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## First MacKenzie American layout hosts 110th Trans-Mississippi Championship



The historic Meadow Club of Fairfax, California has been chosen as the host site of the 110th Trans-Mississippi Championship, July 8-11.

The first U.S. course ever designed by golf architectural legend Dr. Alister MacKenzie in 1927 will serve as a worthy challenge for some of the top amateur golfers in the country in one of the oldest amateur tournaments.

"We are very honored to have the historic and prestigious Meadow Club serve as host to one of the most historic and prestigious amateur golf tournaments in the country," said Trans-Mississippi Executive Director Rob Addington.

"The many great players in this year's field are in for quite a course challenge which will fit in nicely with previous Trans-Miss sites like Southern Hills in Tulsa, Dallas' Brook Hollow and Cherry Hills in Denver."

The Championship will be played over 72 holes of stroke play with a cut to the low 54 and ties following the second round. The field of 144 amateurs will

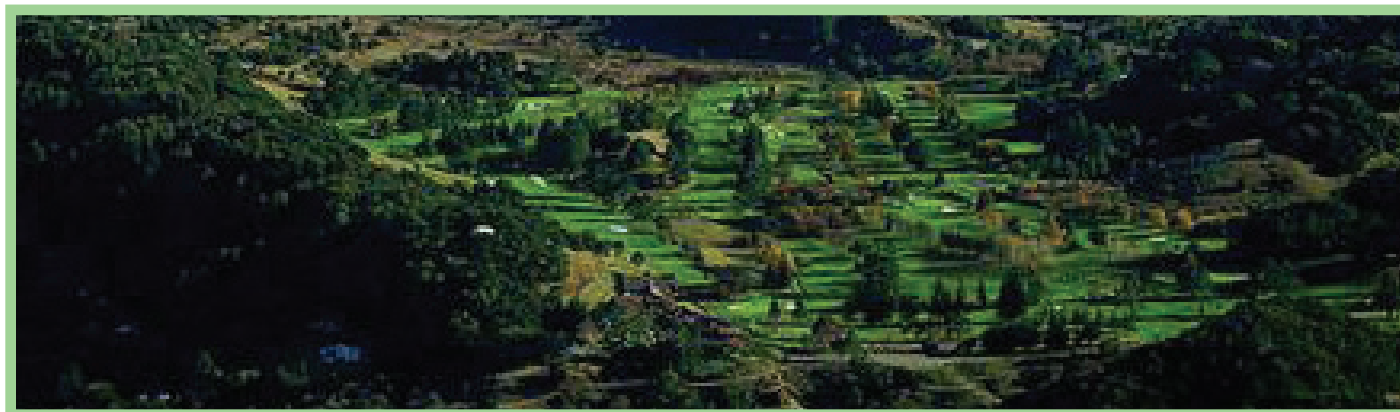
look to add their name to a list of past champions that includes Jack Nicklaus, Deane Beman, Ben Crenshaw, Bob Tway and Mark Brooks.

Last year, college star Tyler Raber from nearby University of California-Davis conquered the tough Oak Tree National course in Edmond, Oklahoma to capture his first Trans-Miss title with a birdie on the final hole. A senior at UC-Davis, he is expected to return to defend his title.

This is the third year that college players have been allowed to play in the Trans-Miss and their addition has lifted the tournament's prestige. 2011 U.S. Amateur champion Kelly Kraft won the Trans-Miss before winning the amateur.

"We expect this to be another great field on a great layout which makes for a truly special tournament," Dave Prinz, Director of Tournament Operations added.

Registration is currently open and runs until June 3. The exempt player deadline is April 1. Entry fee is \$295 and open to all male amateurs who have reached their 19th birthday on or before July 9, 2013 with a USGA handicap index of 2.0 or less. The championship committee can invite players less



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# Dear Fellow Golfers:

I hope that you are ready for a great 2013 golf season and will look to include the Trans Miss Golf Association Championships on your schedule. Like in years past we have some fantastic venues hosting our championships this year and think that you will enjoy each venue. The Trans continues to promote our Turf Scholarship Fund which donated over \$55,000 in grants to students pursuing a career in turf management. We are also very excited to have a new association with the Texas Golf Association to manage our business affairs and be the administrators for our championships. I think you will see some upgrades in our championship, with the intent of making Trans events the best of the best. You can now enter each Trans-Miss event as well as make contributions to the scholarship fund, which are tax deductible, on-line via the Trans website at Tran-Miss.com.

The Senior Championship this year is at The Gallery, a wonderful 36 hole facility which hosted the 2007-2008 Accenture Match Play Tour event. The course is located just minutes from



the Dove Mountain Ritz Carlton Hotel in which we have gotten a good room rate. Other hotels are located within 10 minutes of the club as well. The course

should be challenging yet a fun and fair test. Entries are now open for this event so be sure and get signed up early.

The Trans Championship will be hosted by The Meadow Club which is a hidden gem located just north of San Francisco. The first course designed by Alister McKenzie in the US, this shot makers course will test your ability to hit all different types of shots and think your way around the course. It is truly an American classic and a venue you will definitely want to put on your play list. Application for entry into this event is open as well.

The Four Ball Championship returns to Castle Pines one of the top venues in the country. The field to this year's event will be limited to 64 teams with the ability for most traveling teams to stay on-site. The entries open for this event on June 3rd and teams will be placed in the event based on successful past participation, national ranking of team members and support of the Trans.

This year participants in the Senior and Four Ball must be a member of a Trans Miss member club. Clubs can join the Trans on-line or print off the application and return to the Trans offices in Dallas. We look forward to a great season in 2013 and hope to see you at one of our championships.

Truly,

President

than 19 years of age.

Exemptions can be granted in seven different categories and include the past champions from the last five years.

The Trans-Miss is a walking only tournament which may fit for The Meadow Club's par 71, 6,700 yard layout from the back tees, but those who played Mackenzie's gems including Augusta National Golf Club, Cypress Point, the nearby Valley Club and Pasatiempo know of his immense design challenges.

Located in a valley just north of San Francisco, The Meadow Club will be hosting its first Trans-Miss Championship. Established in 1901, The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is composed of member clubs located throughout the country.

The annual amateur championship is one of three national tournaments held each year along with a Turf Scholarship Fund administered by the organization governed by an independent board of directors and now headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

But in 2013, the theme will be, 'California Here I Come,' as dozens of top amateurs compete for national golf glory at one of the Golden State's most historic and prestigious courses.

For more information on the 2013 tournament or to register on-line go to [www.trans-miss.org](http://www.trans-miss.org) or call 214-468-8942.

# Meadow Club



## **Restoring MacKenzie's First Course in America**

### *The Site*

Meadow Club is a remarkable golf course, set in a high mountain meadow only 30 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge with no housing visible from the golf course. When the sun sets behind the mountains, the only light you can see is on the porch of the clubhouse. The private membership relishes their location and the relaxed atmosphere of the club is evident upon first entering the property. The club is very dedicated to maintaining the unique qualities of their course and that is noticed in the detailed historical displays in the newly renovated clubhouse.

### *The Course*

Alister MacKenzie took an open landscape with a small creek running through some of it and developed a 1927 American version of the Old Course at St. Andrews. Upon opening, the course was a treeless landscape with multiple routes available to the golfer to find their preferred angle of attack while avoiding bunkers and the Bon Tempe stream. Greens were large and undulating, rewarding precise approach play and creative putting. The Depression and World War II caused the course to change almost instantly, with the greens shrinking to a fraction of their 7000-10,000 square foot sizes and removing many hazards from their intended purpose. The course remained untouched and unaltered, with the





exception of tree planting and a member-directed rebuilding of the 3rd green. The trees (primarily redwoods and Monterey pines) grew and changed the strategy of the golf course to tight, tree-lined fairways without many of the originally intended options for play. In 1999, DeVries Designs was commissioned to oversee a restoration of the course to MacKenzie's specifications. The result is a precise return of the greens to their original dimensions and bunkers to their original style and locations. Tree management is a continuing program to restore vistas and playing

strategies while retaining the picturesque qualities of maturing specimens that don't affect the turf quality. Meadow Club is one of the finest member courses in the country and a delight to play every day. It also challenges today's better players each fall in the Alister MacKenzie Invitational, a premier collegiate tournament hosted there by the University of California. The green complexes continue to confound the modern day big hitters with their diversity and quality, a true testament to the genius of Alister MacKenzie.



# Rodney Crouse

## Michigan State turf student receives Vickers Award



Michigan State University student Rodney Crouse has been selected as the Vickers Award winner among 14 students earning 2012 turfgrass scholarships from the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association. Crouse, 31, will receive a \$7,500 scholarship as he completes his golf turfgrass education in March.

He also receives the TMGA's Vickers Trophy, a bronze depiction of Old Tom Morris.

"The monetary support is crucial for me, but the recognition from such a prestigious organization I could never put a dollar amount on," said Crouse, a North Carolina native now living in Lansing, Mich. "It's such an honor to win an award from an organization that has been doing this as long as they have and helped so many people. Like I tell my wife every day, I can't believe that they chose me to win this award."

Crouse has a 3.9375 GPA in Michigan State's highly regarded turf program and currently serves as president of the MSU Turf Club. He has worked on the maintenance staffs at Roaring Gap (N.C.) Golf Club and Forest Akers Golf Course in Lansing, Mich., and interned at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, Fla. Crouse served as a volunteer on the maintenance staff at The Players Championship in May.

"Rodney Crouse has come to the program at Michigan State University and made the absolute most of the situation," says John N. Rogers III, turf professor and Crouse's academic advisor at MSU. "He has strived to become a leader, and has displayed this leadership attribute every day by putting the group ahead of his personal needs. It has been quite impressive and will serve him well."

Crouse, who was on the Michigan State President's List last spring, also earned a Jacobsen Turf Scholarship and the

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Award.

"The golf course maintenance industry is always evolving and always changing," Crouse said. "I feel that if you're going to evolve and change with the industry education is crucial. You have to stay up on the new technologies, the new studies and the new research because if you don't, you're going to be a step behind. Without my education I wouldn't be able to advance my career."

### Career choice comes early

Crouse was born and raised in the foothills of North Carolina, in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He was the typical boy, into sports and spending much of his time outdoors, he says. He came to golf at the age of 12.

"I was pretty active in sports but I'd never tried golf... (my parents) got me a set of golf clubs for my 12th birthday and the day after Christmas I played my first round of golf with my cousin," he recalls. "After that, I kind of fell in love with it and I've been playing golf ever since." Crouse played all four years in high school. He also played varsity soccer and basketball. Crouse says his high school golf team made it to the playoffs his senior year but admits "we weren't that great."

"In North Carolina you play one through six seeds... our top two seeds were good; I was a middle seed," he says. "Our bottom seeds weren't that good."

After graduating high school, Crouse took jobs at a local warehouse and managing his father's convenience store. In 2007, he wanted to try something new and found himself working on a golf course – the Donald Ross-designed Roaring Gap Club. Crouse says it didn't take him long to realize this was something he wanted to do as a career.

"I had worked for my father for about eight years and that was good... I learned some managerial skills," Crouse says. "I had always loved golf and got to be friends with a guy that was the superintendent at Roaring Gap. One day he said he was looking for someone to join his crew, he had some guys leaving. I said I would if the money was right. The money was right so I went. After a week I realized that was what I wanted to do with my life."



Crouse says he knew he was never built for sitting behind a desk and working on the golf course was a good fit.

"That's just not the person I am...I do love being outside," he says. "I love being in nature. From an early age I've always had a love for the game of golf. I don't think I could look myself in the mirror if I got up every morning and had to go to a desk job. Outside, working on a golf course is where I want to be."

With the encouragement of a couple different superintendents at Roaring Gap, Crouse decided to get the turf education he would need to develop his golf course management career.

"I moved to the beach in North Carolina and started a program there, actually met my wife and ended up at Michigan State a couple years after that," he recalls.

## Role as MSU Turf Club president 'invaluable'

Attending Michigan State and getting involved in its top-rated turf program has been tremendous opportunity for Crouse. While shining in the classroom, he's had the chance to get involved in the MSU Turf Club and was voted president in the spring.

"I have a deep love for the turf program here," he says. "This has been a great learning experience. I embrace the leadership role and really love working with our members."

Crouse, who has been involved in raising funds for MSU turf students to attend the GCSAA Show next year in San Diego and organizing a seminar with one of the association's former presidents Bruce Williams, CGCS, says the president role has also allowed him to develop skills working with people of varying backgrounds.

"Being from North Carolina I didn't meet a lot of people with different backgrounds, especially in the small town I was from," he says. "The experience I have working with the guys in the turf club has been really good for me. I get to learn how different people act and how different people think and the ideas that other people bring to the table."

After working at the private Roaring Gap Club, Crouse has now had a chance to work at the public Forest Akers Golf Course in Michigan and develop his skills at different types of golf courses.

"At Roaring Gap they had a lot of freedom that a lot of other courses don't have. Their budget was a little bit bigger...at Roaring Gap I got to see how you do this job and how you do it correctly," he says. "At Forest Akers it's a completely different atmosphere. They still got the job done, but they got it done with a (smaller) budget. There were two different ways of doing things which was good to see."

Last summer, he had the opportunity to intern at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, Fla., working under Robert Randquist, CGCS.

"Working with Bob taught me leadership skills," Crouse says. "That's why I chose Boca Rio. I knew Bob would teach me the proper way to lead a crew and the proper way to do things."

Crouse impressed Randquist, who had just served his one-year term as GCSAA president.

"He demonstrated the highest work ethic, cooperation with fellow employees, and positive response to supervision and instruction of any intern I have ever employed," Randquist wrote of his experience with Crouse. "Although he is confident in his abilities, he is humble enough to realize that golf course superintendents must continually expand their knowledge and be flexible enough to adapt their maintenance practices and programs..."

In May, Crouse volunteered at The Players Championship at the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., mowing greens that would challenge the best golfers in the world.

"Working at The Players really taught me how to work together as a team," he says. "You have 70 volunteers and they're from all over the country from different places, different golf courses. It taught you how to communicate and how to be a team player and how to do it really fast because you really don't know those guys when you get there. When you get there you have to come together as a group."

## Family man holds hope for golf turnaround

Having worked with public and private courses, and gained experience on both warm-season and cool-season grasses, Crouse now must think about what type of course he'd like to manage.

"I'm leaning towards working at a private club... a private course has a little more wiggle room than a public course," he says. "I've worked with cool-season grass and warm-season grass. Warm-season grass seems to be more resilient. You can do a lot more to a warm-season grass like Bermuda. I don't know whether my future lies in the South or it lies here. At least for the next five years I'll be in Michigan."

As he completes his turf education at Michigan State in March and prepares to enter the "real world" Crouse understands the challenges facing his profession and the game of golf in general. But he remains hopeful the sport will experience a turnaround.

"Although golf is down right now I feel like, eventually, golf will make a comeback," he says. "Golf is a sport that has been played for so long now. There are a lot of factors with the downturn in the economy but I think golf will bounce back....maybe not as big as it was during its prime...but I feel like golf is always going to be relevant and I think eventually we'll come out of this."

Crouse points to better communication as one way the superintendent profession can overcome some of the hurdles it faces.

"We're going to have to be able to communicate with our membership in a way that we really haven't ever had to before," he says. "Things aren't always going to be as green or as uniform as they have been in the past because of the industry. I feel like, more than ever, a superintendent is going to have to be a public relations person as much as they are a person that grows grass."

Communication skills are something Crouse should

know about, being a married man with a young daughter and a son due on his birthday, Christmas Day. Crouse's wife, Jenni, is a registered nurse. His daughter, Ella, is 2.

"We really like to be outdoors, go to the park and take walks," Crouse says. "We have some really nice places around here. In the summertime we like to go to the beach. We like to go to North Carolina and hike around the mountains. We're really family oriented. We're really involved in our local church."

Crouse says he enjoys spectator sports too.

"I'm a huge sports fan, huge college football fan, huge NFL fan, huge baseball fan," he admits. "I love going to sporting events. I love watching sports. It doesn't matter what it is."

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**Five students were selected for \$4,500 Trans scholarships, including Logan Murphy, Penn State University; James Mackie, University of Tennessee; Maggie Reiter, University of Minnesota; Christopher Konow, Penn State University; and Travis Russell, University of Arkansas.**

## Logan Murphy



Murphy of Dodge City, Kan., receives the Tom Crow Scholarship. He has a 4.0 GPA in Golf Course Turf Management at Penn St., was the school's Turf Club president in 2012 and has interned at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan.

Murphy's wide array of talents impressed longtime Prairie Dunes superintendent Stan George, who has hosted a U.S. Women's Open and a U.S. Senior Open.

"In baseball, an exceptional player is described as a 'five-tool' player.

Mr. Murphy is a multi-tool prospect for the golf course superintendent profession," George said. "He possesses the desire, the dedication, the personality, the ability and the willingness to be quite successful as a golf course superintendent. Mr. Murphy is a dedicated and focused individual who learns quickly, adapts readily, and is always eager to assist capably in any facet of the golf course operation."

Murphy's performance in the classroom has been equally impressive.

"Logan is well-written, well-spoken, hard-working and overall an exceptional individual," says Penn State's John E. Kaminski, Ph.D. "Logan continues to excel and is one of two students in the program with a 4.0 GPA. He will no doubt become a leader and mentor within the industry and the association."

## James Mackie



Mackie of Knoxville, Tenn., receives the Jackie Lee Scholarship. He has a 4.0 GPA in Turfgrass Science and Management at Tennessee, helped the school's turf club improve 30 spots at the 2012 GCSAA Turf Bowl and interned this past summer at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y.

At the GCSAA Turf Bowl, the Volunteers placed 15th out of 87 teams – a dramatic improvement that "made our professors proud" Mackie said.

"Wes is an example of the type of student we strive to develop here at the University of Tennessee," says the university's Brandon Horvath, Ph.D. and a former Trans Scholarship recipient. "He is dedicated, hard-working, both academically and professionally. I am confident he will represent the legacy of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association very well."

Mackie's contributions as an intern at Quaker Ridge helped the course survive a difficult summer in 2012.

"Over this past summer, Wes has spent almost every single day working tirelessly at Quaker Ridge during his summer internship," said Tom Ashfield, superintendent at the top New York facility. "Having just gone through one of the hottest summers ever recorded in the metropolitan area, we would have surely suffered from the record temperatures if not for his welcomed contribution."

## Maggie Reiter



Reiter of Cascade, Iowa, receives the Francis Whittaker Scholarship. She has a 3.41 GPA in Horticulture at Minnesota, currently serves as a research assistant in the Turfgrass Research Program and earned scholarships from the University of Minnesota Horticulture Dept. and the Women's Western Golf Foundation.

Reiter's ability to manage a hectic schedule has impressed her advisor at Minnesota.

"Maggie's work ethic and devotion to turfgrass management is greater than I have seen in other undergraduates," says Eric Watkins, associate professor and Horticulture major coordinator at UM. "In addition to her job in our research program, her research projects, and a full-time class schedule, Maggie also finds time to work on a local golf course on the weekends."

Town and Country Club superintendent William R. Larsen, CGCS, agrees.

“...I always found it amazing that Maggie would show up to work anytime she had a free moment in her schedule. When we seek volunteers to come in and work extra hours for us, Maggie is always there for us,” Larsen says. “It became very apparent to us that the staff held Maggie in high regard. We know that this was due to Maggie’s ability to lead in a variety of situations while treating others with the utmost respect and kindness.”

## Christopher Konow



Konow of Plainfield, Conn., receives the W.D. McBee, Jr. Scholarship. He carries a 4.0 GPA in Turfgrass Management at Penn St, earned a scholarship from the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and served as manager for the top-ranked University of Connecticut women’s basketball team while attending UConn.

Superintendent Anthony Gross has had the chance to work with Konow for no fewer than nine years at Pautipaug Country Club and Mohegan Sun Country Club.

“The sky’s the limit,” says Grosso. “Chris has worked for me since he was 16... During this time I have had untold opportunities to watch his performance in all the varied aspects of golf course management... He is well-versed in all aspects of golf course maintenance and has mastered them to the highest degree. Chris will make an excellent golf course superintendent.”

Konow, who holds a B.A. in Political Science from UConn, has shined in the turf program classroom at Penn St. as well.

“Chris comes to Penn State with a BA degree from UConn and over 10 years of golf course maintenance experience,” says Kaminski. “Despite the experience and past education, Chris works hard in the classroom and is one of only two students in the program with a 4.0 GPA.”

## Travis Russell

Russell of Duncanville, Texas, receives the Curtis Ford Scholarship. He has a 3.806 GPA in Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences at Arkansas, earned the department’s Golf and Sports Turf Management

Scholarship this past fall, and interned at Dallas National Golf Club in 2011 and 2012.

Russell says he dreams of being a superintendent at a Top 100 golf course. He’s spent the last two summers interning at one, working for Brannon Goodrich, CGCS at Dallas National.

“During our first summer, which might I add was the hottest ever on record, I quickly was impressed with (Russell’s) work ethic,” says Goodrich, in his 11th year at the Golf Digest Top 100 course. “There wasn’t a day that went by that he asked to leave early, not one complaint about working the weekends or long hours. Travis quickly grasped that the turf business was very demanding.”

That work ethic has translated to impressive performance in the Arkansas classroom.

“Travis is on track to be one of the top turf management students to go through our turf management program,” says the university’s Douglas Karcher. “He has a winning combination of intelligence, strong work-ethic, leadership and likeability. Travis has done very well academically and is enrolled in the U of A Honors Program.”

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**Eight students were selected for \$3,000 Trans scholarships including Ryan Munro, South Dakota State University; Peter White, University of Massachusetts; Alex Lincoln, Michigan State University; Daniel Rude, University of Minnesota; Darrell Michael, University of Nebraska; Benjamin Burrill, Penn State University; Peter Braun, Ohio State University (Hale Irwin Scholarship); and Andrew Northeim, Ohio State University (Jack Nicklaus Scholarship).**

The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is one of the oldest and most prestigious golf organizations in the United States. Established in 1901, the Trans is composed of more than 200 member clubs located throughout the country. The Association is governed by a board of independent directors. Since the Trans-Miss Scholarship Fund granted a \$600 scholarship in 1953 to Colorado State University (then Colorado A&M), the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association has become a national leader in assisting young men and women pursuing careers in turf management.

For more information on the Trans Scholarship Program go to <http://www.trans-miss.com/scholarships/>.



# May 20-23

## World Golf Championship site hosts 2013 Trans-Miss Senior Championship

The Gallery Golf Club, the site of the 2007-2008 World Golf Championship, will now serve as the host course of the 2013 Trans-Mississippi Senior Championship, May 20-23.

The 14th annual championship will take place on the Gallery North Course designed by John Fought and Tom Lehman.

This spring, the par 72 course, ranked No. 1 in Southwest Arizona by a national golf publication, will serve as the site for competition between 144 of the top senior amateurs in the country.

There will be three divisions, Senior (55 & over), Super Senior (65 & over) and Legends (75 & over) for the three-day stroke play competition for players with handicap indexes of 8.0 to 4.0 depending on divisions and a member of a Trans-Miss member club.

"We are very excited about having the top senior amateurs in the country have the opportunity to compete on such a wonderful venue. It will be a great venue for this outstanding championship, one of the three Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is pleased to conduct," Executive Director Rob Addington said.

Last year at La Jolla Country Club near San Diego, California Pat Duncan, Sr. of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. won the championship by one shot over Kemp Richardson. Michael Mahoney of La Jolla, won the Super Senior division by three shots.

Online registration for this year's championship began on Monday, March 18 and continues until May 3. Exempt player deadline is April 19. Entries are open to male amateur golfers who have reached their 55th birthday on or before May 21, 2013. Entry fee is \$495 which covers all golf and competition. All participants must be a member of a Trans Miss member club. Membership dues can be paid on-line via the Trans website prior to entry.

There are five exempt categories including the last five champions of the Trans-Miss Seniors and the last five U.S. Senior Amateur Champions.

"We expect this to be another great senior field on a great quality layout which makes for a truly special tournament," Dave Prinz, Director of Tournament Operations added.

The Gallery's North Course has also been acknowledged as one of Golfweek's Top 100 Modern Courses. The sweeping High Sonoran





views distract in every direction as the nines meander through two rugged canyons. The result is 18 irresistible holes as enjoyably playable for the higher handicap golfer as they are challenging for the touring professional..

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organization governed by an independent board of directors and now headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

It's the newest of the three national championships, having started in 1990 as a match play title before switching to stroke play in 2010.

For more information on the 2013 tournament or to register on-line go to [www.trans-miss.org](http://www.trans-miss.org) or call 214-468-8942.

# Sept 16-19

## 2013 Trans-Miss Four-Ball returns to Colorado's Castle Pines Golf Club

Spectacular Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado will host the 33rd annual Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship, September 16-19.

The par 72 Jack Nicklaus design, which hosted a PGA Tour event for 20 years, will be the site of the national four-ball competition for 64 of the best two-man teams in the country this fall.

The 54-hole stroke play competition is set for three days, 54-holes over three divisions. There will be a mid-amateur division for 28 teams, age 25 & over, a senior division for 20 teams, 55 and over, and a super senior division for 16 teams, age 65 and older.

"We are looking forward to another great four-ball championship at one of the most scenic and challenging courses in America, Castle Pines, this fall," said Trans-Mississippi Executive Director Rob Addington.

"This team event brings out some of the most fun and spirited competition among our Trans-Miss players and that will certainly be the case at Castle Pines this year."

Entries will open on Monday, June 3 and close on

August 5. The exempt player deadline will be July 22.

Entries are open to male amateur golfers who have reached their 25th birthday on or before September 17, 2013. Teams must have a combined USGA handicap index of 8.0 or less. The Senior division is open to male amateur golfers age 55 or older as of September 17, 2013. Teams in the Senior division must have a combined handicap index of 10.0 or less. The Super Senior division is open to male amateur golfers age 65 or older as of September 17, 2013. *Both members of each team must be a member of a Trans-Miss member club.*

Last year, the West Des Moines, Iowa twosome of two-time winner Mike McCoy, a Trans-Miss Director, and Gene Elliott shot rounds of 69-64-66 for a 15-under total of 199 to take home the victory. Rick George and Paul Schlachter were the senior division champions.

There are six different exempt categories include past champions in the Mid-Am and Senior Division for the last five years. Entries will be accepted with preference given to past participants, competitive record in prior TMGA championships, competitive

record of each team member in non-TMGA events and contributions made to the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund.

All participants must ride, a good thing with the hilly Castle Pines course, the site of The International PGA Tour event from 1986-2006.

"I believe players are in for a real challenge and treat in our return to Castle Pines and think it will be a fantastic field for a fantastic tournament," Dave Prinz, Director of Tournament Operations added.

The annual Mid-Amateur







championship is one of three national tournaments held each year along with a Turf Scholarship Fund administered by the organization governed by an independent board of directors and now headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

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## Save the Date!

2013 Trans-Miss Senior Championship  
The Gallery, Marana, Arizona  
May 20-23

2013 Trans-Miss Championship  
Presented by TaylorMade-Adidas Golf  
The Meadow Club, Fairfax, CA  
July 8-11

2013 Trans-Miss Four Ball Championship  
Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock, CO  
September 16-19

## For Immediate Release

Effective January 1, 2013 the Trans Miss Golf Association has agreed to have the Texas Golf Association become the managing agent for the association. "We are excited to have joined forces with the TGA and their staff to take the Trans to a new level with our championships and our support for young men and women interested in pursuing a career in agronomy" stated Tran's President John Pigg. The changing of our Championship to allow college players to participate several years ago required that we team up with an organization that had additional resources to enhance the experience of our players. The TGA and their staff provided not only the resources but have the reputation within the golf community of running first class events and we wanted to tap into that experience. The TGA Executive Director Rob Addington along with Dave Prinz from their championship department will lead the effort for the Trans. Addington stated that "our affiliation with the Trans and what it stands for was a good match for both organizations and we look forward to working with some of the top facilities around the country to administrate the Trans three events.