

## AGA FALL MEETING

This year's fall meeting took on a different look from past years. The meetings consisted of members of the AGA Board of Governors, current Executive Committee and Council of Past Presidents. The program consisted of a series of round table discussions about issues facing the AGA and the golf industry today. The result was a very productive and thought-provoking exchange resulting in several good ideas and recommendations.

During the meeting the 2006 Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Tom Beach, Christi Dickinson and Steve Dallas presented the slate for the 2006 Executive Committee. Seven of the eleven-member Executive Committee are appointed by the Council of Past Presidents.

### 2006 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### OFFICERS:

Dave Barnes	Ahwatukee CC	President
John F. Ferenchak	Randolph North Men's Club	Vice President
Barbara Douglas	Grayhawk GC	Secretary
Jay Anderson	Mirabel GC	Treasurer

#### Remaining Appointed Executive Committee Members

Jerry Mahanke	The Golf Club at DC Ranch
Hugh Pryor	Talking Rock GC
John Ranslem	Golf Club at Desert Mountain

#### Two will serve the second year of a two-year term in 2006

Bob Mandeville	Desert Highlands
Frank Shipman	Hassayampa GC

#### Two were elected by the Board of Governors to a two-year term

Kevin Trent	Desert Forest GC
Drew Woods	Randolph North Men's Club

## THE AGA SALUTES ITS VOLUNTEERS

The AGA recently expressed its appreciation to its many volunteers by hosting an appreciation day of golf at Palmbrook GC in Goodyear and Saddlebrooke GC in Tucson. It's the hard work and time commitment of our volunteers that make the Arizona Golf Association the success that it is.

Thanks to our Board of Governors, who are our advisors to the Executive Committee.

Thanks to our delegates, who work hard to keep us in touch with our member clubs.

Thanks to the members of our standing committees including Handicapping, Course Rating, Tournaments, Member Services, Communications and Business.

Thanks to our tournament and rules volunteers, who are so important to the success of our tournament program.





## 2005 Arizona Stroke Play Championship



**M**att Rosen, a sophomore at Scottsdale Community College, shot a last round four-under 67 overcoming a three-stroke deficit en route to claiming the 2005 Arizona Stroke Play Championship by two shots over ASU's Lenny Park at the Raven Golf Club @ South Mountain. Rosen finished at six-under 276 and was one of only five players to finish under par in the championship that was also contested at Lone Tree Golf Club.

"This is the biggest day of my life," a victorious Rosen said. "It means so much to me to have my name on the same trophy as Ken Kellaney, who is such a great amateur player.

**Robin McCool**, the 2004 Arizona Public Links champion, was one of two players who had a five-under 66 for the low round of the final day. That was good enough to move him into sole possession of third place with a three-under 279. Bryan Hoops, the winner of the Arizona Mid-Amateur, started the day two shots behind Park and finished four strokes behind Rosen shooting a one-over 72.



*Matt Rosen accepts the Champion's Kachina*

Defending champion Ken Kellaney shot a two-under 69 and finished five strokes off the pace alone in fifth. Former champions Chad Hossack, who returned to Arizona after active military duty in May, finished tied for 16th and Mark Sollenberger, who was recently inducted in the Arizona Golf Hall of Fame finished tied for 25th.

The field started with 144 players. For the first two days, they played over two

golf courses—Lone Tree Golf Club in Chandler (6,787-yard par 70) and the Raven Golf Club @ South Mountain (6,971-yard par 71). After Friday's round, the field was cut to the low 60 plus ties.

Each day of the Championship saw a new player atop the leader board and the frontrunner was never more than two strokes ahead. Kellaney, a nine-time AGA Player of the Year and four-time winner of the Stroke Play Championship shot a two-under 68 at Lone Tree and shared the first round lead with 23-year-old Ken Furphy, an employee at Kierland Golf Club. Park and Hossack, were tied with a group of players one stroke behind.

Meanwhile at the Raven Golf Club, McCool and Ryan Caughlan from Mesa Community College were among four players to set the pace at the Raven Golf Club @ South Mountain shooting one-under 70s. Lance Reynolds posted the first of two aces on the par 3-second hole.

With the players switching courses, the leader board shifted on Friday with Hoops making a major charge at Lone Tree, shooting a bogey-free round of 63, one stroke shy of the course record. Park posted the low round of the day at the Raven with a four-under 67 to remain one stroke off the lead. Rosen and McCool were in a group six strokes behind.

Saturday is traditionally moving day. While many expected to see some low numbers, and someone either distancing themselves from the field or a new name rising to the top, only five players broke par at Lone Tree. Although Paige Peterson went low for the day, with a four-under 66, it wasn't enough to secure a spot with the leaders. Park kept it steady shooting even par, while Hoops had a 10-stroke swing from the previous day, posting a three-over 73. The two switched places at the top giving Park a one-shot lead over Hoops going into Sunday's final round. Rosen shot a two-under 68 and

Caughlan a one-over 71, which put them tied for third three shots off the pace.

On Sunday at the Raven Golf Club, Rosen started the day strong, going five under through the first five holes, which included a hole-in-one on the 137-yard par 3-second hole. He followed that with bogeys on the sixth and eight holes to finish the front nine three-under par. On the back nine, he missed a number of short birdie putts but finally sank one on the 17th hole, giving him a comfortable margin heading to the 18th.

Park, who started the day with a three-shot lead, struggled with his long irons and finished alone in second post-ing one over par 72 and four-under 278 for the Championship. A conciliatory Park was disappointed with his long iron play, but was generally pleased that his potentially last AGA major ended with a second place finish.

“I started with a birdie and didn’t play that badly,” he said. “He [Matt] played really well and deserved the victory. I’m pretty happy with how I played and having finished fourth last year, this is really good.”

Rosen’s ace, which proved to be a key factor in his win, held special meaning, as it was his first hole in one since recently turning 21. “The cool part is now I can buy everyone a drink,” he said. “I had 124 to the hole and 116 to carry the bunker—not a full pitching wedge. The ball landed a little right of the flag and then it drew in. I was off the ground.”

Hoops, who has three AGA victories to his credit this year, finished four strokes behind Rosen, shooting a one-over 72. “Overall it has been a great year, and I’ve played really well,” he said. “Today was a blah round. I didn’t hit the irons as well as I have been and the 12-13 footers weren’t dropping like they have the last few days. It took me until the backside to get it going.” He played the front nine at two-over par and then got it back to even with birdies on 12 and 15.

“Coming down the back stretch, I knew to have a chance I needed to get it going. On the 17th [593-yard par 5] I tried to step it up and make three, but I ended up with a six.”

## AGA Gives Southwest Section a Run for Their Money at 45th Annual Goldwater Cup Matches

The 45th annual Goldwater Cup Matches that pits the best Arizona amateurs against the Southwest Section top professionals provided considerable on-course drama this past November at Silverleaf Golf Club. The Walker Cup-style event featured 24 players (12 in the Open division and 12 in the senior division over age 50).

Although the results once again favored the Section, with the Open Division picking up their 21st consecutive victory (32-13 overall), they were hard fought matches. The win did not come easily—both associations were tied with

six points each following the first day’s foursome and four-ball matches.

Although the AGA kept it close in the singles matches, the Section squeaked by with a two-point victory in the singles matches winning 7-5 and claiming the overall title 13-11.

While the AGA’s Senior Division also tied their counterparts after the first day’s four-ball matches at three points each, they couldn’t sustain the momentum in the singles matches, losing 7-1/2 to 4-1/2, which gave the Section a 10-1/2 to 7-1/2 victory, boosting their series record to 19-9-3.

### 2005 ARIZONA STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Raven GC @ South Mountain and Lone Tree GC

FINAL RESULTS 12/4/2005

	Player Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	ROSEN, MATT	71	70	68	67	276
2	PARK, LENNY	69	67	70	72	278
3	MCCOOL, ROBIN	70	71	72	66	279
4	HOOPS, BRYAN	72	63	73	72	280
5	KELLANEY, KENNETH	68	70	74	69	281
6	CAUGHLAN, RYAN	70	68	71	73	282
6	WEISS, ERIC	76	65	69	72	282
8	KATAYAMA, YU	70	72	70	72	284
9	WARREN, NICK	71	70	71	73	285
9	KESSLER, CHRIS	72	70	70	73	285
9	BROWN, TRENT	76	67	76	66	285
12	MORRISON, RICH	72	70	70	75	287
12	CELIO-ELIA, CHRIS	72	65	73	77	287
14	SCHACK, JAKE	73	69	73	73	288
14	BROWN, MORGAN	73	71	70	74	288
16	BETH, TIM	77	70	69	73	289
16	FRANKLIN, RICHARD	75	69	72	73	289
16	HOSSACK, CHAD	69	73	77	70	289
19	WILLITS, SCOTT	78	71	69	73	291
19	RUTLEDGE, MATT	73	70	74	74	291
19	PETERSON, PAIGE	72	77	66	76	291
19	DUFFEY, TIM	72	72	73	74	291
23	GEDEON, GUY	73	72	72	75	292
23	HALL, DUSTIN	76	72	73	71	292
25	LOFTIS, JERRY	74	75	72	72	293
25	THONVOLD, CHASE	76	70	74	73	293
25	DOGIL, TOMEK	72	72	76	73	293
25	CHOE, BEN	77	70	73	73	293
25	AYDELOTTE, SCOTT	72	74	71	76	293
25	WARREN, STEVE	77	73	69	74	293
25	SOLLENBERGER, MARK	74	72	71	76	293
25	ZIEKY, JEFF	69	73	72	79	293
33	BOJALAD, RICK	71	71	71	81	294
33	HALL, DEAN	70	74	75	75	294
33	MCGRANE, THOMAS	69	73	75	77	294
33	MUELLER, MARK	75	69	76	74	294
37	CARLSON, NICK	75	71	73	77	296
38	MCIVER, ROB	78	69	75	76	298
38	WELLE, PAUL	77	73	75	73	298
40	GEARE, PATRICK	73	74	77	75	299
41	LARSON, DENNIS	76	74	77	73	300
41	FURPHY, KENNETH	68	75	83	74	300
41	SNYDER, BENJAMIN	75	71	78	76	300
44	KNIGHT, BILL	70	78	74	79	301
44	APPS, MARC	72	76	76	77	301
44	OLOHAN, GEOFF	72	77	74	78	301
47	PORTER, JOSH	74	76	73	80	303
47	BANEK, REG	71	75	77	80	303
47	BRASCH, LARRY	78	72	78	75	303
50	DIRTADIAN, ARMEN	77	72	78	77	304
51	LEWIS, CURT	77	73	75	80	305
51	BEGLEY, MIKE	69	81	77	78	305
51	ELLENBURG, FRANK	72	77	73	83	305
51	KOBAYASHI, SO	74	74	75	82	305
55	BRADFORD, BART	76	72	79	79	306
55	GRAHAM, GERRY	75	75	79	77	306
55	WHITNEY, CYRUS	76	73	77	80	306
55	BRADY, JAMES	76	73	80	77	306
59	EGGEN, JEFFREY	73	75	81	82	311
60	FOWLER, JON	72	78	82	81	313
61	FETTER, COURT	72	78	81	83	314