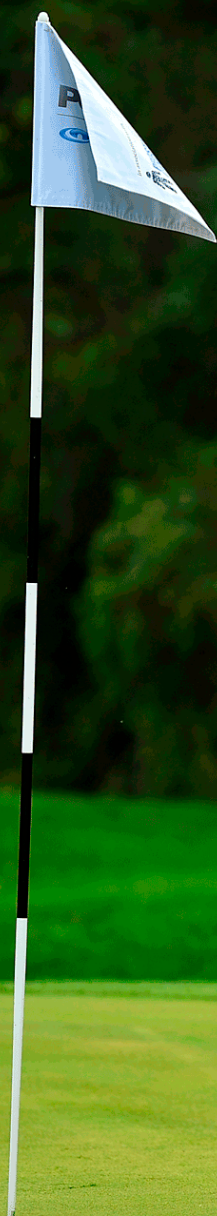


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Club Captain's Information Pack



Sunday 15th - Thursday 19th October 2023

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge

2022 saw us successfully deliver a full schedule of the SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge with over 560 participants, where Morpeth's Club Captain Steve Redpath and Head PGA Professional David Clark prevailed on the second hole of a four-team play-off in the Grand Final at PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort in October.

This year, the SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge will once again be run in association with Prostate Cancer UK and Asbri Golf. We are delighted that title sponsor SkyCaddie will be in attendance at all 10 regional finals and the Grand Final where all competitors will be afforded the use of SkyCaddie's premium GPS handhelds during their round, giving yardages to the day's pin positions.

Serving as your club's Captain is one of the greatest honours any club golfer can achieve and playing as a team on behalf of your club will provide a memory that is never forgotten. The SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge certainly creates a great spirit between the Captain and PGA Professional and has been doing so since the tournament's inception.

This pack contains information about the 10 regional finals being staged at renowned venues across the United Kingdom and Ireland. The winning pair from each qualifier will compete for the title in the 36-hole grand final staged on a course that boasts an impressive pedigree.

The event heads to Italy for the fourth time, where finalists will be able to experience luxury in a unique way at the Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, which is part of the prestigious group of PGA Branded Properties as PGA National Italy.

The five-star resort is widely regarded as one of the finest golf destinations in Europe, with the visually striking 18-hole Argentario course, designed by renowned architect David Mezzacane, taking in spectacular views across the valley to the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Orbetello lagoon and the hills of Maremma.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you at the regional qualifiers and wish you the best of luck in the competition. To secure your place, speak to your PGA Professional who will be able to submit an entry online through their PGA Players Club Account.

In the meantime, we wish you the best of luck for your captaincy and for the golfing year ahead.

Robert Maxfield.

Rob Maxfield
PGA Chief Executive



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Entry Details

How to Enter

Entry into the SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge can be made online through your competing PGA Professional's **Players Club Account**.

Accepted payment methods are credit or debit card. For any queries, please contact the PGA National Tournament Department on **01675 468 380** or alternatively you can email entries@pga.org.uk

2023 Schedule

There are 10 outstanding Regional Final venues that you and your competing Club Captain can choose to enter. Select a venue below and log-in via your Players Club Account.

Date	Venue	Region	Entries Close	BlueGolf
29th May	Royal Norwich	East	15th May	Enter here
31st May	Headingley	North A	17th May	Enter here
2nd June	Sandwell Park	Midlands A	19th May	Enter here
8th June	Coxmoor	Midlands B	25th May	Enter here
22nd June	Roganstown	Ireland	8th June	Enter here
26th June	Woodcote Park	South A	12th June	Enter here
28th June	Pleasington	North B	14th June	Enter here
10th July	Taunton & Pickering	South West	26th June	Enter here
13th July	Stirling	Scotland	29th June	Enter here
17th July	Bramshaw	South B	3rd July	Enter here

Grand Final

Date	Venue
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October	PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, Italy

Prize Fund (£22,000)

Date	Prize	Date	Prize
1st	£5,000	6th	£1,800
2nd	£3,200	7th	£1,600
3rd	£2,600	8th	£1,400
4th	£2,200	9th	£1,200
5th	£2,000	10th	£1,000

Terms of Competition

SKYCADDIE PGA PRO-CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, Italy

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th October 2023

Prize money – £22,000

2022 Champions – David Clark and Steve Redpath (a), Morpeth Golf Club

1. Conditions of Play

- (i) The SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge (referred to as The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge throughout these conditions) is a four-ball stableford team competition open to all Golf Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland that are affiliated to their relevant National or County Golf Union and all overseas Golf Clubs that currently engage an eligible PGA Professional and have a Club Captain as defined in 4 & 5.
- (ii) Each eligible club is invited to enter a team into The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge. Each team is a side and comprises an eligible PGA Professional and Club Captain as defined in 4 & 5.
- (iii) It is a condition of entry that both members of the side must be present and able to contribute to the team score during the stipulated round. This supersedes the provisions of Rule 23.4
- (iv) The maximum handicap index for male captains is 28.4 and female captains 36.4. Captains with higher handicaps may enter but will be required to play off the maximum handicap at all stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge. At all stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge an 85% handicap allowance will be applied. Any playing handicap adjustments will be in line with Rule 6.2 of the WHS Rules of Handicapping
- (v) All stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge will be run in accordance with PGA Tournament Regulations, the Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the local rules of the host venue, as approved by The PGA.
- (vi) PGA Professionals and Captains may only represent one club in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.
- (vii) For each club entry, the respective PGA Professional is liable for any disciplinary action under PGA Tournament Regulations, including withdrawal following the closing date.

2. Regional Finals

- (i) The Regional Finals are decided over 18 holes unless conditions require the number of holes to be reduced as per PGA Tournament Regulations.
- (ii) In the event of a tie for the leading places in the Grand Final, this will be decided by a card play-off as follows: most stableford points on the last 9, 6, 3, 1, holes. If a tie still remains the result will be determined by a Match Play hole-by-hole playoff from the better ball scores recorded on the card starting at the first hole of the round.
- (iii) Information for competitors and the draw for starting times will be sent via e-mail to the PGA Professional approximately two weeks prior to the Regional Finals. They will also be available from www.pga.info.
- (iv) The winning pair from each Regional Final will qualify for the

Grand Final to be held at PGA National – Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort.

- (v) Clubs may nominate the Regional Final in which they wish to participate. Entries are limited to 64 teams per Regional Final and entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Adjustments to field size and entries are at the discretion of The PGA and can be made at any time.

3. Grand Final

- (i) The Grand Final will be decided over 36 holes of four-ball stableford as defined in 1 (iii) with 18 holes to be played on each day unless conditions require this to be altered as per PGA Tournament Regulations.
- (ii) The field will total 10 teams, comprising the winning pair from each of the 10 Regional Finals.
- (iii) In the event of a tie for first place in the Grand Final, a hole-by-hole stableford play-off will be held, the winning team of which will be Champions. The play-off will commence from hole 1 and continue, playing the holes in order until a winner is determined. If applicable, handicap strokes will apply.
- (iv) For the purpose of the Professional Prize Fund all pairs involved in the play-off other than the champions will be deemed to have tied for second place and prize money will be shared.

In the case of amateur prizes any ties for the top three places will be determined firstly by performance in the play-off and if still tied a card play-off.

- (v) Card play-off, if applicable, will operate as follows: most stableford points on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes. If a tie still remains the result will be determined by a Match Play hole-by-hole play-off from the stableford scores recorded on the card starting at the first hole of the final round. If still tied, the same procedure will apply to the round 1 card.
- (vi) In the event of either the Captain or PGA Professional of a winning team at a Regional Final leaving the Club before the Grand Final, or the team being unable to participate in the Grand Final, the team finishing second in the relevant Regional Final will take the team's place.
- (vii) All competitors participating in the Grand Final will be expected to make and pay for their own travel arrangements to the UK departure point, with the exception of those teams qualifying from the Irish & Scottish Regional Finals, who will be expected to make and pay for their own travel arrangements to their respective first departure point.
- (viii) Thereafter all flights, accommodation and food and beverage associated with official functions will be included. Further information will be provided in the Information for Competitors at the Grand Final.

4. Eligibility for Professionals

The following PGA Professionals are eligible to compete in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge:

- (i) All core PGA Members that are currently engaged at the entering club (Excluding class I and PCDM).

Note 1: A PGA Professional operating at a second club, may nominate another eligible PGA Professional currently engaged at that second club to represent that second club; however this Professional must satisfy the requirements as laid down in Clause (i) above.

Note 2: An eligible member may only represent one club in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

Note 3: Entrants must satisfy the above criteria and eligibility conditions throughout all stages of the competition.

5. Eligibility and Rules for Captains

The following Club Captains are eligible to compete in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge:

- (i) The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge is open to current elected Club Captains over the age of 18 on the date of the Regional Final entered. The Captain must be an amateur & a full member of the participating club.
- (ii) A handicap certificate must be presented to The PGA at the Regional Finals and the Grand Final. The Captain must have a handicap index under the World Handicapping System, throughout all stages of the competition.
- (iii) The representing Club Captain must be regarded as the current elected Club Captain. If the club does not have a solely elected Club Captain, the club may nominate one of their current Club Captains to represent the club in the PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.
- (iv) If a Captain wishes to use a buggy during the Regional Final or Grand Final they must make a request in writing to the Tournament Director outlining their reason. The PGA will require a medical note in order for the request to be considered.
- (v) The Vice Captain, Ladies Captain, Seniors Captain, cannot act as a valid substitute for the elected Club Captain in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge and will not be allowed to compete in the competition.

6. Professional Substitutions

- (i) Another eligible PGA Professional currently engaged as detailed in 4 (i), may be substituted at any time prior to the Regional Final at the request and approval of the PGA Professional originally entered.
- (ii) Assistant PGA Professionals currently employed by a Member as detailed in 4 (i) may only be substituted in exceptional circumstances, at the request and approval of the PGA Professional originally entered and with the approval of The PGA Tournament Department, prior to the day of the Regional Final. Requests must be made in writing.
- (iii) The PGA Tournament Department must be informed of any substitutions as soon as possible. If either of the above policies are implemented and the team qualifies for the Grand Final, the substitute is required to participate in the Grand Final (i.e. the originally entered PGA Professional is not allowed to replace the substitute PGA Professional at the Grand Final).

7. Entry Fees (£GBP) and Closing Dates

The entry fee for The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge is £80. The closing dates for entry is shown below and are also available at www.pga.info.

Entries are to be made online through the competing PGA Professionals Players Club Account on BlueGolf.

8. Regional Qualifiers

Date	Venue	Region	Closing Date
29th May	Royal Norwich	East	15th May
31st May	Headingley	North A	17th May
2nd June	Sandwell Park	Midlands A	19th May
8th June	Coxmoor	Midlands B	25th May
22nd June	Roganstown	Ireland	8th June
26th June	Woodcote Park	South A	12th June
28th June	Pleasington	North B	14th June
10th July	Taunton & Pickeridge	South West	26th June
13th July	Stirling	Scotland	29th June
17th July	Bramshaw	South B	3rd July

9. Grand Final Prize Fund

There is no prize money for Regional Finals.

A prize fund of £22,000 (£GBP) will be available at the Grand Final. This prize fund will be awarded to the 36 hole better ball stableford team scores, and will be paid to the PGA Professional. The top 3 amateurs will be awarded prizes.

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1st	£5,000	6th	£1,800
2nd	£3,200	7th	£1,600
3rd	£2,600	8th	£1,400
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Note 1: In the event of a tie, prize money is shared with the exception of a tie for first place in the Grand Final. See 3 (iii).

Note 2: To receive prize money, teams must complete all rounds entered.

Note 3: Captains and Professionals in the top 3 teams will be awarded a prize at the Grand Final. In the event of a tie for these places, the procedure 3 (iii) will apply.

Note 4: All prize money is subject to a 6% PGA levy

10. PGA Rights

The PGA reserves the right to change or amend the Terms of the Competition. All disputes will be decided by The PGA whose decision will be final.

11. Privacy Rights

As a participant in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge, the sponsors SkyCaddie would like to contact you from time to time with relevant information about SkyCaddie. Your personal data will not be shared with any third parties.

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