



THE TRANSCRIPT



Dear Fellow Golfers:

As a new golf season is upon us, I am excited about the championship season and opportunity to serve as the Trans-Miss President. This year our championships travel to three wonderful venues. In May we concluded the Senior Championship at Houston Country Club; the Trans-Miss Championship heads to San Francisco and historic Olympic Club from July 11-14; and Forest Highlands' Canyon Course in Flagstaff, Ariz., will play host to our Four-Ball Championship from Sept. 26-29. All of these clubs have wonderful histories supporting amateur golf and will do a great job in hosting these championships.

During the past two years the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund embarked on a new program which serves to continue and enhance our support of young men and women working towards a career as golf course superintendents. The Club Internship Program provided Trans-Miss member clubs with financial support to hire an additional intern to work on the clubs maintenance crew. These internships have proven to be invaluable both to the clubs in providing additional staff and to the interns as well. They provide hands-on experience from some of the best superintendents at prestigious clubs around the country. Your support through your clubs' membership and your participation in Trans-Miss events supports this worthy cause.

I hope that you will encourage your club to join the Trans, apply for the internship program and come join us this year for some wonderful golf. Hope to see you on the links.

Truly,

J. Phil Patterson

President

Trans-Miss Golf Association

NEWS



Club Turf Internship Program Yields \$71,000 in Funding

DALLAS—Nineteen Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Member Clubs will receive funding as part of the 2016 Club Turf Internship Program.

For more than 50 years, the TMGA has supported students in agronomy programs across the country. A recent iteration of the TMGA's Turf Scholarship Fund, the new Club Turf Internship Program was created in 2014. It underwrites a portion of the cost of Member Clubs to hire summer interns for the club's agronomy staff.

Grants in the amount of \$3,500-\$5,000 each were awarded to 19 clubs after a vetting and selection process conducted by the TMGA Turf Scholarship Committee. A total of \$71,000 was allocated between the clubs. The hope with the program is the internship will bring additional resources to clubs' agronomy staffs, as well as provide young students the opportunities to enhance their education by working with some of the most esteemed superintendents at the finest facilities across the country.

"The TMGA's mission statement has always been to benefit young people studying turf management at qualified universities through financial support," said John Goode, Chairman of the TMGA Turf Scholarship Committee. "The goal of our organization is to enhance the training of turf management personnel and to grow the game of golf. What better way than extending financial support to qualified turf management students through internship programs at some of America's finest courses. The board is looking forward to this new round of student interns and their impact on the game."

The interns who will benefit from the program will be recent graduates – or those currently pursuing a degree – from accredited universities in turf management/ agronomy. The clubs who are participating this year are all distinguished and highly regarded. They stretch from coastal California, through the high plains of eastern Kansas to the mountains of Tennessee. Those clubs which received underwriting for their summer interns include the following:

- Amarillo Country Club, Amarillo, Texas.
- Cedar Ridge Country Club, Broken Arrow, Okla.
- Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind.
- Denver Country Club, Denver, Colo.
- Flint Hills National, Andover, Kan.
- Forest Highlands Golf Club, Flagstaff, Ariz.
- Hideaway Golf Club, La Quinta, Calif.
- Hillcrest Country Club, Bartlesville, Okla.
- The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.
- Horseshoe Bay Resort, Horseshoe Bay, Texas
- Houston Country Club, Houston, Texas
- Indian Hills Country Club, Mission Hills, Kan.
- Kansas City Country Club, Kansas City, Kan.
- El Macero Country Club, El Macero, Calif.
- Oklahoma City Country Club, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- The Olympic Club, San Francisco, Calif.
- Peninsula Golf & Country Club, San Mateo, Calif.
- Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla.
- University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Texas

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Tommy Brennan Wins 17th Trans-Miss Senior Championship

HOUSTON—It's true there's no place like home, but for Tommy Brennan, five hours west of where he hangs his hat isn't too bad, either. Brennan, who lives in Covington, La., and grew up in New Orleans, won the 17th Trans-Mississippi Senior Championship on Thursday at Houston Country Club, a course and club that gave him nostalgic vibes from the moment he stepped on property Sunday morning.

A model of consistency, Brennan shot rounds of 71-71-70 to finish at 1-under-par 212. He won by four shots over Mike Booker from The Woodlands and Trans-Miss Director John McClure, who tied for second place at 3-over 216. Brennan commented early in the week that Houston Country Club reminded him of New Orleans Country Club, on which he grew up playing. The oak tree-lined fairways, tricky doglegs and pushed-up greens all felt familiar, as did the heat and humidity the players experienced throughout the week.

If those weren't enough to strike sentimental chords with Brennan, he had to look no further than to Houston Country Club's Head Professional Gordon Johnson for a friendly, welcoming face. Johnson was

the head pro at New Orleans Country Club from 1988-92.

"I really like this place," said Brennan, 55, who won the 2015 Louisiana Senior Amateur and was runner-up at the 1994 U.S. Mid-Amateur. "I told my caddie as soon as we got here: This reminds me of home. We put in a lot of work on Sunday and Monday in practice rounds, and everything just felt comfortable. The staff did a great job getting this course in shape for us."

Brennan led the championship after 36 holes thanks to consecutive even-par rounds to start the tournament. In the final round, three birdies and only two bogeys allowed him to sign for a red number, a 1-under 70. Out of more than 50 players in the Senior Division, Lee Sandlin from Dallas posted the only other under-par round Thursday; Sandlin shot 1-under to score a top-25 finish. Both scores are even more impressive considering Houston Country Club played to a stroke average of 77.58 for the final round.

"Any time you win a national event like this one, it means something," Brennan said. "This isn't like a city championship. This is a big-time national tournament. I drove the ball

pretty well all week and was proud of how I played."

Booker, the reigning Texas Senior Amateur champion and winner of nine Texas Golf Association events, played alongside Brennan in the final round.

"He was very consistent," Booker said of Brennan. "Fairways and greens all day. He played really well."

John Dowdall from Fulshear, Texas, took fourth place at 6-over 219. Eddie Lyons from Shreveport, La., and Chuck Palmer from Dallas shared fifth place with 7-over 220.

Gary Kirwan from McKinney, Texas, won the Super Senior Division for players 65 years and older. The steady Kirwan shot rounds of 74-75-75 to win with 11-over 224, two better than five-time Trans-Miss Senior champion Chris Maletis from Portland, Ore.

"Other than two holes, I kept it in play all week," said the 67-year-old Kirwan, who was the Society of Seniors' 2015 Super Senior Player of the Year after eight top-5 finishes last year. "It's an honor to win a Trans-Miss event because it's a big deal. This is a good course, a historical course. And it's a great course to win on, that's for sure."

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Jody Vasquez from Aledo, Texas, claimed third place at 14-over 227. Houston Country Club member Hunter Nelson shared fifth place with Bob Hullender from San Antonio. Nelson and Hullender finished at 16-over 229.

The Trans-Miss Senior Championship features three age divisions, one of which completed play Wednesday. In the Legends Division for amateurs aged 70 and older, players compete over 36 holes. Jim Martin from Dallas successfully defended his 2016 Legends Division title with a score of 6-over 148. Phil Patterson, the current Trans-Miss Golf Association President, finished in second place in the Legends Division at 10-over 152.

It was a special victory for Martin, who began his 30-year Trans-Miss playing career at Houston Country Club in 1982 at the Four-Ball Championship. Martin also won the 1987 Trans-Miss Four-Ball with partner Travis Thompson from Dallas.

Houston Country Club is one of the most storied institutions in Texas. Founded in 1908, the club originally was located in southeast Houston and featured a course designed by Tom McNamara. In 1956, the club relocated to Houston's upscale Tanglewood area. The current course is an original Robert Trent Jones design, an old school gem that challenges golfers with narrow, tree-lined fairways and devious green complexes. The 7,009-yard, par-71

layout rests adjacent to Buffalo Bayou, which comes into play on a handful of holes.

A longtime Trans-Miss Golf Association Member Club, Houston Country Club previously hosted the 1982 Four-Ball Championship, won by John Jennings, Jr. and John Paul Cain. The 17th Trans-Miss Senior was the third championship contested in the Houston area in the association's 115-year history. Houston Country Club also was the site of a 1964 match between Ben Hogan and Sam Snead that was televised to more than 3 million viewers on "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf.". Hogan beat Snead by three shots.

Houston CC



Gary Kirwan (left)
and Cam Crawford



Jim Martin (left)
and Rob Addington

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Famed Olympic Club to Play Host for 113th Trans-Miss Amateur

SAN FRANCISCO—One of the most storied clubs in America will play host to the 113th Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship when the elite 144-player field heads to The Olympic Club from July 11-14.

This year's Trans-Miss Championship features the strongest field in recent memory. Twenty-three of the world's top-ranked amateurs, according to the World Amateur Golf Rankings, will compete on the iconic Lake Course at The Olympic Club. That decorated group of 23 inside the WAGR's top 200 includes Stanford's Maverick McNealy, the second-ranked amateur in the world.

"The Lake Course is one of my favorites in the area, if not my favorite," said McNealy, the 2015 NCAA Player of Year who grew up about 30 minutes away from The Olympic Club. "It's one of the best driving courses in the world. I love that it's a local event. That's huge."

The format for the Trans-Miss Championship is 72 holes of stroke play over three days. After the first two days, there will be a 36-hole cut. Players with the 54 lowest scores (including ties) advance to the final day, in which 36 holes will be played to comprise the third and fourth

rounds. The field also includes 10 players in the WAGR Top 100 and 14 in the top 150.

"We're excited to take the Trans-Miss Amateur Championship to a historic venue like the Lake Course at The Olympic Club," said Cameron Crawford, Tournament Director of the Trans-Miss Championship. "Numerous national championships have been decided on those hallowed grounds. It'll be an exciting and memorable challenge for the talented field of amateurs in our event."

The Olympic Club has played host to five U.S. Opens, including the 1955 affair that saw an unheralded Jack Fleck defeat Ben Hogan in an 18-hole playoff that is considered one of the great upsets in sports history. Most recently, Webb Simpson won the 2012 U.S. Open at The Olympic Club when he held off Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell among others. The Lake Course also was the site of the Billy Casper's 1966 U.S. Open victory, the one in which Arnold Palmer surrendered a seven-shot lead with nine holes to play. Scott Simpson and Lee Jazen also won U.S. Opens at The Olympic Club in 1987 and '98, respectively.

The club additionally has hosted

three U.S. Amateurs, two PGA Tour Championships, the 2004 U.S. Junior Amateur and last year's inaugural U.S. Four-Ball Championship. It recently was awarded the 2021 U.S. Women's Open. In 1958 at The Olympic Club, Charles Coe won the second of his two U.S. Amateurs. Coe, a four-time Trans-Miss Amateur Champion between the years 1947-56, is considered one of the greatest amateurs of all time. He never turned professional and holds or held nearly every amateur record at the Masters, including 15 made cuts, three top-10 finishes and six eagles.

Nathaniel Crosby, son of the celebrated singer and actor Bing Crosby, won the 1981 U.S. Amateur at The Olympic Club.

Tucked between Lake Merced and the Pacific Ocean, The Olympic Club boasts two 18-hole courses – the Ocean Course is the other – and an adjoining par-3 course called the Cliffs. They're all part of a bigger club by the same name. Located near Union Square in downtown San Francisco, The Olympic Club is the oldest athletic club in the country. Founded in 1860, the club has more than 5,000 members who compete in 19 sports from water polo and snow-

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-boarding to basketball, tennis and, of course, golf.

"Our philosophy of hosting amateur championships all comes from our athletic club downtown," said Chris Stein, The Olympic Club's Head Golf Professional since 1999. "Over the years, we've always wanted to foster amateur athletics. The U.S. Open became an opportunity for us, too, but we've always put an emphasis on amateur events."

With the two major bodies of water close by, it's a bit ironic that there are no water hazards on the Lake Course. There is a lateral hazard left of the 13th, 14th and 15th holes. There's only one fairway bunker on the course; it's on the par-4 sixth hole. Ranked inside Golf Magazine's Top 100 and one of Golfweek's Top 100 "Best Classic Courses," the Lake Course features bentgrass greens and fairways with rye, bent and poa annua grasses. The course was designed in 1927 by then-superintendent Sam Whiting.

Interestingly, current superintendent Troy Flanagan is a former Trans-Miss Golf Association scholarship recipient. Trans-Miss Golf Association Directors Bob Ireland and Mark Mance are members of The Olympic Club, both of whom will be involved among fellow Directors in this year's championship.

The Lake Course's defense comes in the form of towering Monterey pines and cypress trees – nearly 40,000 of them – as well as narrow fairways, thick rough and sharp doglegs. The

severe undulation throughout the course produces copious uphill, downhill and side-hill lies. There's also the weather to consider.

"We are seaside, so there's cooler weather even though it's July," Stein said. "You could get some fog, which makes for heavy air. The ball isn't going to travel as far. You always have to take about a half-club more. You also have to take a look at your lie in the fairway. We have a lot of undulation, and the slopes out there can cause havoc."

McNealy said he's played the Lake Course 10 or 15 times. He said playing a home game will be an advantage for him in many respects. Sleeping in his own bed is a big one, as are playing in his normal time zone and the familiarity he has with the golf course, types of grasses and weather. McNealy's love affair with the Lake Course began many years ago, and said there's not one weak hole on the property.

"I think they're all great holes," said McNealy, who has won 10 events in his first three years at Stanford. He's one collegiate victory behind the school record shared by Tiger Woods and Patrick Rodgers. "If you see someone getting out of the first six holes at even par, they're going to be in great shape. The first six holes are brutal. You have to control the shape of your shots, the trajectory and how it lands, too. That's why it's such a great driving course."

Collin Morikawa of La Cañada Flintridge, Calif., won the 112th Trans-

Miss Championship by seven shots with a final score of 18-under-par 262 at Flint Hills National in Andover, Kan. A sophomore at California-Berkeley, Morikawa will defend his title at The Olympic Club. He rides into the Trans-Miss Championship on heavy wave of momentum. After a three-shot victory in mid-June at the Sunnehanna Amateur, he took runner-up honors at the Web.com Tour's Air Capital Classic in Wichita, Kan. Morikawa scored the Web.com Tour event exemption by virtue of his victory at the 112th Trans-Miss Championship.

Morikawa, 19, drained a 35-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to post 17-under par and advanced to a three-man playoff at Crestview CC. He ultimately lost on the second playoff hole to Ollie Schniederjans. Morikawa almost joined Russell Henley (2011), Harris English (2011) and Daniel Summerhays (2007) as the only amateurs to win a Web.com Tour event.

The Trans-Miss Championship is one of three annual championships conducted by the Trans-Miss Golf Association. In May, Tommy Brennan from Louisiana won the Trans-Miss Senior Championship at Houston Country Club. The Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship is set to be contested Sept. 26-29 at Forest Highlands in Flagstaff, Ariz.



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2016 Championships

17th Trans-Miss Senior Championship
Houston Country Club
Houston, TX
May 23-26

113th Trans-Miss Championship
The Olympic Club
San Francisco, CA
July 11-14

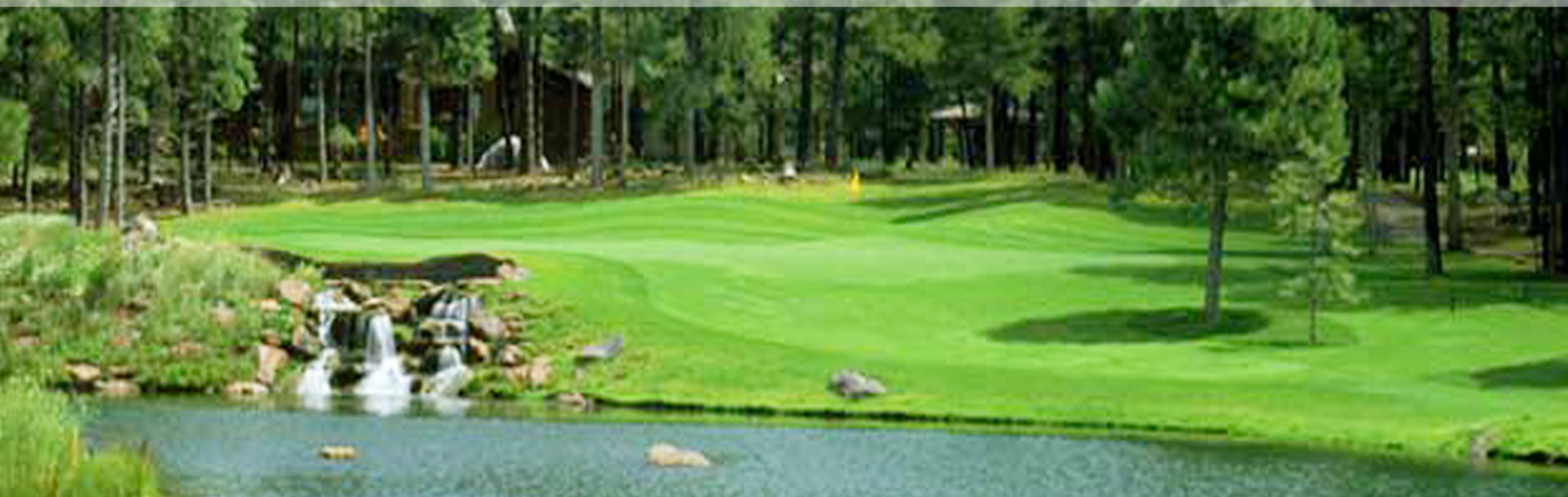
36th Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship
Forest Highlands Golf Club
Flagstaff, AZ
September 26-29



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Four-Ball Championship

September 26th-29th, 2016
Forest Highlands – Flagstaff, AZ



The 36th Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship will be held September 26th-29th, 2016 at Forest Highlands - Canyon Course in Flagstaff, AZ. The Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish designed course will play host to 96 of the top mid-amateur & senior amateur teams in the country.

Entries have opened for the 2016 Championship and will close Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 5 pm (CST)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to male amateur golfers who have reached their 25th birthday on or before September 27th, 2016. Teams must have a combined USGA handicap index of 10.0 or less. The Senior division is open to male amateur golfers age 55 or older and the Super Senior division is open to male amateur golfers age 65 or older prior to the first round of competition. Teams in the Senior division must have a combined handicap index of 12.0 or less. Team members must be a member of a Trans-Miss Member Club or contribute an annual donation (\$100) to the Turf Scholarship Fund.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 26 th	Practice Round & Player Reception
Tuesday, September 27 th	Round 1
Wednesday, September 28 th	Round 2
Thursday, September 29 th	Round 3 & Awards

TRANSMISS & AMATEUR GOLF ALLIANCE | 2017 EAST-WEST MATCHES

Through a new relationship with the Amateur Golf Alliance (AGA), the Trans-Miss will co-host an annual team event in conjunction with the AGA. The inaugural event is scheduled to take place in 2017 when the AGA hosts the Trans-Miss in the east region at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio. In addition to co-hosting the event, the Trans-Miss will determine the process and selections of West Team representatives for the annual matches. The first counting event for the Trans-Miss selection process will be at this year's Trans-Miss Senior Championship.

ABOUT THE TRANSMISS

Established in 1901, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is comprised of over 200 member clubs located throughout the country. In addition to conducting three annual championships, the Trans-Miss also awards over \$75,000 annually to aspiring golf course superintendents through the Turf Scholarship Fund. The Association is governed by a board of independent directors and is headquartered in Dallas, TX.

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