



**PGA**  
Michigan Section

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Tournament Report  
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**Changes for 2017**

• **Section Playing Permit**

Starting this year in order to purchase an Apprentice Playing permit you must be eligibly employed and either a Registered Apprentice or a student at a PGA Golf Management University. Pre –Apprentices are no longer allowed to purchase a permit. The price of the permit was reduced from \$100 to \$50. Apprentices no longer have to wait the 60 days to purchase the permit.

• **Apprentice / Assistant Series**

New this year we will have an Assistant / Apprentice Series of 4 events open to all apprentices and any A8. Each chapter will run one event and the Section will run one event, however you don't have to be a member of a chapter to play in any of these events. We have those dates and sites listed on the schedule in your handout. Please look for more info to come and hope that you encourage your Assistants and Apprentices to participate.

**New Orleans Pro Am presented by Linksoul**

Excited to announce that the Michigan PGA Fall Travel Pro am presented by Linksoul is heading to New Orleans. The event will take place on October 15-18. Teams will stay at the Harrah's Casino downtown and we have a great line up of courses. Everyone will receive an entry form in their packets at the meeting tomorrow that they can share with their amateurs. Professionals that bring a team will receive a free trip and a \$1,000 honorarium.

**Reunion Pro Am**

This past January was the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the travel pro am held in Florida around the PGA Merchandise Show – second year at Reunion. We had 26 teams this year, up one team from 2016.

**100<sup>th</sup> Michigan Open Championship**

This year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Michigan Open Championship presented by LaFontaine Automotive at Prestwick Village Golf Club. We are working with Greg Johnson and will have a series of media releases leading up to the event spanning the last 100 years.

**Michigan PGA Professional Championship**

Looking forward to the move to Flint Golf Club for the Michigan PGA Professional Championship this August. Have had good talks with Scott Brotebeck and will be meeting with all of their staff in the next couple weeks.