

2015 KPGA Spring Business Meeting

Tournament Report

Dear KPGA Members and Apprentices,

The Tournament Committee is excited to offer a quality set of playing opportunities for each of you in 2015. First off, we would like to update everyone on the Tournament Committee issues addressed since the 2014 KPGA December Business Meeting:

We are excited about this year's Committee (which features several new members): Tournament Vice Chair Barry Payne, John Bachman, Greg Basham, Dee Brown, Robert Gates, Greg Griffith, John Kells, Alex Martin and Otis Smith. We put together a team who can represent our KPGA Members, Assistants, Apprentices and Senior divisions all across the state. We will also work closely with our Tournament Director, Bill Coomer (who brings over 20 years experience and insight) and active participation from our Executive Director, Steve McMillen, as we strive to improve and grow our tournament program.

The 2015 Tournament Calendar reflects a schedule that spreads events throughout the entire golf season. It offers an opportunity for KPGA Professionals to play some of the best courses in Kentucky with a mixture of stroke play and pro-am events. Here are some of the new changes that you will see in 2015:

- * Reintroducing a KPGA Stableford event on May 26 at Hunting Creek Country Club. This event is now a professional-only event and the format change will hopefully bring excitement to it
- * The Challenge Cup will be played at Valhalla and has changed in numerous ways: moving the date to September 1, expanding each team to 12 players, reducing event play to three 9-hole matches and including special match announcement presentations on that day
- * The eligibility requirement for the Women's Kentucky Open has been expanded to include non-resident professionals this year
- * The KPGA Pro-Junior has been moved to Monday, June 29 at Weissinger Hills Golf Course and will include a PGA Junior League division in an effort to grow the event, make it easier for professionals to play and make the event more competitive and fun for everyone
- * The KPGA Pro-Lady has been moved to June 15 at Andover Golf and Country Club to avoid potential school and work conflicts
- * The 2015 Kaiser Cup has been moved to April 13-14 at Belterra to address potential weather concerns
- * The prize distribution matrix has been modified to allow for expanded prize payouts in our major events - paying out more to top finishers and the overall field.

Moving forward, the committee will thoroughly review and analyze the feedback from the KPGA Member Survey to address any concerns and hear your opinions about our KPGA events. We are a committee driven and motivated to represent you and to ensure what is best for our KPGA family. We are thrilled at the responses and feedback we received thus far and welcome and encourage all feedback throughout the season. Again, we are committed to providing the best tournament program for everyone and we look forward to doing that as one. We are excited about the tournament package available in 2015. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Board of Directors and the Tournament Committee with your comments and suggestions to make our program better. We wish you the best of luck in your competitions in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

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