



## **VAN DER VELDE CAPTURES PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Chris Van der Velde of Tetherow GC, winner of the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Championship, August 21 at Tetherow GC (Bend, Oregon) will lead 7 Section PGA Professionals to compete in The 42<sup>nd</sup> PGA Professional National Championship, June 28 - July 1, 2009, at Twin Warriors Golf Club and Santa Ana Golf Club in Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.

Van der Velde turned in a winning total of 215 to capture the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Champion title at Tetherow GC in Bend, OR. Defending champion, Brian Thornton of Meridian Valley CC (Kent, WA) was runner-up, finishing four strokes back. They are joined by Chris Mitchell of Portland GC (Portland, OR), Rob Gibbons of Arrowhead GC (Molalla, OR) and Mark Gardner of The Creek of Qualchan (Spokane, WA). Ryan Benzel of Mill Creek CC (Mill Creek, WA) had previously earned an exemption based on his fourth place finish at the 41<sup>st</sup> PGA Professional National Championship this past June. Brad Martin of Portland GC had placed eighth to also earn an exemption.

Making its second appearance in New Mexico since 2003, the PGA Professional National Championship brings together a field of 312 contestants representing The PGA of America's 41 nationwide Sections.

In 2009, the National Championship field will compete at Santa Ana Golf Club, a 27-hole complex that can play to 7,298 yards on its Tamaya and Cheena sides; and the par-72 Twin Warriors Golf Club, which can be extended to 7,736 yards, and will also be host for the final two rounds of the Championship. 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 2009 will earn berths into the 91<sup>st</sup> PGA Championship, Aug. 13-16, 2009, at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

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, a spot on the 2009 PGA Cup Team 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. GOLF CHANNEL is an exclusive media partner, and the PGA Tour is the Supporting Sponsor of PGA of America Member Championships. The 41 Section Championships and the National Championship offer a combined purse of \$1.5 million.

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### FINAL RESULTS

1	Van der Velde, Chris	Tetherow GC	71	74	70	215	\$5,500.00
2	Thornton, Brian	Meridian Valley CC	75	72	72	219	\$4,225.00
3	Runge, Louie	Willapa Harbor GC	75	78	68	221	\$3,500.00
4	Mitchell, Chris	Portland GC	76	72	75	223	\$2,583.33
	Benzel, Ryan	Mill Creek CC	76	74	73	223	\$2,583.33
	Gibbons, Rob	Arrowhead GC	73	78	72	223	\$2,583.33
7	Gardner, Mark	The Creek at Qualchan	76	77	72	225	\$2,000.00
8	Chuck, Martin	Tetherow GC	76	74	76	226	\$1,625.00
	O'Neal, Todd	Orchard Hills CC	77	80	69	226	\$1,625.00
10	Coleman, Keith	Harbour Pointe GC	74	76	77	227	\$1,350.00
	Bender, Jeff	Black Rock Creek GC	76	76	75	227	\$1,350.00
12	Malby, Ryan	Village Greens GC	72	80	76	228	\$1,200.00
13	Milne, Chuck	Vanco Driving Range	70	78	81	229	\$1,015.00
	Bowen, Steve	Cedars on Salmon Creek	78	78	73	229	\$1,015.00
	Burtner, Adrian	Columbia Edgewater CC	78	74	77	229	\$1,015.00
	Fosnick, Mike	Oakbrook G&CC	74	78	77	229	\$1,015.00
	Griffin, Chris	Tacoma C&GC	73	78	78	229	\$1,015.00
18	Wilcox, Craig	McKay Creek GC	77	75	78	230	\$912.50
	Tunstill, Bryan	Columbia Edgewater CC	80	75	75	230	\$912.50
20	Keating, Mark	Tualatin Island Greens	78	76	77	231	\$837.50
	Krieger, Scott	Broadmoor GC	77	77	77	231	\$837.50
	Leritz, Scott	Royal Oaks CC	73	81	77	231	\$837.50
	Hansen, Brad	Stoneridge GC	73	78	80	231	\$837.50
24	Thompson, Branden	Chehalem Glenn GC	71	86	75	232	\$762.50
	Bobillot, David	Skagit G&CC	73	85	74	232	\$762.50
	Marsh, Jeff	Rose City GC	76	79	77	232	\$762.50
27	McCoy, Casey	Hood River G&CC	73	78	82	233	\$700.00

28	Johnson, Jerry	Ocean Shores GC	78	79	77	234	\$662.50
	Turchin, Bart	Glen Acres CC	77	81	76	234	\$662.50
30	Garza, Bob	Lost Tracks GC	79	78	78	235	\$612.50
	Williams, Scott	Glendale CC	77	84	74	235	\$612.50
32	Stull, Steve	Meadow Springs CC	78	77	81	236	\$562.50
	Clark, Rob	Wenatchee G&CC	80	82	74	236	\$562.50
34	Moore, Danny	Willamette Valley CC	79	82	76	237	\$500.00
	Haney, Fred	The Reserve Vineyards	78	78	81	237	\$500.00
	Erdmann, Scott	Oswego Lake CC	76	81	80	237	\$500.00
	Ostrin, Dan	Widgi Creek GC	81	78	78	237	\$500.00