



PGA Newsletter

Sun Country Section



October 2011

From the Desk of the President

Fellow Members & Apprentices,



We just concluded the 2011 New Mexico Open and what a great event it was. Congratulations go to Tim Madigan who shot rounds 64-62-64 for a 190 total to win by

5 shots. This was Tim's professional debut and I would have to say it was quite impressive! A big thank you to Santa Ana GC and the Santa Ana Star Casino for hosting another high quality, highly successful event! The Open also was successful for charity with proceeds going to charities designated by Santa Ana and, of course, the Sun Country Junior Foundation. I would also be amiss if I didn't mention that 12 of our section Professionals played in the event and several made the cut and represented us quite well... Way to go, guys!!!

Also playing this fall and representing us quite well was our Executive Director Matt Williams. Matt recently played in the USGA Mid Am Championship and posted scores of 75-72 in the stroke play where he made the cut, tying for 37th. Unfortunately he lost in his first match 2 & 1, but even so I am sure he was the only dual Executive Director of golf associations playing and I know he had the fewest practices rounds under his belt of the entire field. Matt, that's the way to show that you can work in the golf business and still have a credible game... You made us proud!

Once again I encourage everyone to attend the Awards Banquet where we

will have a chance to congratulate all the award winners for 2011. This year we will also have the first ever "Golf Summit" in conjunction with the awards, bringing together for the first time the SCSPGA, SCAGA and RGGCSA for a day of meetings, education, industry awareness and awards. I encourage you to bring your employer to show them what we do as an industry and then see what the award winners have achieved. This will be a great chance for members to get their first shot at MSR points so be sure to mark your calendars for this historic event on Sunday, November 13th. A link to more information and registration is included on page 6.

One final thank you and a reminder that the IMG Cup is coming up that will feature the top 21 point getters from section events and pro-ams this season. Special thanks to Daniel Nunez and the Inn of the Mountain Gods for sponsoring and creating the event. It is another great playing opportunity for our members and also a great pay back for those who have worked hard on their game throughout the season. If you don't know where you stand in the points race, check out the standings on page 7. There are only a few events left to get the points you need to play!!

Until next time...Get out and Play!!! When you do, it encourages others to!

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MADIGAN WINS NEW MEXICO OPEN

Champion Sets New Record in State's Largest Golf Tournament and is Awarded \$12,500 and Trophy

Press Release Courtesy of James Korenchen Public Relations

The Pueblo of Santa Ana, N.M. – September 15, 2011 – Timothy Madigan, from Rio Rancho, N.M., won the Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open and set the new tournament record with an overall score of 190 and a total of 20-under par at the Santa Ana Golf Club on the Pueblo of Santa Ana in New Mexico. He shot a six-under par with a total score 64 in the final round to maintain his lead and win the tournament to surpass the record set by Brian Kortan who scored a 19-under par at the 2008 New Mexico Open tournament. As the champion, Madigan received a \$12,500 check from the Sun Country PGA and a trophy for first place. The 2011 Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open was Madigan's first tournament to play as a professional.

In addition, Zack Reeves from Arlington, Texas, was awarded second place with an overall score of 195 and a total of 15-under par and Derek Tolan from Highlands Ranch, Colo., shot an overall score of 197 and a total of 13-under par for third place.

Amateur golfer Joey Gorence, from Albuquerque, NM, was the low amateur, finishing with a six-under par with a final score of 204 and tied for 14th place. As Gorence is not a professional, he received a trophy and gift card for \$750 to the Santa Ana Golf Club.



Photo courtesy of James Korenchen Public Relations

Notable finishes for the final round include:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name of Player</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
T21	Chad Saladin	Rolla, MO	-4	206	-2/68
T29	Jaxon Brigman	Frisco, TX	-1	209	-1/69
T43	Steve Saunders	Albuquerque, NM	+2	212	+2/72



The 2011 Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open Champion Tim Madigan (right) with Low Amateur Champion Joey Gorence

Considered one of the top tournaments in the southwest, the Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open, the state's largest golf tournament, had a purse this year of \$85,000 with \$12,500 awarded to the winner. Santa Ana Golf Club has been named one of best golf courses in the country by Golf Magazine. The tournament took place between Tuesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 15, 2011.





SUN COUNTRY PRO JEFF ROTH TAKES SENIOR NEW MEXICO OPEN TITLE

ALBUQUERQUE

Jeff Roth, Head Professional at San Juan Country Club in Farmington New Mexico is the 2011 Senior New Mexico Open Champion. Jeff fired a two day total of 137 (-7) to hold off a strong charge by John Adams of Paris Texas and Carlton Blewett, Head Professional at Spring River Golf Course in Roswell New Mexico. Both players finished one stroke off the pace with a 36 hole total of 138 (-6) This years Low Amateur was Cyrus Whitney, from Oro Valley Arizona, with a two day total of 143 (-1)

First round leaders, Carlton Blewett and Bill Harvey, just couldn't match the shotmaking of Roth, who shot a second round score of 67 to overcome a 2 shot deficit at the start of the day. Blewett played well, carding a 2 under par 70 in round two, but bogeyed two of the last five holes to finish one back. First round co-leader Bill Harvey struggled on the back nine to finish with a 74 and finish tied for 8th.



Senior New Mexico Open Champion Jeff Roth, PGA, with Golf House Sr. Director of Rules & Competitions Mark Swanson, PGA

TOP FINISHES



New Mexico Open

Pos.	Player	Hometown	Score	Total
1	Tim Madigan	Rio Rancho, NM	-20	190
2	Zack Reeves	Arlington, TX	-15	195
3	Derek Tolan	Highlands Ranch, CO	-13	197
4	Pat Grady	Broomfield, CO	-12	198
5	Fergal Rafferty	Tomball, TX	-10	200
6	Wil Collins	Albuquerque, NM	-9	201
T7	Creighton Honeck	Austin, TX	-8	202
T7	Matthew Edwards	Las Cruces, NM	-8	202
T9	Zenon Brown	Arvada, CO	-7	203
T9	Will Doughtie	Amarillo, TX	-7	203
T9	Randy Lowry	Spring, TX	-7	203
T9	Brice Garnett	Gallatin, MO	-7	203
T9	Brad Bessler	Blessing, TX	-7	203
T14	Bronson Burgoon	The Woodlands, TX	-6	204
T14	Chris Wall	Albuquerque, NM	-6	204
T14	Joey Gorence	Albuquerque, NM	-6	204
T14	Miguel Griego	Socorro, NM	-6	204
T18	Dean Vomacka	Phoenix, AZ	-5	205
T18	Ben Portie	Westminster, CO	-5	205
T18	Stephen Schneider	Sandy, TU	-5	205



ALBUQUERQUE

Senior New Mexico Open

Pos.	Player	Hometown	Score	Total
1	Jeff Roth	Farmington, NM	-7	137
T2	John Adams	Paris, TX	-6	138
T2	Carlton Blewett	Roswell, NM	-6	138
T4	James Blair	Ogden, UT	-3	141
T4	Dal Daily	Albuquerque, NM	-3	141
T4	Daniel Koesters	Las Cruces, NM	-3	141
T4	Mike Zarembo	Pueblo West, CO	-3	141
T8	Bill Harvey	Albuquerque, NM	-2	142
T8	Larry Mackin	Queen Creek, AZ	-2	142
10	Cyrus Whitney	Oro Valley, AZ	-1	143
T11	Andy Boyd	Albuquerque, NM	E	144
T11	Ross Nettles	Santa Fe, NM	E	144
T11	Tom Storey	Mesquite, NV	E	144
T14	Jimmy Montecino	Banning, CA	1	145
T14	Steven Russell	Amarillo, TX	1	145
16	Grant Dalpes	Alamogordo, NM	6	150
T17	Joe Huber	Show Low, AZ	9	153
T17	Tom Velarde	Espanola, NM	9	153
T19	Mark Morrow	Oro Valley, AZ	11	155
T19	Jeff Rudi	Tucson, AZ	11	155
T19	Creek Scott	Crosby, TX	11	155

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Board of Directors positions will be open from October 3-14. Class A and LM-A members will receive an email October 3 with a link to make their nomination.

Nominees must be Class A Section members and must be nominated by another Class A member or a LM-A member by October 14. You must verify that the person you nominate is willing to accept the responsibility if elected. Members may not nominate themselves.

Nominations from the floor will not be accepted. Please make your nomination using the online form by October 14.

Four at-large positions are available. Tournament chairman and committee heads will be assigned by the executive committee.

Outgoing board members: Steve Manning (Tournament Chair), Dominic Curran, Zach Hoefel, Mark Zapach.



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Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be available for Class A and LM-A Members who are unable to attend the Fall Meeting. Ballots must be returned to the Section Office by November 10.

APPRENTICES IN PGM 1.0 MUST COMPLETE LEVEL 1 CHECKPOINT BY DECEMBER 12-15, 2011

December 12-15 is the last available Level 1 Checkpoint for the PGM 1.0 program. If you are enrolled in PGM 1.0 or have an apprentice who is, please read the information below carefully.

To be eligible to attend this final PGA PGM 1.0 Level 1 Checkpoint, your Work Experience Kit must be approved and you must be registered no later than the registration deadline date of November 9, 2011. You should allow 30 days for the Work Experience Kit review process; so now is the time to finish the assignments and submit your Kit for approval.

Should you not attend a PGA PGM 1.0 Level 1 Checkpoint by December 15, 2011, and wish to continue working toward PGA Membership, it will be necessary for you to transfer into Level 1 of the PGA PGM 2.0 program by paying a \$300 transfer fee. Your transfer into the PGA PGM 2.0 Program must be completed by June 30, 2012. Failure to transfer into Level 1 of the PGA PGM 2.0 program by June 30, 2012, will result in being dropped from the rolls as of that date. You are still required to follow Acceptable Progress which is based on your original Level 1 Start Date and which could be cause for termination earlier than June 30, 2012.

To register for a PGA PGM 1.0 Level 1 Checkpoint now or to discuss transfer options, please contact the PGA Membership Services Department at (800) 474-2776. For assistance with Work Experience activities, course materials or seminar information, call The PGA PGM Mentor Line at (866) 866-3382.

We look forward to your successful completion of Checkpoint 1 as you work toward the goal of becoming a Class A member of The PGA of America and we are here to assist you through this process.

ROMMANN CAPTURES SUN COUNTRY PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SANTA FE, N.M. – Trent Rommann of El Paso, Texas, winner of the Sun Country PGA Professional Championship, at The Club at Las Campanas Sunrise Course will lead three Sun Country PGA Professionals to compete in the 45th PGA Professional National Championship, June 24-27, 2012, at Bayonet Black Horse in Seaside, Calif.

Rommann turned in a winning total of 13-under-par 203 to capture the Sun Country PGA Professional Champion title. Jeff Roth of Farmington, N.M., was runner-up, finishing at 11-under. By virtue of his win at the 1993 PGA Professional Championship, Roth is already exempt to next year's PNC. Therefore, Rommann will be joined by Roth and the third and fourth place finishers at this year's Sun Country PGA PNC, Henry Stetina of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Dominic Curran of Silver City, N.M.

The 2012 National Championship will be contested on the par-72, 7,104-yard Bayonet Golf Course, which opened in 1954, and the par-72, 7,024-yard Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, Calif., which opened for play in 1964. The final two rounds will be conducted on the Bayonet Golf Course.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Section Events & Pro-Ams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Enter</u>
Oct 3	Lake Carlsbad Pro-Am	Lake Carlsbad GC, Carlsbad	Pro Shop: (575) 885-5444
Oct 6	IMG Fall Classic	Inn of the Mntn Gods, Mescalero	Pro Shop: (575) 464-7941
Oct 7	Links at Sierra Blanca Pro-Am	Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso	Pro Shop: (575) 258-5330
Oct 10	Pro-Assistant Team Champ.	Towa GC, Santa Fe	www.suncountry.pga.com
Oct 17-18	The Pistolero	Black Mesa GC, Espanola	Pro Shop: (505) 747-8946
Oct 24	Rainmakers Pro-Am	Rainmakers GC, Alto	Pro Shop: (575) 257-4653
Oct 31	Halloween Open	Lone Star GC, El Paso	Pro Shop: (915) 591-4927
Nov 1-2	Senior-Junior Team Championship	Lone Star GC, El Paso	www.suncountry.pga.com
Nov 8-9	Silver City Pro-Scratch-Member	Silver City GC, Silver City	Pro Shop: (575) 538-5041
Nov 21-22	Inn of the Mountain Gods Cup	Sonoma Ranch GC, Las Cruces	Qualifiers Only

Other Events

Oct 4	Playing Ability Test	NMSU GC, Las Cruces	Entries closed
Oct 19-20	Fall Golf Show	Homewood Suites Uptown, ABQ	
Nov 13	Golf Summit & Awards Banquet	Hard Rock Hotel, Albuquerque	www.suncountry.pga.com

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November 13, 2011
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INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS CUP

NOVEMBER 21-22 SONOMA RANCH GC, LAS CRUCES 21-MAN FIELD

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH THE SUN COUNTRY PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*TOP 6, EXCLUDING THOSE
OTHERWISE EXEMPT AS
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS*

Regular Point Standings

1. Trent Rommann	1152
2. Dominic Curran	1008
3. Anthony Romero	688
4. Colby Reddoch	626.17
5. Scott Lieberwirth	516.5
6. Zach Hoefel	502.5
7. Daniel Nunez	410.5
8. Mark Gonzalez	380
9. Steve Manning	360
10. Luis Delgadillo	341
11. Saul Sanchez	300
12. Tom Yost	222.5

*TOP 4, EXCLUDING THOSE
OTHERWISE EXEMPT AS
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS*

Senior Point Standings

1. Bill Harvey	1464.5
2. Dan Koesters	1314
3. Dal Daily	1174
4. Carlton Blewett	1101
5. Tom Velarde	836.5
6. Larry Webb	558.5
7. Jeff Roth	505
8. Mark Pelletier	332
9. Andy Boyd	327
10. Manny Martinez	315
11. Grant Dalpes	313
12. Tad Bourg	307

*TOP 2, EXCLUDING THOSE
OTHERWISE EXEMPT AS
TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS*

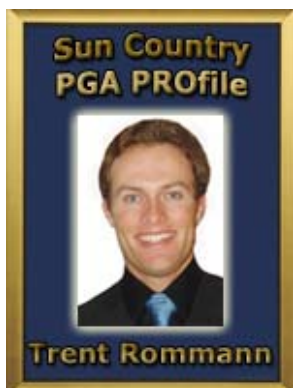
Apprentice Point Standings

1. David Muttitt	1022
2. Eric Chavez	907.5
3. Miguel Griego	617.5
4. Miguel Bautista	476
5. Kevin Richards	450
6. Mark England	409.5
7. Ronnie Meng	391
8. Ramon Valdez	339
9. Carville Bourg	295
10. Drew Shurbet	185
11. Jason Baldwin	175
12. Randy Doerhoefer	158.5

Exemptions for Tournament Champions

- Pro-President — *Dan Koesters*
- Match Play — *David Muttitt*
- Sr. Match Play — *Carlton Blewett*
- Sr. Section Champ. — *Bill Harvey*
- Players Champ. — *Trent Rommann*
- Assistant Champ. — *Filled from regular point list*
- Senior New Mexico Open — *Jeff Roth*
- New Mexico Open — *Miguel Griego (low section pro)*
- Section Professional Championship — *Filled from regular point list*

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University: University of Texas at El Paso

Year Turned Pro: 2006

Facility and Job Title: Director of Instruction at Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course

Background and credentials

Originally from Iowa City, IA, until I moved with my family at age 15 to Rio Rancho, NM. Played high school golf from

1998-2001. Continued on to play 4 years of college golf at the University of Texas at El Paso where I was the team captain and most valuable player in 2005 and 2006. Turned professional in 2006 after graduation from the University of Texas at El Paso and began working at the El Paso Country Club from 2006-2009 before leaving to play full-time professional golf on the Adams Pro Golf Tour Series through the 2009-2010 season. Returned to Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course in El Paso, TX as the first assistant professional and finished all 3 levels of the PGA certification program by March of 2011. From there I was given the title as the PGA Director of Instruction and my students grew in number and in talent.

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional? I wanted to continue a job in the golf industry after I finished playing full-time professional golf in 2009. I knew that to advance myself in the golf business I would need to become a PGA Professional.

What is your specialty in the golf business? I enjoy teaching the game to players of all levels and have had success with many of my students at the junior, high school, and amateur levels.

Please list any accomplishments

- *Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Texas at El Paso, June 2006.
- *2010 Sun Country Apprentice Player of the Year
- *Second stage of PGA Tour Qualifying tournament in 2008

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Winning the New Mexico High School State Golf Championship in 2001 shooting 65-70.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?

My father has had the greatest impact on my golfing career.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and traveling anywhere in the world.

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?

I would play Augusta National Golf Club and completing my foursome would be: My father, my brother (for a good laugh), and finally the Dalai Lama.

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?

Ben Hogan, I would tell him to trust his swing, watch him hit balls for hours and mention that we could go work on some putting if he would like.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Hit the little ball before the big ball

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October 5

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October 7

Todd Wilcox, PGA

October 12

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October 14

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October 19

David Michel

October 20

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October 25

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October 27

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November 2

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November 3

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November 4

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November 6

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Jeffrey Zuloaga

November 7

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Ty Hamer, PGA

November 8

Guy Wimberly, PGA

November 9

Derek Gutierrez, PGA

November 10

James Smith, PGA

November 18

Stan Ferguson, PGA
Bob Hickson, PGA

November 21

Carlton Blewett, PGA
Ron Meng

November 22

Sabino Grijalva

November 23

Rusty Uhl, PGA

November 24

Erin Kato, PGA

November 26

Tim Hutchinson, PGA

November 27

John Heaton, PGA
Mark Swanson, PGA
Tyler Yancey, PGA

November 30

Allan Beck, PGA



"For me, the worst part of playing golf, by far, has always been hitting the ball." ~Dave Barry



Members

on the Move

Transfers In

Name	Class	Facility
Robert Wood	A-1	Butterfield Trail

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