

# 26TH PGA GRAND SLAM OF GOLF



Augusta National Golf Club



Torrey Pines Golf Club



Royal Birkdale Golf Club



Oakland Hills Country Club

## THE MASTERS

April 10-13, Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Georgia

The 72nd Masters starts off the major championship season at Augusta National Golf Club, which welcomes defending champion Zach Johnson, the first graduate of the Nationwide Tour to win the Masters. Johnson's winning total of 1-over-par 289 in 2007 matched the highest winning scores of Sam Snead (1954) and Jack Burke Jr. (1956).

## 108TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

June 12-15, Torrey Pines Golf Club (South), San Diego, California

Torrey Pines' South Course, which will host its first major championship, is the site of two events this year – the Buick Invitational, won by Tiger Woods on January 27, and the 108th U.S. Open. Only Pebble Beach, California, Golf Links, Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, California, and Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, South Carolina, have played host to two events in one year.

## 116TH BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 17-20, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Lancashire, England

Royal Birkdale Golf Club will celebrate hosting its ninth Open Championship. Previous Champions at Royal Birkdale include Peter Thomson (1954, 1965), Arnold Palmer (1961), Lee Trevino (1971), Johnny Miller (1976), Tom Watson (1983), Ian Baker-Finch (1991) and Mark O'Meara (1998).

## 90TH PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 7-10, Oakland Hills C.C. (South), Bloomfield Township, Michigan

Oakland Hills' South Course, the site of major championship golf since 1924, has hosted six U.S. Open Championships, two PGA Championships (1972, won by Gary Player) and 1979 (won by David Graham); and the 2004 Ryder Cup.



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## GOLF'S MAJOR CHAMPIONS TO RETURN TO BERMUDA IN 2008

The 26th PGA Grand Slam of Golf, the season-ending showcase for golf's premier foursome, will return to the island of Bermuda, Oct. 14-15, 2008. "Bermuda, one of the more beautiful places in the world, displayed unmatched hospitality in 2007 as the island became the first site outside North America to host the PGA Grand Slam of Golf," said PGA of America President Brian Whitcomb. "The combination of a classic venue that challenged major champions, a large gallery and the outstanding support from the island's corporate community produced one of our all-time best PGA Grand Slam of Golf events." "We are delighted the PGA Grand Slam of Golf is coming back to Bermuda," said Dr. The Hon. Ewart F. Brown, J.P., M.P., The Premier of Bermuda. "Its first visit created a lot of excitement and produced an overwhelmingly positive impact on our tourism product. We're looking forward to doing it all over again and doing it even better than last time."

The PGA Grand Slam of Golf, a 36-hole championship, boasts the most difficult qualification requirement in golf – a major championship, and features a \$1.35 million purse. TNT will again broadcast the event that typically reaches a worldwide audience of 88.9 million U.S. homes and international viewers in more than 100 countries. The 6,666-yard, par-70 Mid Ocean Club was designed by Charles Blair Macdonald in 1921 and modified by the late Robert Trent Jones Sr. in the 1950s. In 2007, Mid Ocean Club was ranked No. 49 in Golf Digest's "Best Courses Outside the U.S."

## ANGEL CABRERA WINS GRAND SLAM OF GOLF



U.S. Open Champion Angel Cabrera, who once admitted that he would be a soccer player had he not taken up golf, scored his version of a timely goal October 17, to win the 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

Cabrera rallied from a near-disastrous triple bogey on the first hole of the second round, then capped his wild rollercoaster day with a birdie-eagle finish to force a playoff then defeat Ireland's Padraig Harrington, the reigning British Open Champion, on the third extra hole.

Both players finished the 36 holes of regulation play at 4-under-par 136 at challenging Mid Ocean Club in Tucker's Town, Bermuda. It was the first PGA Grand Slam of Golf – the annual showcase for the year's major champions – conducted outside the United States.

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Mid Ocean Club  
Bermuda





Champion Angel Cabrera is presented with a ceremonial Pink Jacket from the Premier of Bermuda, and trophy from PGA President Brian Whitcomb.

Cabrera posted a closing 68 and Harrington a 69 as they made up the third sudden death playoff in event history, and first since 2000, when Tiger Woods defeated Vijay Singh.

After matching pars on the first two extra holes, Cabrera returned to the 18th tee and again reached the 521-yard, par-5 hole in two shots. His 4-iron approach shot came to rest 18 feet below the hole, while Harrington needed three shots to reach the green after driving into a fairway bunker and recovering from there to deep rough.

Harrington missed a 50-foot birdie putt, while Cabrera two-putted and tapped in for a victory and a first-place check of \$600,000.

Cabrera also overcame a bogey on the 16th hole, leaving himself two strokes behind Harrington. He rallied with a birdie on the par-3 17th from 14 feet and then hit a 3-iron from 240 yards at the 18th that caught the slope and rolled to within four feet of the flagstick.

“It was more difficult to be two behind on the 17th tee than five behind on the second tee,” said Cabrera through an interpreter. “There’s a lot of golf left on the second tee – not on the 17th.”

Cabrera’s round also featured an eagle at the 487-yard 11th after a 336-yard drive and a pitching wedge to 18 feet.

A gallery estimated at 7,000 witnessed the final round and saw a late thriller despite Harrington owning a four-stroke lead with 11 holes to play. He had continually held off challenges by Masters Champion Zach Johnson, and past U.S. Open winner Jim Furyk.

“Obviously, this course is a lot easier when you’re chasing and they all managed to make a lot of birdies when they were coming from

behind,” said Harrington. “It’s the nature of the course. It’s an exciting course. But when you’re out in front, there is a lot of trouble out there and you get a bit cautious.”

Furyk, making his third Grand Slam appearance, was the first alternate to replace PGA Champion Tiger Woods, who declined the invitation for the first time he was



TNT’s Jim Huber interviews Zach Johnson during the Champions’ Dinner.

eligible. Furyk finished third at 138 after a 67, while Johnson closed with a 68 and 139.

Furyk saw his chances slide when he made a triple-bogey 8 on the 11th hole, after failing to hold the green from a difficult lie up against the side of a greenside bunker. He sent the shot over the green and into the bushes.

Johnson, who trailed by seven with 10 holes to play, made up five shots in five holes. But, he couldn’t get any closer. He missed an 18-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole and three-putted the 18th.

Harrington two-putted from 42 feet on the 18th to land in the playoff.

“It was hard to go into a playoff,” said Harrington, recalling Cabrera’s birdie-eagle finish. “I didn’t see any advantage I had.”

Both missed the 18th green and made pars, and Harrington got up-and-down at the 17th to keep the playoff going. But, Cabrera owned the 18th hole when it mattered most in much the same spirit that held on at the end at Oakmont last June and withstood rallies by both Woods and Furyk to win the Open.

Furyk left himself a better memory of Bermuda by making birdies on four of the last five holes to earn \$250,000.

“I made one bad swing on one of my full shots today, the second shot on 11,” said Furyk, who dropped his club at the spot and kicked it. “I fought back pretty good, but 11 definitely took my chances away.”

Johnson, the shortest driver among the foursome, needed an eagle on the 18th for any



Jim Furyk hitting out of the bunker on 11th Hole at Mid Ocean.



Padraig Harrington on No. 12 during Round 2 of The PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

chance of a playoff. He approach rolled back off the green, and he uncharacteristically imploded with his short game that had been his salvation this season.

He chipped past the hole to the back of the green and three-putted for a bogey. He earned \$200,000.

“This is a golf course where if you’re a little cryptic you pay the price,” said Johnson. “If you’re obviously a little off your short game, it’s hard to make par. So I felt if I played solid, you never know. I just didn’t want to finish fifth, which I think I might have.”

Harrington’s first signs of a slide began with a double bogey on the ninth hole, when he lost his tee shot into the bushes.

That put some drama into the back nine, setting up an unlikely victory for Cabrera.

“The only thing I can say is it was complicated

after the first hole, and I was able to come back,” said Cabrera, who final round included two eagles, four birdies, three bogeys and a triple bogey. “And that was a great thing.”

Cabrera triple-bogeyed the first hole from the deep woods, including having his second shot caroming off a tree narrowly missing him, sparing him a two-shot penalty. He reached the green in five and two-putted for a 7.

“I’ve always had a lot of trouble in golf,” smiled Cabrera. “It’s nothing new.”

He followed that drama with a three-putt bogey on the second hole, and grinded for a par on the third, and after saved par on the fifth after chunking a wedge some 20 yards short into a bunker.

“An exhibition, but I always like to win every time I play,” said Cabrera. “And, I wouldn’t have liked to be second here.”



Bermuda residents and Pro-Am participants Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones.