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Welcome to the 2024 SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge

Celebrate your club captain's year by joining The PGA for an unforgettable journey in the 2024 SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

Serving as a club captain is one of the greatest honours any golfer can achieve and playing as a team on behalf of your club alongside the PGA Professional provides a memory that will last forever. The SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge event creates a special bond between the captain and pro and has been doing so since the tournament's inception in 1993.

This fourball stableford team competition is open to all golf clubs affiliated to their National Golf Union. You can enter one of 10 Regional Finals, played at outstanding venues across the UK and Ireland, with the winning team from each event booking their place in the Grand Final on a course that boasts an impressive pedigree.

Ten teams will enjoy the five-star hospitality experience at PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, part of the prestigious group of PGA branded properties.

This year title sponsor and PGA Partner, SkyCaddie, will be in attendance at all 10 Regional Finals and the Grand Final, where all competitors will be afforded the use of their premium GPS handheld devices during their round, giving yardages to the day's pin positions.

We are looking forward to welcoming teams at the Regional Finals and wish you the best of luck in the competition and for the golfing year ahead.

Robert Mon field.

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Rob Maxfield PGA Chief Executive

James Holmes

and Operations EMEA

This pack contains all the information your club needs to enter this year's event, including details of all 10 Regional Finals to get your SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge journey underway.

Why enter the SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge?



Play at one of 10 stunning Regional Final venues

Be in with a chance of experiencing
 Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort should you make it to the Grand Final



PGA Professionals will compete for a slice of the £22,000 Professional Prize Fund

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The course was absolutely fantastic. You have to think your way around it and the sponsors, the hotel, the whole set up is fantastic, you can't fault it at all. I would definitely recommend other club captains to enter this year's SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

2023 SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge winner, Wellingborough's club captain Glyn Pepper (pictured left with Simon Lilly)



Entry Details

How to Enter

Entry into the SkyCaddie PGA Pro-Captain Challenge can be made through your BlueGolf account <u>here</u>.

For any queries, please contact the PGA National Tournament Department on **01675 468 380** or email <u>entries@pga.org.uk</u>

Professional Prize Fund (£22,000)

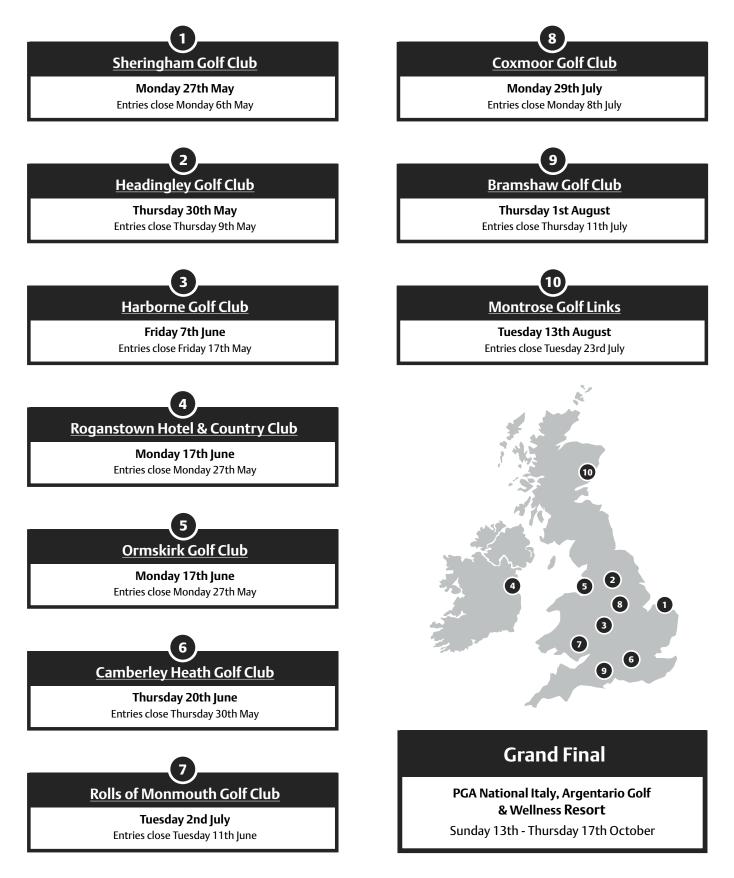
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| 1st | £5,000 | | 6th | £1,800 |
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2024 Event Schedule

There are 10 outstanding Regional Final venues that you and your competing PGA Captain can choose to enter. Select a venue online via your BlueGolf account <u>here</u>.



Terms of the Competition

SKYCADDIE PGA PRO-CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

PGA National Italy - Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, Italy

Sunday 13th - Thursday 17th October 2024

Prize money – £22,000

2023 Champions – Simon Lilly & Glyn Pepper (Wellingborough 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

- 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 wining 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 one Regional Final only 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

- 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.
- (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

- 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 <u>www.pga.info</u>. Entries are to be made online through the competing PGA Professionals Players Club Account on BlueGolf.

8. Regional Qualifiers

| Date | Venue | Region | Closing Date |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 27th May | Sheringham | East | 6th May |
| 30th May | Headingley | North | 9th May |
| 7th June | Harborne | Midlands | 17th May |
| 17th June | Roganstown | Ireland | 27th May |
| 17th June | Ormskirk | North | 27th May |
| 20th June | Camberley Heath | South | 30th May |
| 2nd July | Rolls of Monmouth | South West | 11th June |
| 29th July | Coxmoor | Midlands | 8th July |
| 1st August | Bramshaw | South | 11th July |
| 13th August | Montrose | Scotland | 23rd 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.

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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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

We are The Professional Golfers' Association and by entering the tournament you are consenting to your information being used for the purposes of contacting you with any relevant information about The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.





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