



## JEFF COSTON CAPTURES PACIFIC NORTHWEST PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP; SEVEN EARN BERTH IN $43^{\rm rd}$ PGA PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BURLINGTON, WA – Avalon Golf Links, 6,786 yards, par 72 – Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo G&CC (Blaine, WA), winner of the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Championship, August 20 at Avalon Golf Club will lead seven 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.

Coston turned in a winning total of seven-under-par 209 to capture the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Champion title. Adrian Burnter of Columbia Edgewater CC of Portland, OR was runner-up, finishing at 214. They are joined by Brian Thornton of Meridian Valley CC (Kent, WA), Darren Black of San Juan CC (Friday Harbor, WA), Rob Gibbons of Arrowhead GC (Mollala, WA), and Matt MacConnell of Gozzer Ranch (Coeur d' Alene, ID). Ryan Benzel of Battle Creek GC (Marysville, WA) is exempt into the championship.

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. 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.

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## PNW SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Avalon GL - August 18-20, 2009 FINAL RESULTS

	Player		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total	Money
1	Coston, Jeff	Semiahmoo G&CC	71	70	68	209	\$5,500.00
2	Burtner, Adrian	Columbia Edgewater CC	70	72	72	214	\$4,250.00
3	Thornton, Brian	Meridian Valley CC	73	66	76	215	\$3,500.00
4	Black, Darren	San Juan G&CC	70	73	73	216	\$3,000.00
5	Gibbons, Rob	Arrowhead GC	72	75	71	218	\$2,500.00
6	Milne, Chuck Malby, Ryan MacConnell, Matthew	Vanco Driving Range Village Greens GC Gozzer Ranch Golf & Lake	74 72 76	72 72 72	73 75 71	219 219 219	\$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00
9	Fought, Jeff Benzel, Ryan	Black Butte Ranch Battle Creek GC	72 77	73 68	75 75	220 220	\$1,475.00 \$1,475.00
11	Bender, Jeff McCoy, Casey Runge, Louie	Canyon Lakes GC Hood River G&CC Willapa Harbor GC	72 75 73	73 75 74	76 71 74	221 221 221	\$1,200.00 \$1,200.00 \$1,200.00
14	Tunstill, Bryan Coury, Brian	Columbia Edgewater CC Tam O'Shanter GC	75 78	75 73	72 71	222 222	\$1,025.00 \$1,025.00
16	Bunn, Matt Montgomery, Mike	Hayden Lake CC Bellingham G&CC	76 75	73 77	74 71	223 223	\$962.50 \$962.50
18	Rannow, Bob Gardner, Mark Wilcox, Craig Marsh, Jeff Schoner, Mike DeShaw, Kelly	Sandpines GL The Creek at Qualchan McKay Creek GC Vancouver, WA Lakeview G&CC Yakima Elks G&CC	73 75 75 76 76 78	74 77 74 75 74 72	77 72 75 73 74 74	224 224 224 224 224 224	\$862.50 \$862.50 \$862.50 \$862.50 \$862.50 \$862.50
24	Miller, Kyle Martin, Brad Krieger, Scott Erdmann, Scott	Tam O'Shanter GC Callaway Golf Broadmoor GC Oswego Lake CC	76 73 76 76	74 76 75 77	75 76 74 72	225 225 225 225 225	\$737.50 \$737.50 \$737.50 \$737.50
28	Cortez, Pepe	Sahalee CC	77	73	76	226	\$675.00
29	Sovay, Tom Hansen, Brad Fife, Cameron	Trilogy at Redmond Ridge Stoneridge GC Persimmon CC	76 77 79	75 77 77	76 73 71	227 227 227	\$630.00 \$630.00 \$630.00

32	Chuck, Martin	Tetherow GC	81	76	71	228	\$540.00
	Espedal, Ronnie	Ocean Shores GC	77	74	77	228	\$540.00
	Dehlin, Matt	Corvallis CC	81	71	76	228	\$540.00
	Schuh, Craig	Deer Park GC	76	77	75	228	\$540.00
	Henderson, Keith	Shuksan GC	73	79	76	228	\$540.00
	Eaton, Brett	Semiahmoo G&CC	77	72	79	228	\$540.00
38	Hinkle, Lon	Big Fork, MT	80	74	75	229	\$460.00
	Leritz, Scott	Royal Oaks CC	78	78	73	229	\$460.00
40	Manley, Greg	Meridian Valley CC	75	80	75	230	\$437.50
	O'Neal, Todd	Orchard Hills CC	82	72	76	230	\$437.50