144 E
- T2. Stuart Smith, Reno, NV, Somersett Country Club, *70-74-144 E
4. Robert Poole, Burlingame, CA, Menlo Country Club, *73-73-146 +2
5. Jason Schmuhl, Windsor, CA, Windsor Golf Club, *72-75-147 +3
6. Jason Owen, Marina, CA, Mobile Golf Fitting Lab, *71-77-148 +4
- T7. Eric Lippert, Monterey, CA, Del Monte Golf Course, *75-74-149 +5**
- T7. Rick Leibovich, Salinas, CA, Tehama Golf Club, *74-75-149 +5

ALTERNATES - IN ORDER

9. Shawn McEntee, Novato, CA, Marin Country Club, *73-77-150 +6
9. Ed Hester, Novato, CA, *76-74-150 +6
9. Steve Hummel, Reno, NV, Wolf Run Golf Club, *75-75-150 +6

Making its first appearance in Indiana, the PGA Professional National Championship brings together a field of 312 contestants representing The PGA of America's 41 nationwide Sections.

In 2010, the National Championship field will compete at the Pete Dye Course and the Donald Ross Course, a complex that blends both the tradition and modern architectural designs in championship golf. The National Championship will be contested on the par-70, 7,000-yard Donald Ross Course, which opened in 1917, and the par-72, 7,400-yard Pete Dye Course, which opens this spring. The final two rounds will be conducted on the Pete Dye Course.

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

The low 20 scorers in 2010 will earn berths into the 92nd PGA Championship, Aug. 9-15, 2010, at Whistling Straits (Straits Course) in Kohler, Wis. In addition to the Walter Hagen Cup, the PGA Professional National

Championship winner also receives an exemption into the next ten PGA Professional National Championships and exemptions into six PGA Tour events over a 12-month period.

Established in 1968, The PGA Professional National Championship roster of Champions includes past and present Tour professionals: Sam Snead, Bob Rosburg, Don Massengale, Ed Dougherty, Larry Gilbert, Bruce Fleisher and Bob Sowards.

The PGA Professional National Championship is presented by Titleist, FootJoy and Cobra; and Club Car and presented locally by ILT Golf Vacations, Northern California's number one Golf Vacation Travel Company, traveling more than 100,000 satisfied golfers for over 35 years. GOLF CHANNEL is an exclusive media partner, and the PGA Tour is the Supporting Sponsor of PGA of America Professional Championships. The 41 Section Championships and the National Championship offer a combined purse of \$1.5 million.

Since 1916, The PGA of America's mission has been twofold; to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, the Association enables PGA Professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion golf industry.

By creating and delivering dramatic world-class championships and exciting and enjoyable golf promotions that are viewed as the best of their class in the golf industry, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere. The PGA of America brand represents the very best in golf.

NCPGA Stroke Play Results (Player, Residence & Facility) - Full scores available online at NCPGA.com

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9. Shawn McEntee, Novato, CA, Marin Country Club, *73-77-150 +6
12. Jerrel Grow, Carmichael, CA, Cameron Park Country Club, *78-73-151 +7
12. Michael Cook, Sonora, CA, Mountain Springs Golf & CC, *76-75-151 +7
14. Bob Klein, Reno, NV, Graeagle Meadows, *77-75-152 +8
14. Shawn Kelly, auburn ca, The Ridge Golf Course, *76-76-152 +8
14. Jin Park, Pacific Grove, CA, Spyglass Hill Golf Course, *76-76-152 +8
14. Eric Goettsch, Monterey, CA, Tehama Golf Club, *74-78-152 +8
14. Michael Paul, Reno, NV, Washoe County Golf Club, *71-81-152 +8
19. Don Winter, Ripon, CA, Trinitas Golf Club, *77-76-153 +9
19. Tighe Hammam, Fresno, CA, Sunnyside Country Club, *80-73-153 +9
19. Brian Paul, San Francisco, CA, TPC San Francisco Bay, *81-72-153 +9
19. Morgan Wright, Foster City, CA, Presidio Golf Course, *74-79-153 +9
19. Bobby Schultze, Foothill Ranch, CA, Oakley Golf, *73-80-153 +9
19. Jeffrey Anderson, Mill Valley, CA, *72-81-153 +9
25. Simon Buckle, Fresno, CA, San Joaquin Country Club, *78-76-154 +10
25. Bobby Siravo, Sacramento, CA, Golf Etc. Folsom, *77-77-154 +10
25. Steve Pellegrine, Kingsburg, CA, Kings CC, *81-73-154 +10
25. Evre Veress, Sparks, NV, The Resort at Red Hawk, *75-79-154 +10
25. Mitch Thomas, Rancho Cordova, CA, Cameron Park Country Club, *75-79-154 +10