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Sunday 12th – Thursday 16th October 2025
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Represent Your Club in the 2025 PGA Pro-Captain Challenge

As Club Captain and PGA Professional, you each have the honour of representing your club, and now you have the exceptional opportunity to do so together in the prestigious PGA Pro-Captain Challenge. Since 1993, this exciting event has brought together Captains and PGA Professionals to compete - not just for victory, but to build a lasting bond while showcasing your club on the grand stage.

Ten teams will progress through Regional Qualifiers to the Challenge Final, competing in a fourball stableford format. There, they will enjoy a five-star experience at PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, one of The PGA's renowned branded properties.

The prize fund on offer at the Challenge Final is £22,000, with £5,000 awaiting the victorious PGA Professional.

This is your chance to represent your club with pride, create a unique bond between Captain and PGA Professional and enjoy an unforgettable golf experience. We look forward to welcoming teams at the Regional Qualifiers and wish you the best of luck.

Robert Maxfield

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PGA Chief Executive

This pack contains all the information your club needs to enter this year's event, including details of all nine Regional Qualifiers to get your Pro-Captain journey underway.

“To take part in the qualifiers is an incredibly enjoyable experience, but to win in the final was the icing on the cake.”

“The wonderful thing is the opportunity to network and make good friends with those that you're playing against. Despite the competition, everyone was rooting for each other which makes for a great atmosphere.”

“I'd say to anyone considering entering that to make the final, and travel and play golf with a great group of people, it made for an unforgettable experience at a fantastic venue.”

Daniel Whitby-Smith, PGA Professional
Drayton Park Golf Club

Why enter the PGA Pro-Captain Challenge?

- ★ Play at one of the nine stunning Regional Qualifier venues
- ★ Enjoy a five-star experience at Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort should you make it to the Grand Final
- ★ Compete for a slice of the £22,000 Professional Prize Fund

WELCOME



Drayton Park's PGA Professional Daniel Whitby-Smith (right) with club captain Liam Molesworth, 2024 winners of the PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

2025 REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

	Venue	Region	Entries Close
Thursday 29th May	Headingley Golf Club	North	Thursday 8th May
Monday 16th June	Ormskirk Golf Club	North	Monday 26th May
Thursday 19th June	Sheringham Golf Club	East	Thursday 29th May
Monday 23rd June	Camberley Heath Golf Club	South	Monday 2nd June
Monday 30th June	Coxmoor Golf Club	Midland	Monday 9th June
Wednesday 2nd July	Salisbury & South Wilts Golf Club	West	Wednesday 11th June
Monday 21st July	Roganstown Hotel & Country Club	Ireland	Monday 30th June
Thursday 31st July	Bramshaw Golf Club	South	Thursday 10th July
Tuesday 12th August	Montrose Golf Links	Scotland	Tuesday 22nd July



2025 CHALLENGE FINAL

Date

Venue

Sunday 12th – Thursday 16th October*

PGA National Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort

PROFESSIONAL PRIZE FUND

We are delighted to offer a PGA Professional prize fund totalling £22,000.

Date	Prize	Date	Prize
1st	£5,000	6th	£1,800
2nd	£3,200	7th	£1,600
3rd	£2,600	8th	£1,400
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HOW TO ENTER

Entry into the PGA Pro-Captain Challenge and payment of the £100 entry fee can be made through your competing PGA Professional's BlueGolf account, where you can select from nine outstanding Regional Qualifier venues.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

Credit or debit card payment methods are accepted.

For any queries, please contact the PGA National Tournament Department on 01675 468 380 or email tournamententries@pga.org.uk.

*For full details on the event itinerary, please read the [Terms of the Competition](#).

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The PGA PRO-CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

PGA National Italy – Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October 2025

Prize money – £22,000

2024 Champions – Daniel Whitby-Smith & Liam Molesworth (Drayton Park Golf Club)

1. Conditions of Play

i. The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge is a four-ball stableford team competition open to all Golf Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland that are affiliated to their relevant National or County Golf Union and all overseas Golf Clubs that currently engage an eligible PGA Professional and have a Club Captain as defined in 4 & 5.

ii. Each eligible club is invited to enter a team into The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge. Each team is a side and comprises an eligible PGA Professional and Club Captain as defined in 4 & 5.

iii. It is a condition of entry that both members of the side must be present and able to contribute to the team score during the stipulated round. This supersedes the provisions of Rule 23.4

iv. The maximum handicap index for male captains is 28.4 and female captains 36.4. Captains with higher handicaps may enter but will be required to play off the maximum handicap at all stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge. At all stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge an 85% handicap allowance will be applied. Any playing handicap adjustments will be in line with Rule 6.2 of the WHS Rules of Handicapping.

v. All stages of The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge will be run in accordance with PGA Tournament Regulations, the Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the local rules of the host venue, as approved by The PGA.

vi. PGA Professionals and Captains may only represent one club in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

vii. For each club entry, the respective PGA Professional is liable for any disciplinary action under PGA Tournament Regulations, including withdrawal following the closing date.

2. Regional Qualifiers

i. The Regional Qualifiers are decided over 18 holes unless conditions require the number of holes to be reduced as per PGA Tournament Regulations.

ii. In the event of a tie for the leading places in the Grand Final, this will be decided by a card play-off as follows: most stableford points on the last 9, 6, 3, 1, holes. If a tie still remains the result will be determined by a Match Play hole-by-hole play-off from the better ball scores recorded on the card starting at the first hole of the round.

iii. Information for competitors and the draw for starting times will be sent via e-mail to the PGA Professional approximately two weeks prior to the Regional Qualifiers. They will also be available from www.pga.info.

iv. The winning pair from each Regional Qualifier, with the exception of the PGA in England (Midlands) Regional Qualifier where the leading two pairs will qualify for the Grand Final to be held at PGA National – Italy, Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort.

v. Clubs may nominate one Regional Qualifier only in which they wish to participate. Entries are limited to 72 teams per Regional Qualifier and entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Adjustments to field size and entries are at the discretion of The PGA and can be made at any time.

3. Grand Final

i. The Grand Final will be decided over 36 holes of four-ball stableford as defined in 1 (iii) with 18 holes to be played on each day unless conditions require this to be altered as per PGA Tournament Regulations.

ii. The field will total Ten teams.

iii. In the event of a tie for first place in the Grand Final, a hole-by-hole stableford play-off will be held, the winning team of which will be Champions. These holes are to be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published at the Championship. If applicable, handicap strokes will apply.

iv. For the purpose of the Professional Prize Fund all pairs involved in the play-off other than the champions will be deemed to have tied for second place and prize money will be shared. In the case of amateur prizes any ties for the top three places

will be determined firstly by performance in the play-off and if still tied a card play-off.

v. Card play-off, if applicable, will operate as follows: most stableford points on the last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes. If a tie still remains the result will be determined by a Match Play hole-by-hole play-off from the stableford scores recorded on the card starting at the first hole of the final round. If still tied, the same procedure will apply to the round 1 card.

vi. In the event of either the Captain or PGA Professional of a winning team at a Regional Qualifier leaving the Club before the Grand Final, or the team being unable to participate in the Grand Final, the team finishing second in the relevant Regional Qualifier will take the team's place.

vii. All competitors participating in the Grand Final will be expected to make and pay for their own travel arrangements to the UK departure point, with the exception of those teams qualifying from the Irish & Scottish Regional Qualifiers, who will be expected to make and pay for their own travel arrangements to their respective first departure point.

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4. Eligibility for Professionals

The following PGA Professionals are eligible to compete in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge:

i) All core PGA Members that are currently employed, retained or providing a

contractually defined service at the entering club (Excluding class I and PCDM).

Note 1: A PGA Professional operating at a second club may nominate another eligible PGA Professional currently engaged at that second club to represent that second club; however this Professional must satisfy the requirements as laid down in Clause (i) above.

Note 2: An eligible member may only represent one club in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

Note 3: Entrants must satisfy the above criteria and eligibility conditions throughout all stages of the competition.

Note 4: Should there be any questions about eligibility to compete, Members must request the advance approval of the Head of Tournaments and provide evidence of their contractual status with the club prior to their request being considered.

5. Eligibility and Rules for Captains

The following Club Captains are eligible to compete in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge:

i. The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge is open to current elected Club Captains over the age of 18 on the date of the Regional Qualifier entered. The Captain must be an amateur & a full member of the participating club.

ii. A handicap certificate must be presented to The PGA at the Regional Qualifiers and the Grand Final. The Captain must have a handicap index under the World Handicapping System, throughout all stages of the competition.

iii. The representing Club Captain must be regarded as the current elected Club Captain. If the club does not have a solely elected Club Captain, the club may nominate one of their current Club Captains to represent the club in the PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.

iv. If a Captain wishes to use a buggy during the Regional Qualifier or Grand Final they must make a request in writing to the Tournament Director outlining their reason. The PGA will require a medical note in order for the request to be considered.

v. The Vice Captain, Ladies Captain, Seniors Captain etc cannot act as a valid substitute for the elected Club Captain in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge and will not be allowed to compete in the competition.

6. Professional Substitutions

i. Another eligible PGA Professional currently engaged as detailed in 4 (i), may be substituted at any time prior to the Regional Qualifier at the request and approval of the PGA Professional originally entered.

ii. Assistant PGA Professionals currently employed by a Member as detailed in 4 (i) may only be substituted in exceptional circumstances, at the request and approval of the PGA Professional originally entered and with the approval of The PGA Tournament Department, prior to the day of the Regional Qualifier. Requests must be made in writing.

iii. The PGA Tournament Department must be informed of any substitutions as soon as possible. If either of the above policies are implemented and the team qualifies for the Grand Final, the substitute is required to participate in the Grand Final (i.e. the originally entered PGA Professional is not allowed to replace the substitute PGA Professional at the Grand Final).

7. Entry Fees (€GBP) and Closing Dates

The entry fee for The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge is €100. The closing dates for entry are shown below and are also available at www.pga.info. Entries are to be made online through the competing PGA Professionals' Players Club Accounts on BlueGolf.

8. Regional Qualifiers

Date	Venue	Region	Closing Date
Thurs 29th May	Headingley	North A	Thurs 8th May
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Wed 2nd July	Salisbury & South Wilts	South West	Wed 11th June
Mon 21st July	Roganstown	Ireland	Mon 30th June
Thurs 31st July	Bramshaw	South B	Thurs 10th July
Tues 12th August	Montrose Golf Links	Scotland	Tues 22nd July

9. Grand Final Prize Fund

There is no prize money for Regional Qualifiers.

A prize fund of €22,000 (€GBP) will be available at the Grand Final. This prize fund will be awarded to the 36 hole better ball stableford team scores, and will be paid to the PGA Professional. The top 3 amateurs will be awarded prizes.

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1st	€5,000	6th	€1,800
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Note 1: In the event of a tie, prize money is shared with the exception of a tie for first place in the Grand Final. See 3 (iii).

Note 2: To receive prize money, teams must complete all rounds entered.

Note 3: Captains and Professionals in the top 3 teams will be awarded a prize at the Grand Final. In the event of a tie for these places, the procedure 3 (iii) will apply.

Note 4: All prize money is subject to a 6% PGA levy.

10. PGA Rights

The PGA reserves the right to change or amend the Terms of the Competition. All disputes will be decided by The PGA whose decision will be final.

11. Privacy Rights

As a participant in The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge, the sponsors would like to contact you from time to time with relevant information about . Your personal data will not be shared with any third parties.

By entering the tournament you are consenting to your information being used for the purposes of The Professional Golfers' Association contacting you with any relevant information about The PGA Pro-Captain Challenge.



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