



STOCKER CUP RETURNS TO THE PRESERVE IN CARMEL, CALIF. WITH BEST FIELD EVER

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CARMEL, California (October 22, 2015) The Stocker Cup is pleased to announce the tournament's return to The Preserve for the 2015 playing of the Stocker Cup. The 54-hole tournament will be contested on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 23-25.

The Stocker Cup has, in its 24-year history, become one of the premier Mid-Amateur (25 years and over) golf tournaments in the United States. And it's unique format, similar to the AT&T Pebble Beach Invitational, makes it unique among similar events. The competition combines a 54-hole individual stroke play tournament with a simultaneous best-ball event, where the invited Mid-Amateur players are either paired with a single digit amateur partner. Some of those partners are members of the host Preserve Golf Club; others are from all corners of the country.

For the individual competition, we have our best field ever this year. Our defending champion from last year's tournament at Sonoma Golf Club, Brady Exber, is in the field, as well as the last player to win at the Preserve (in 2013), John Sawin.

Here are some recent Stocker Cup player accomplishments:

BRADY EXBER – Las Vegas, Nevada

After winning two major senior events in October before winning the Stocker Cup at the end of the month, our defending champ was selected National Amateur of the Month by the Southern Golf Association. He recently qualified for the U.S. Mid-Am and competed in Florida.

MIKE MCCOY – Des Moines, Iowa

- Set the record for lowest score by an amateur at the U.S. Senior Open at Del Paso CC in June.
- Won the Coleman Invitational at Seminole
- Represented USA on the Walker Cup team
- Quarterfinalist at the U.S. Mid-Am

JOHN SAWIN – San Francisco, Calif.

Winner of the Walter J. Travis Invitational – And a member of the huge "22 for 2" playoff at the U.S. Mid-Amateur and a quarterfinalist at the Crump Cup at Pine Valley



BRAD WILDER -- Ft. Wright, Kentucky

Advanced to the semi-finals at the U.S. Mid-Amateur, just one match away from a shot at playing for a Masters invitation. Brad was Stocker Cup runner-up in 2010

JASON ANTHONY – Fairfield, Calif.

Medalist at the San Francisco City Championship, made match play at the U.S. Mid-Am, and represented the NCGA as they retained their Cup over the NCPGA pros.

NICK MOORE – 2015 NCGA Player of the year and another member of the huge U.S. Mid-Am playoff. Nick represented the NCGA Amateurs and won his final match against his professional Player-of-the-Year counterpart, ensuring the NCGA retain the Cup for the 10th-straight time

JEFFREY FORTSON – Palm Desert, Calif.

Won the SCGA Foursomes (with ROBBIE FOSTER, also in the field) then qualified for the USGA Amateur Four-Ball and the U.S. Mid-Am

TYLER CRAWFORD – Indio, California

Qualified for match play at the U.S. Mid-Am

CHARLES WADDELL – Qualified for the USGA Mid-Am and early in the year was a playoff winner over JOE DERANEY (also in our field) at the Lupton Invitational in Tennessee

DEREK MEINHART – Mattoon, Illinois

Winner of the Carlton Woods Invitational in Texas in May

DAVID NELSON – Reno, Nevada

Played in both the US and British Senior Amateur and won the George C. Thomas Senior, runner-up at the Crump Cup senior, and earlier in the year qualified for the USGA Four-Ball

ABOUT THE STOCKER CUP

The Stocker Cup was founded in 1991 to honor the memory of Peter Stocker. Peter and his partners Bill Harlan and John Montgomery founded San Francisco's Pacific Union Company, a highly successful real estate development company. The firm initiated the development of The Santa Lucia Preserve, a 20,000 acre residential and golf community located above Carmel. Meandering through the winding road to The Preserve's centerpiece -- the top-100 rated golf course -- has been described as "driving through a California postcard." The Stocker Cup was played from 1991 to 1999 at Pebble Beach and its surrounding golf courses, before moving to the Tom Fazio and Sandy Tatum designed Preserve G.C. In the words of former USGA President Tatum: "Peter Stocker was the quintessential amateur golfer. He loved golf with a passion. He would have loved this tournament."

