FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR

Spring is here and the Championship build is about to start! Golf season is now well under way, as the Masters and first Major of the year has come and gone. It’s hard to believe we are now less than 85 days away from the 2017 PGA Championship! These next few months are going to fly by as Uniform & Credential Distribution, committee trainings, and the final preparations take place to make this the best PGA Championship ever!

In this issue of the Volunteer Newsletter, you will find important details regarding committee training, parking, and Uniform & Credential Distribution, along with an article on how to make it into the field of 156 and the history of the Wanamaker Trophy.

As a THANK YOU for volunteering, we will be giving all volunteers two Monday and two Tuesday grounds tickets! These tickets will be included in your credential packet and can be given to family or friends to come and enjoy the Championship.

Thank you again for all your hard work and commitment to the 2017 PGA Championship. August will be here before we know it!

Regards,

Ralph Breeden, General Chairman

YOUR VOLUNTEER PROFILE

To view your contact information and other important volunteer information, including the volunteer newsletters, please visit www.pgachampionship.com and click on “Volunteer Login” under the Volunteers tab. If you cannot remember your login information, follow the directions under “Forgotten Password,” or call the Championship Office at 704-912-5020.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED

Over the next few months of preparation we will need to contact you via telephone, mail and/or email. It is very important for us to have your current information. If your information has changed or will change please update it on your Volunteer Profile.

VOLUNTEER BADGE/CREDENTIALS

Your Volunteer Credential will allow you access each and every day of the PGA Championship. It is made exclusively for your use. Plan to work hard during your shifts, and look forward to enjoying the PGA Championship as a spectator during the hours you are not scheduled to volunteer.
HISTORY OF THE WANAMAKER TROPHY

Rodman Wanamaker, a department store magnate, with ownership of stores in New York and Philadelphia, donated the Wanamaker Trophy in 1916. Today, the world’s best golf professionals compete for this coveted sports hardware, which is permanently enshrined at The PGA Museum of Golf in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

The winner of the 2017 PGA Championship will have his name engraved on the coveted Wanamaker Trophy and will receive a replica of this trophy. He will also be eligible to play in all future PGA Championships.

UPCOMING MAJORS AND PGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017 KITCHENAID SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
May 23-28, 2017
Trump National Golf Club
- Washington D.C.
(Potomac Falls, Virginia)
2016 Champion: Rocco Mediate
Harbor Shores (Benton Harbor, Michigan)

U.S. OPEN
June 12-18, 2017
Erin Hills (Erin, Wisconsin)
2016 Champion: Dustin Johnson
Oakmont Country Club
(Oakmont, Pennsylvania)

2017 KPMG WOMEN’S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
June 27-July 2, 2017
Olympia Fields Country Club
(Olympia Fields, Illinois)
2016 Champion: Brooke Henderson
Sahalee Country Club
(Sammamish, Washington)

THE OPEN
July 16-23, 2017
Royal Birkdale (Southport, England)
2016 Champion: Henrik Stenson
Royal Troon (Troon, Scotland)

2017 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
August 7-13, 2017
Quail Hollow Club
(Charlotte, North Carolina)
2016 Champion: Jimmy Walker
Baltusrol Golf Club
(Springfield, New Jersey)

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2017 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

There are a total of 156 golfers allowed to compete for the coveted Wanamaker trophy. The field will then be narrowed down to the top 70, and those tied for 70th, for the Championship rounds Thursday, August 10 through Sunday, August 13.

There are numerous tournaments throughout the year where professionals can compete to qualify for the upcoming PGA Championship. For the 2017 PGA Championship, this includes the following:

- All former PGA Champions
- Winners of the last five Open Championships (2013-2017)
- The 2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Champion
- The top 15 finishers and ties from the 2016 PGA Championship
- The top 20 finishers from the 2017 PGA Professional Championship
- The top 70 players who have earned the most PGA Championship Points from the 2016 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/Barracuda Championship through the 2017 RBC Canadian Open ending July 30, 2017.
- Playing members of the last named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2016) provided they remain within the top 100 on the Official World Golf Rankings as of August 6, 2017.
- Winners of PGA TOUR co-sponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, from the 2016 PGA Championship to the 2017 PGA Championship
- The PGA of America reserves the right to invite additional players not included in the categories listed above

If necessary to complete the field, those players beyond the top 70 players who have earned the most PGA Championship Points from the 2016 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/Barracuda Championship through the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, in order of their position on such list

PARKING INFORMATION

Volunteer Parking during the 2017 PGA Championship, August 7-13, will be at the Old Knights Stadium (2280 Deerfield Drive) in Fort Mill, South Carolina (Lot V). More details on the transportation plan can be found on our website at www.pgachampionship.com
UNIFORM & CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION: JULY 14-16

DATES & TIMES:
July 14  4:00pm - 8:00pm
July 15  8:00am - 5:00pm
July 16  12:00pm - 5:00pm

LOCATION:
Waddell Language Academy
7030 Nations Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28217

UNIFORM & CREDENTIAL PICK-UP DETAILS:
You can pick up your uniform and credential in the Gymnasium at Waddell Language Academy. If you live more than 100 miles away from Charlotte, North Carolina and you are unable to pick up your uniform during the dates and times above, please make arrangements for a friend or family member to pick-up your uniform. For security reasons, only you can pick up your credential. If your uniform is picked-up by a friend or family member, your credential will be mailed to you.

If you live more than 100 miles away from Charlotte, North Carolina and do not have someone who is able to pick-up your uniform for you, your uniform and credential will be shipped to you.

REMINDERS:
Do NOT forget to bring your Box Card # and ID with you in order to receive your uniform and credential!
The anticipated schedule mailing will be sent out in the beginning of June. This mailing will include your assigned shifts, training information, box card #, parking information, and committee specific information. Please be sure to update your contact information in your volunteer profile if you have moved and need to change your address. You can also give our office a call to make an edit to your profile.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact the PGA Championship Office at 704-912-5020 or 2017PGA@pgahq.com.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING: JULY 13-16

Please see the committee specific, classroom-style training session schedule below. Training sessions will take place in the Waddell Language Academy Auditorium (unless otherwise noted), just down the hall from the Gymnasium. This training session information will also be included in your schedule letter, which you will receive in the beginning of June, along with on-site committee training session details.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
5:30 pm  Area Captain & Hole Captain  WLA Auditorium
5:30 pm  Volunteer Services  WLA Gymnasium

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017
5:30 pm  Marshals (Holes 1-6) & Marshals Special Teams (Last names A-I)  WLA Auditorium

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017
9:00 am  Disability Services Shuttles  WLA Auditorium
11:00 am  Marshals (Holes 7-12) & Marshals Special Teams (Last names J-R)  WLA Auditorium
1:30 pm  Monster Board  WLA Auditorium
2:30 pm  Leader Boards & Thru Boards  WLA Auditorium
4:00 pm  Transportation Captains meeting following

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
10:00 am  Mobile Device Enforcement Team  WLA Auditorium
12:00 pm  Contestant Evacuation (All Zones)  WLA Auditorium
1:30 pm  Marshals (Holes 13-18) & Marshals Special Teams (Last names S-Z)  WLA Auditorium
3:00 pm  Championship Shops  WLA Auditorium

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
We are pleased to announce a NEW Student Volunteer Program! The Student Championship Shop Volunteer Program allows young individuals, ages 18 to 21, to gain experience and exposure to the world of sports merchandising. Feel free to share this opportunity with students who may be interested. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and limited spots remain!

For more information about this opportunity and how to register a Student Championship Shop Volunteer, please refer to the document attached in the email.