



# TOURNAMENT REPORT

It has been another successful and exciting tournament year for our KPGA Members and apprentices. We are excited to hand out awards for select events, the Pro-Pro Series, and our Player of the Year awards at this year's Fall Member Conference! A big thank you goes out to those of you who took the time to sign up and play in an event and to those of you who agreed to host a KPGA event in 2016. We appreciate your support. Another thank you goes out to our sponsors who make our events possible. Please make sure and thank those individuals and organizations who partner with us to become sponsors. Also, if you are a KPGA Member who does not play as often as you would like, or maybe as much as you used to, we thank you for making the time for assistants and apprentices at your facilities to play and we encourage you to circle a few key events in 2017 and come out to play.

The measure of success in 2016 can literally be seen in our participation numbers and entries into events. In 2016 we are excited to report a 15% increase in entries over the 2015 season and a 2% increase over our 3-year average. While entries are not as high as they were in 2013 or 2014, it was a tremendous bounce back year for our tournament program. Much of the achievement can be attributed to the success of the Pro-Pro Series events, which saw entries rise in each of the 4 events held. We hope to continue that momentum into 2017 with enhancements and tweaks to the series using member feedback. Other success stories included higher entry numbers in 2016 in all of the Kentucky Open event categories as well as an increase in entries for the Section Championship. Coasting off the success of the 2016 season, the Tournament Committee is proud to release the 2017 KPGA Tournament Schedule at the Annual Fall Member Conference.

Highlighting the 2017 schedule will be the return of the Pro-Pro team series with the first team event kicking off at Oxmoor Country Club. We encourage everyone to sign up for a Pro-Pro Series team in the spring by purchasing a players card. Other highlights include a return to the popular Hurstbourne Country Club for the Kentucky Open and the 2017 Section Championship which is to be played at the University of Louisville Golf Club. Also, in 2017, we will be introducing a new event which will be called the KPGA 2X2 Pro AM which will feature teams comprised of 2 Professionals and 2 Amateurs. Another focus in 2017, will be the Pro-Lady which will use a format change and become an NCR Pro-Am. This event will be held at Greenbrier Golf and Country Club. As we move into the 2017 season, we are also excited about the addition of other enhancements to our tournament program such as the expanded use of Golf Genius Software, upgrades to our website and registration portal, as well as collaboration with the Marketing Committee to promote our events to our members in more modern and efficient channels.



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We would also like to give a special Thank You to the members of this year's 2016 Tournament Committee for their time and effort that they committed for the betterment of our section events. Members of this year's Tournament Committee consisted of John Bachman, Chad Douglas, Otis Smith, Tommy Watts, and Greg Meadors. Also, special thanks to Kris Kleinsasser who has left our section but whose work was instrumental in forming the 2017 calendar. The Tournament Committee would also like to thank Steve McMillen and Bill Coomer for their participation and involvement with this committee. In closing, the Tournament Committee will continue to ask our KPGA Members for comments, ideas, and concerns as it relates to our tournament program. If you are interested in serving on the committee in 2017, please contact Bill Coomer, the staff liaison, to discuss the commitment.

Thanks again, and good luck to you all in 2017!

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